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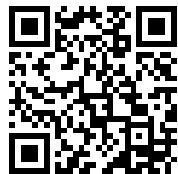
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# TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

For the Year Ending September, 1895,

HELD IN

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,

HOULTON.

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"FOR GOD, AND HOME, AND EVERY LAND."

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ROCKLAND, ME.

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## Suggestions to Local Unions.

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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.

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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.

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FOR 1895-6.

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ABBY M. FULTON, M. D., Ellsworth, Chairman.

BAR HARBOR—Mrs. G. G. Winslow, Miss Juliette Nickerson.

BROOKLIN—Mrs. Dora Eaton.

TREMONT—Mrs. A. W. Clark, Mrs. P. C. Clark, Mrs. C. S. Gilley.

#### KENNEBEC COUNTY.

AUGUSTA—Mrs. S. F. Hinckley, Mrs. Orrin Williamson, Mrs. Olive A. Halloway.

CHINA—Miss Annie S. Foster, Mrs. A. B. Fletcher.

HALLOWELL—Mrs. E. Rowell.

SOUTH CHINA—Mrs. Phoebe S. Pinkham.

WINTHROP—Mrs. Jennie A. Packard, Mrs. Eva A. Schwartz, Miss Estelle M. Brainerd, Mrs. Ellen M. Bailey.

#### KNOX COUNTY.

CAMDEN—Miss Irene W. Heal.

ROCKLAND—Miss Alzira Crie, Mrs. M. F. Hanley, Mrs. Mary Hicks.

THOMASTON—Mrs. Sarah Wight, Mrs. E. O. Burgess.

UNION—Mrs. E. L. Thompson, Mrs. A. S. Hills, Mrs. H. M. Robbins, Mrs. L. A. Burton, Mrs. Emmeline Butler, Mrs. M. K. Drake, Mrs. Ella Whitten, Miss Ida Whitten.

VINALHAVEN—Mrs. Fostina Noyes, Mrs. Georgiana Collie.

WARREN—Mrs. Josepha W. Watts, Mrs. Josephine Teague, Mrs. M. M. Newbert, Mrs. Mary Moody.

#### LINCOLN COUNTY.

DAMARISCOTTA—Mrs. A. F. Ginn.

ROUND POND—Miss Annie Ervine.

WALDOBORO—Mrs. H. M. Daggett, Mrs. E. T. Potter.

#### OXFORD COUNTY.

BETHEL—Mrs. Scott Wright, Isabel Shirley.

NORWAY—Mrs. Dutton.

RUMFORD—Mrs. Pettingill.

#### PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

BANGOR—Mrs. H. A. Whitman, Mrs. L. L. Varney, Mrs. J. L. Jellison, Mrs.

Caroline Patten, Mrs. L. B. Wheelden,  
Mrs. L. A. Perkins, Miss Mary Crosby.

CHARLESTON—Mrs. Emma Libbey,  
Miss Katie Libbey.

KENDUSKEAG—Mrs. Alice J. Hall,  
Mrs. Lanson Downs, Mrs. Evelyn Har-  
vey.

LINCOLN—Mrs. E. L. Averill.

MATTAWAMKEAG—Mrs. F. C. Ham-  
mond.

ORONO—Mrs. A. J. Durgin, Mrs.  
Charles Buffem, Mrs. I. W. Mansfield,  
Mrs. Charles Southard.

PLYMOUTH—Mrs. A. L. Abbott.

STILLWATER—Mrs. L. S. Tucker.

#### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

ATKINSON—Mrs. Mary E. Hathorn.

DOVER—Miss Alice M. Averill, Mrs.  
Heman Ray.

FOXCROFT—Mrs. Marcia Blithen, Mrs.  
Sarah A. Martin.

GUILFORD—Mrs. Ellen D. Straw.

MILO—Mrs. Hattie R. Sturtevant,  
Mrs. Abbie M. Hamlin.

SANGERVILLE—Mrs. Emily Leland.

SHIRLEY—Mrs. Emma Young.

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

BATH—Mrs. H. A. Jordan, Mrs.  
Lilia Knight, Miss M. A. Robinson

GEORGETOWN—Miss Eliza Smiley,  
Mrs. Lelia Knight.

POPHAM BEACH—Mrs. Addie Bowie.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY.

NORTH ANSON—Mrs. S. F. Bunker.

ST. ALBANS—Mrs. A. L. Vining.

#### WALDO COUNTY.

FRANKFORT—Miss N. A. Kingsbury.

NORTHPORT—Mrs. A. E. Batchelder,  
Mrs. R. T. Herrick.

SEARSMONT—Mrs. E. F. Miller.

TROY—Mrs. S. L. Rogers.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CALAIS—Mrs. E. M. Vose, Mrs. L.  
A. Wright, Mrs. A. S. Ladd, Mrs. S. J.  
Purrington.

CHERRYFIELD—Mrs. F. Nichols, Mrs.  
Abbie Campbell, Mrs. Etta Nash, Mrs.  
Catherine Ray.

EASTPORT—Mrs. W. Sears, Mrs. E.  
G. Bibber, Mrs. J. Ferris, Mrs. E. A.  
Holmes.

JONESPORT—Mrs. Frances Sawyer,  
Mrs. S. B. Cummings, Mrs. Clara Farns-  
worth.

MILLBRIDGE—Mrs. A. W. Chalmers.

#### YORK COUNTY.

GROVEVILLE—Miss Mabel Elden.

KENNEBUNK—Mrs. Robert Lord.

KITTERY—Mrs. Tilton.

SO. BERWICK—Miss Ella Ricker.

WEST LEBANON—Mrs. Abbie Shap-  
leigh, Mrs. L. M. Sherman.

## MINUTES.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING, March 27, 1895.

An Executive meeting of the Maine W. C. T. U. was held at 150 Free street, Portland. The meeting was called to order by the State president. Present, three of the General Officers and the presidents of six counties.

The object of the meeting was to consider the report of the committee appointed at the State Convention of 1894 to devise ways of raising money for the Department of Homes for Homeless Children.

The committee reported that \$500 had been granted from the State Legislature for each of the years of 1895 and 1896 to the superintendent of this department, to be used by her in securing homes for homeless children, under the direction of the Maine W. C. T. U., an itemized report of its expenditures to be presented to the Convention.

The report was accepted.

Mrs. Blanchard resigned her position as treasurer to take effect April 27.

The Executive Committee expressed their appreciation of the arduous labors of the state treasurer and earnestly and unanimously requested her to withdraw her resignation.

*Voted*, To empower the General Officers to fill the office of state treasurer in case Mrs. Blanchard did not withdraw her resignation.

*Voted*, To take up a Department of Physical Culture with the understanding that county and local Unions shall not feel obliged to take it up.

Mrs. E. S. Fernald of Springvale appointed Superintendent of the Department of Physical Culture.

*Voted*, To tender the position of Superintendent of Prison and Jail Work to Mrs. Margaret Thompson of Union.

*Voted*, To thank Miss Mary L. French for her interesting letters to the *Union Signal* and ask her to write more frequently.

The Committee rose.

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#### GENERAL OFFICERS' MEETING, April 27.

Mrs. E. M. Blanchard having declined to reconsider her resignation of the office of Treasurer of the Maine W. C. T. U., Mrs. J. E. McDowell was chosen to fill the position ad interim.

Mrs. Margaret Thompson declining to take charge of the Department of Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work, Mrs. Charlotte E. Chase, of Rockland, was chosen as Superintendent of that Department.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, 9 A. M.

Executive Committee called to order by the President.

Mrs. R. C. Hall led in prayer.

Minutes of Executive Committee meeting of March 27, read and accepted.

*Voted*, That Miss Cornelia M. Dow have charge of the selection of seats by the county delegations.

The Committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 9 A. M.

As the delegates entered the church the atmosphere of warm greeting which pervaded the whole was felt, even before the eyes rested on the beautiful bower of green into which the baptistery had been transformed. There, in letters of white gleamed the magic words, "Welcome W. C. T. U."

In the place of honor above the platform and hung by white ribbons was the portrait of Miss Willard. Below were draped two large American flags, and near by our Pine Tree State banner, while overarching the whole was our national motto, "For God and Home and Every Land."

On either side were the dates 1874-1895 and the watch words, "Organize," "Agitate." A pleasant feature was the presence of the English flag. In the rear was seen the old crusade church.

Here and there hung the beautiful county banners, and strong inspiring mottoes, while over and around, framing in and softening all were draperies of yellow and white, colors symbolic of woman's pure temperance ballot.

At 9 a m. the devotional meeting was led by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, State Superintendent of Evangelistic Department.

At 10.30 the Convention was called to order by the president, She spoke of the beginning of our work twenty-one years ago, of our constant loyalty to the principles then so remarkably emphasized. She referred to the fact that the Ohio Crusaders were called "Rock of Ages Women," and asked that the dear old hymn, "Rock of Ages" be sung by the Convention. Responsive reading of the crusade psalm, followed by prayer by Mrs. H. J. Bailey.

The roll of General Officers, vice presidents, superintendents and organizers was called by the corresponding secretary. The following committees were appointed: Credentials, Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt, Mrs. A. L. Vining; courtesies, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mrs. Harriet Pearse, Mrs. A. B. White; Sunday services Mrs. C. E. Owen, Miss Eunice Merritt; memorial service, Mrs. Whitman Sawyer, with power to choose associate. Resolutions, one from each county in the usual form.

*Voted:* To accept program with the proviso that, should there be time, the reports of superintendents may begin during the afternoon meeting.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey was appointed time keeper.

Each county president or some woman representing her, spoke of the work in her county.

Moved by Mrs. Johnston, that as we wish to express our respect, and sympathy for our beloved comrade, Mrs. A. L. Page, President of Houlton Union, in her personal afflictions of ill health, and in the death of her son, we defer the assembling of the Convention until 3 p. m. Carried unanimously.

As the assistant recording secretary took the place of the absent corresponding secretary, Miss Farwell nominated Miss Estelle M. Brainerd of China, assistant secretary during the Convention, and the nomination was confirmed by the convention. Noon-tide

prayer was offered by Mrs. Jennie Seamans. Miss Eunice Merritt, and Mrs. Annie B. White, committee on entertainment were introduced to the Convention, and received with a rising vote of thanks.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the Convention adjourned.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Mrs. F. M. Chandler.

Minutes of morning Executive meeting read and accepted. Miss Ricker of York moved that a permanent committee on Necrology be chosen at our annual Convention. Carried.

Miss Eva White and Miss Sadie Merritt were introduced to serve as pages.

The Committee rose.

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CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 2.30 P. M.

The Convention opened with prayer by Mrs. Bubier of Aroostook.

Minutes of March Executive meeting read and approved. Minutes of general officers meeting read and accepted. Minutes of morning meeting read and approved. Minutes of afternoon Executive meeting read and accepted.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey was called to the chair while the president read her annual address. On motion of Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt the Convention testified their appreciation of the address by a rising vote of thanks. The recommendations were then read by the president.

*Voted*, That the same be referred to the Executive Committee.

Rev. and Mrs. Stanford Mitchell were presented, and favored the Convention with a fine musical selection. The following gentlemen were introduced and briefly responded: Rev. Mr. Buffum of Auburn, Mr. Geo. R. Safford and Mr. Anderson of Skowhegan, members of the Board of Trade, also Mr. Torsey of Lewiston.

By consent, the report of the corresponding secretary was postponed. Report of Mrs. M. C. McDowell, treasurer ad interim, was presented. The report of the auditor was given.

*Voted*, To accept report of treasurer and auditor with the understanding that there will be a supplementary report from the treasurer to-morrow.

Rev. Messrs. Owen and McKenney of Houlton were presented and happily responded. Miss Clara Stinson, of Houlton, delegate to the World's Convention in London, gave an interesting report of that convention. On motion of Mrs. A. L. Vining, the Convention gave Miss Stinson a rising vote of thanks for her able report. Mr. Charles Dunn was introduced and addressed the Convention.

On motion of Mrs. Beedy it was voted to send messages of greeting to the State Conventions now in session at Kentucky, Idaho, Nebraska, and the District of Columbia.

*Voted*, To send tender messages of sympathy to Mrs. A. L. Page, who is in sorrow over the death of her son, also that messages of regret be sent those members of the Executive Committee who are absent by reason of sickness.

Messages were received from the Grand Lodge of Good Templars. The corresponding secretary was requested to fittingly respond to these greetings.

Work among Foreigners was reported by the superintendent, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt. Miss Annetta Hogan, a Norwegian, who has been of much service in the department, was introduced and made a bright, earnest little speech.

Report of Mrs. Anna M. Hussey, Superintendent Proportionate Giving and Systematic Giving, made. Mrs. Hussey requested that all members of the Convention who practice systematic giving rise. A goodly number rose.

It was announced that Miss Seamans and Miss Briggs at the literature table would take subscriptions for the *Union Signal*, *Star in the East* and the State Minutes. The attention of the Convention was called to the variety of literature at the table.

"Watchman tell us of the Night" was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Mitchell. Adjourned.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, EVENING.

The services were opened by singing "Coronation." Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Abbie E. Shapleigh, and Rev. Mr. Mitchell sang the beautiful solo, "The Star of Bethlehem."

It was welcome night and the first to voice the welcome which shone from every Aroostook face was the county president, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding of Caribou, who, in her breezy way, welcomed the delegation to the county which is nearly as large as Massachusetts and larger than Rhode Island and Connecticut. Greetings from Houlton's eight churches were extended by Rev. C. E. Owen, pastor of the Convention church, who said that the church and the W. C. T. U. did not merely work along parallel lines but from a common center. An eloquent heart to heart welcome from the Hostess Union was given by Mrs. Owen. Mrs. George S. Hunt of Portlandably responded for the State. A temperance solo was sung by Mr. Mitchell, which was encored.

Mrs. Stevens then introduced what she described as a very remarkable body of women, the State superintendents of department work, which has been called the bed-rock of the W. C. T. U. A two-minutes' speech was expected from each and the fourteen present responded, each in her own characteristic way, adding a spice of variety to the evening and giving the uninitiated a new conception of the breadth and variety of the Union's work.

Two little girls gave a most charming collection dialogue, then passed the White Ribbon baskets.

The meeting closed by singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and the Doxology. Benediction by Rev. C. E. Owen.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 27, 9 A. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. H. M. Delano. Minutes of previous Executive meeting read and accepted.

The first matter brought up for consideration was our State paper, the *Star in the East*. It was the unanimous opinion of the executive committee that the *Star in the East* must be continued as being essential to the development of the W. C. T. U. and that every member of every local Union needs this paper. Local officers and superintendents can hardly feel qualified to serve unless they are regular readers of the State paper.

*Voted.* That the *Star in the East* be issued from headquarters as it has been during the past six months, and that Miss Cornelia M. Dow be appointed business manager.



On motion of Miss Dow it was voted to appropriate \$50 the coming year for the Department of Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools.

The Committee rose.

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CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 9.30 A. M.

The devotional services were led by Mrs. A. S. Ladd of Washington.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon read and approved. Minutes of morning Executive meeting read and adopted. Moved by Miss Crosby, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, to amend the motion adopting the Executive minutes, deferring action till the afternoon meeting. Carried.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Lewis of Saco introduced. Mr. Lewis happily responded. The committee on resolutions was announced: Mrs. S. J. Jewett, Androscoggin county; Mrs. S. E. Briggs, Aroostook; Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, Cumberland; Mrs. F. S. Howe, Franklin; Mrs. Mary A. Winslow, Hancock; Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Kennebec; Mrs. J. A. Teague, Knox; Miss A. F. Ginn, Lincoln; Miss Isabel Shirley, Oxford; Miss Mary Crosby, Penobscot; Miss Alice Averill, Piscataquis; Miss A. M. Robinson, Sagadahoc; Mrs. M. F. Bunker, Somerset; Miss Sarah L. Rogers, Waldo; Mrs. E. M. Vose, Washington; Miss Isabel Elder, York.

Dr. Abbie M. Fulton of Ellsworth was introduced. In her response she paid a deserved tribute to our State president, when she referred to the great meeting at Washington, where in the absence of Miss Willard and Lady Somerset "the woman from Maine" held the fort, and to quote from one of the leading newspapers, "conducted the meeting as no other woman could have done."

Mrs. H. J. Bailey proposed that the Convention should sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" that he has given us such a woman to lead us, which was done with great enthusiasm.

This telegram was sent Mrs. Cram: "Greeting. Read 1. Sam. 1st chapter, 22d verse."

Report of Mrs. Lucy A. Snow on Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work given. Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans gave an account of her work as State missionary.

Rev. R. W. Dustin of Houlton, and Rev. Mr. Leavitt of Blaine, were presented and gave a few words of good cheer. Mr. Libby was introduced and gave a hearty greeting.

*Voted*, To give the press superintendent five minutes additional for her report.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Ah, comrades! We stand in the silence,  
 Homesick for a day.  
 But how can our anguish be bitter?  
*We follow that way.*  
 Let us lift up our hearts, oh, beloved;  
 Love on, as of yore;  
 Who knows but in stress of the battle  
 She hastes to the fore?  
 Then, "onward, ye brave," to the duty;  
 Not far, with the King in his beauty  
 We greet her once more.

(*Mary T. Lathrap.*)

As the time for the memorial service drew near the loving thoughtfulness of the Houlton Union was again evidenced as there was placed in the center of the platform a table bearing a beautiful pillow of white flowers, a sheaf of ripe wheat and a sickle of flowers.

The service was opened by singing "Only remembered by what we have done." Then softly and reverently were named the loved comrades who have during the last year passed on before:

MRS. MARY A. WOODBRIDGE.

MRS. MARY A. LATHRAP.

MRS. ELLA WILLIAMS.

MRS. GEO. C. ANDREWS, Mechanic Falls.

MRS. MARY J. BATES, Winthrop.

MRS. MARY F. BAILEY, Winthrop.

MRS. ANNIE BELYEA, Presque Isle.

MRS. MARIA BRAINERD, China.  
 MRS. ELIZABETH BRIGGS, Auburn.  
 MRS. W. H. BURRILL, Belfast.  
 MRS. HEZEKIAH CHASE, Fairfield.  
 MRS. ADDIE CHRISTIE, Calais.  
 MRS. SARAH CLIFFORD, Skowhegan.  
 MRS. MARTHA J. COBB, Rockland.  
 MRS. A. S. DOW, Limerick.  
 MRS. EMMA FISKE, Mattawamkeag.  
 MRS. A. FURBISH, West Lebanon.  
 MRS. CLARA GAMMON, Stillwater.  
 MRS. JESSIE WHIDDEN GOSNELL, Presque Isle.  
 MRS. HELEN HACKER, Union.  
 MRS. CORDELIA HILL, Bath.  
 MRS. FRANCES A. HITCHCOCK, Lewiston.  
 MRS. HATTIE HOLT, New Gloucester.  
 MRS. MAUD INMAN, Orono.  
 MRS. SARAH MORRELL, South Windham.  
 MRS. MINERVA J. MURRAY, Greene.  
 MRS. GEO. POPE, Vassalboro.  
 MRS. FRANCES DE WITT PARK, Presque Isle.  
 MRS. JAMES PAGE, Charleston.  
 MRS. MARCIA QUINT, South Berwick.  
 MISS ELLA REED, Union.  
 MRS. ANN SEDGLEY, Greene.  
 MRS. ELIZABETH SMITH, Caribou.  
 MRS. ABBIE SPAULDING, Orono.  
 MRS. LIZZIE SPINNEY, Calais.  
 MRS. MARGARET SPOONER, Houlton.  
 MRS. CATHERINE VALENTINE, New Gloucester.  
 MRS. VOSE, New Portland.  
 MRS. ADA WHEELOCK, Auburn.  
 MRS. L. P. WHITTIER.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

MR. WM. CONANT, Presque Isle.

DR. F. M. EVELETH.

HON. JOSEPH FARWELL, Unity.

MR. ERASTUS FREEMAN.

MR. DANIEL MURRAY, Greene.

MR. THOMAS SPINNEY, Calais.

“And they heard a great voice from Heaven saying unto them, come up hither, and they ascended up to Heaven in a cloud.”

Mrs. Stevens paid a tender tribute to our great leaders, Mrs. Woodbridge, Mrs. Lathrap and Mrs. Williams; after which all heads were bowed and hearts joined with Mrs. R. C. Hall in earnest prayer unto Him who doeth all things well. The service closed by singing “In the sweet bye and bye.”

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Moved that the Convention adjourn till 3 P. M. out of respect to our dear sister, Mrs. Page, the funeral of whose son occurs this afternoon. Carried. Aaronic benediction by Mrs. Hall. Adjourned.

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 27, 2 P. M.

Committee called to order by the President.

Prayer by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

Minutes of morning Executive meeting read and adopted.

Mrs. Snow presented a letter from Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, World's Superintendent of Evangelistic Institutes and Training Schools for W. C. T. U. Evangelists, asking that the new department might be adopted by us. Mrs. F. M. Chandler was requested to confer with Mrs. Snow and report later.

Moved to recommend that the Young Woman's Work be considered a branch of the W. C. T. U. to be called “The Young Woman's Branch,” and that Miss Lubelle Patrick be appointed superintendent. Carried.

Miss Dow and Mrs. Beedy were chosen a committee to make a new grouping of counties for the National delegates.

*Voted*, To recommend that the County Union send the State Minutes to each minister in places where there are no Unions.

The consideration of a desirable time for State and County reports of superintendents was taken up.

Miss Ricker was made a committee to consult with the superintendents to find out their wishes on the subject.

Mrs. Bailey was received by the Committee and presented her views upon the editorship of our State paper.

*Voted*, To make the five General Officers the editorial staff of the *Star in the East*. The Committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 3 P. M.

Prayer by Mrs. S. I. Jewett of Androscoggin.

Minutes of morning read and approved. Minutes of morning and afternoon Executive meetings read and adopted.

Mrs. Anna M. Hussey reported on Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

Report of committee on grouping of counties for delegates to National Convention as follows:

One to Aroostook, Cumberland, Knox; Washington and Sagadahoc, Androscoggin and Waldo, Penobscot and Piscataquis, York and Somerset, Kennebec and Franklin, Hancock, Lincoln and Oxford.

Rev. Messrs. McCann of Houlton, Hall of Hodgdon, and Barnes of Haynesville, were introduced and responded. Mrs. R. B. Jones of Woodstock, N. B., was introduced, and spoke most encouraging words.

Mrs. G. F. French reported on Scientific Temperance Instruction in schools.

Moved, that Miss Mary L. French give her report before those of the absent superintendents, following which shall be the election of officers. Carried. Miss French reported on Influencing the Press and the *Union Signal*.

Mrs. Getchell of Piscataquis presented the following notice: "I wish to give notice that I, or some one in my stead, will next year move to amend the constitution in such a way as will admit the secretary of the Young Woman's Branch, as a member of the Executive Committee."

Mrs. Vining reported for the committee on credentials. After corrections were made, the report was accepted; the whole number of delegates being 233.

Mr. Wiggin, editor of the *Houlton News*, was introduced, and responded in a telling speech. Mr. Hall of Richmond, N. B., was introduced and responded. Mrs. Burpee of Houlton, brought greetings from the Maritime Convention.

The election of officers being the next order of business Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, of Aroostook, was called to the chair.

After singing "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" the tellers were appointed. Mrs. G. F. French, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Ella Getchell, and Mrs. S. B. Hayes were appointed.

Mrs. French announced that on the informal ballot for president, Mrs. Stevens had received every vote cast.

Moved by Mrs. Johnston that the recording secretary cast the formal ballot for president, which was done, and Mrs. Spaulding declared Mrs. Stevens elected. On being conducted to the chair by Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Stevens was greeted with a song written for the occasion in her honor, by Miss Isabel Shirley, and sung to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia." Mrs. A. S. Ladd sung the solo, the delegates uniting in the chorus:

See the women coming from the East and from the West !  
 North and South, throughout the State, are gathering the best,  
 For they've heard the rallying cry ring out with greatest zest,  
 "God, Home and Country forever !"

CHORUS.

Hurrah ! Hurrah ! Maine leads a noble band !  
 Hurrah ! Hurrah ! God, Home and Native Land !  
 Could there be a deadlier foe or cause more good or grand ?  
 The White Ribbon Army forever !

Bravest of the brave is she who leads us in the fight !  
 Mrs. Stevens is a name which always stands for right,

Weak of arm, but strong of heart—of self she has lost sight.

"God, Home and Country forever!" CHORUS.

Long she's held a place of honor in our native land,  
Once again we crown her chieftain of this loyal band,  
Promising our loving aid and standing hand to hand,

"God, Home and Country forever!" CHORUS.

God of Nations, God of Home, the Ruler over all,

Hear us as we lift our voices, unto Thee to call,

That this dreadful foe to all that's good may quickly fall,

"God, Home and Country forever!" CHORUS.

Mrs. Stevens responded in her own earnest, noble manner, reconsecrating herself to the work of the White Ribbon Army, and expressing her appreciation for, and confidence in her co-workers.

Rev. Mr. White of Houlton was presented and responded.

Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, corresponding secretary and Miss Clara M. Farwell, recording secretary were re-elected. Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston was elected treasurer. Miss Estelle M. Brainerd of China, was nominated as assistant recording secretary by Miss Farwell and the nomination was confirmed by the Convention.

Prayer was offered by Miss Isabel Shirley.

A number of questions were taken from the question box and answered by the president.

On motion of Mrs. Hall a rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Mary C. McDowell, treasurer ad interim. On motion of Mrs. Spaulding a rising vote of thanks was also given to Miss Dow for her work on the *Star in the East*, and other assistance at headquarters.

A letter from Ricker Classical Institute was read inviting the delegates to visit the Institute. The invitation was accepted with thanks.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the Convention adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 27, EVENING.

The exercises began by singing "Stand up, stand up for Jesus," Scripture reading by Miss Dow. Prayer by Mrs. F. M. Chandler. "Hosanna in the highest" was sung by Mr. Mitchell.

A most enthusiastic welcome was given by Hon. R. W. Shaw for the citizens of Houlton. Responded to by Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt.

The address of the evening which was earnest and logical, was given by Mrs. Emily L. McLaughlin of Boston. A collection speech was made by Mrs. Beedy.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. R. W. Dustin. Adjourned.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, 9 A. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. A. S. Johnston. Minutes of afternoon Executive meeting accepted.

*Voted*, That \$25 be appropriated toward the traveling expenses of the superintendent of Juvenile Work, other appropriations to remain as heretofore, except that of department of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

*Voted*, To endorse Mrs. Jennie F. Willing's plan for a training school for evangelistic workers, and to recommend Mrs. Lucy A. Snow to co-operate with her so far as she is able to do so.

*Voted*, That the president's annual address be printed in the Minutes.

The question of adopting the department of Christian Citizenship was discussed and action deferred upon it till after the National Convention. The General Officers were empowered to take it up whenever thought desirable.

*Voted*, To recommend that each county which has not already done so, make constitutional provision for its representation in the State Executive meetings, in case of the absence of the county president.

The Committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 28, 9 A. M.

The Convention opened with a consecration meeting led by Miss Isabel Shirley. Minutes of the afternoon read and approved. Minutes of the afternoon Executive meeting read and adopted.



Mrs. Bailey gave the following notice: "I give notice that I, or some one in my place, will at our next Annual Convention, move that the constitution be so changed as to provide for the election of a vice president at large, to be nominated by the president, and confirmed by the Convention." Delegates and alternates to the National W. C. T. U. Convention were elected as follows:

Mrs. J. E. Seamans, Amity; Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland; Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland; Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Eastport; Mrs. Dr. Bigelow, Auburn; Mrs. Annie V. Curtis, Dexter; Miss Annie C. Bagley, Springvale; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Miss Isabel Shirley, Bethel; Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt, Young Woman's Branch. Alternates—Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Mrs. Susan M. Grant, Windham; Mrs. G. M. Brainard, Rockland; Mrs. Chas. Campbell, Cherryfield; Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Livermore Falls; Mrs. Mary R. Wade, Dover; Mrs. Abbie E. Shapleigh, West Lebanon; Mrs. O. Holway, Augusta; Mrs. S. F. Winslow, Waldoboro; Miss Ella F. Ricker, South Berwick.

A note was brought to the desk containing the sad news of the death of Mrs. Hovey, a member of Houlton Union, sister to a member of the Convention who would have been with us but for this sad affliction, and mother of Senator Hovey who so nobly stood for the cause of Franchise in the Senate last winter. It seemed most fitting that all business should be suspended, and all heads bowed, while Mrs. R. C. Hall offered a tender prayer for the bereaved family.

As Mrs. I. S. Wentworth came forth to give her report on the department of Narcotics, Mrs. Stevens said: "As this noble consecrated sister rises to give her report there comes to me a newer, deeper, broader conception of what it really means to be a White Ribbon woman. Only a few days since, her mother, wife of the late Rev. William Clifford and a devoted christian woman, after much suffering passed away, but with the aching heart for the mother love so lately gone she yet turns at once with steadfast hand to her labors for God and humanity saying with a calm and clear faith, 'She has gone up higher.' My work is still below."

Miss Harriet A. Leavitt reported for the department of Homes for Homeless Children.

Moved by Mrs. Bailey that the report be received and printed in the *Star in the East*. Carried. Financial report of same department read by Miss Leavitt.

Moved that the report be accepted. Amended to receive it by a rising vote of thanks. Carried unanimously.

Moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Maine Central and Portland & Rochester Railroads, who have so generously aided Miss Leavitt in her work for homeless children. Carried.

Mrs. Helen A. Thomas reported for the department of Railroad Employees. Mrs. McLaughlin spoke strong words of help and encouragement for this department.

Supplementary report of treasurer made and accepted. The treasurer stated that there had been a gain of 524 members during the year. Report of Sabbath Observance made by Mrs. Rollins. Announcements were made and the Doxology was sung. The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin.

Adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Miss A. A. Hicks. Minutes of morning executive meeting read and accepted.

The following communication was received from the State superintendents, through Miss Ricker, which the Committee decided would properly come before the Convention: "That we regret frequent changes in superintendents. The work we believe suffers from the same person taking several departments. We therefore suggest to local Unions when obliged to give more than one department to the same individual that departments which are similar be put together. We urge the secretaries to be more prompt in notifying the State superintendents of changes in county and local superintendents. We suggest that more money be appropriated for use of the superintendents for the distribution of literature and otherwise advancing department work."

*Voted*, To recommend that a committee on appropriations be nominated at the first ante-Executive Committee meeting of 1896.

*Voted*, To recommend a more extensive circulation of the State Minutes, believing that our work would be greatly benefited thereby. The nomination of superintendents was then taken up. The Committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept 28, P. M.

The Convention opened with singing. Prayer by Miss Hattie Mayo.

Minutes of morning meeting read and approved. Minutes of morning Executive meeting read and accepted. The secretary presented the nominations of superintendents, which were adopted as recommended.

Prof. White and Hon. Ira T. Hussey were introduced and gave earnest words of greeting.

*Voted*, To continue our efforts for a Reformatory Prison for Women and to appoint a committee for that purpose. Mrs. H. J. Bailey was appointed as such committee, with power to select her associates.

A testimonial of \$5.00 worth of literature was presented to Aroostook County Union as a slight token of appreciation of the many courtesies extended to the Convention. Mrs. Seamans gratefully accepted the literature for the county. Mrs. Seamans stated that \$83.00 had been taken at the literature tables, including subscriptions to the *Union Signal* and *Star in the East*. A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Seamans and her helpers, Mrs. Thomas and Miss Briggs.

Mrs. Edith N. Oakes reported on Fairs. Mrs. L. C. Lamb reported on Legislation and Petition. Report of Peace and Arbitration made by Miss Alice M. Douglas. Miss Lubelle Patrick reported for the Young Woman's Work.

A souvenir of Aroostook was given to each delegate.

Mrs. Bailey stated that she had selected her associates in work for a Reformatory Prison for Women, Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy and Miss Clara M. Farwell. Report of Juvenile Work made by Miss Annie C. Bagley.

Miss Parrish was introduced to the Convention. She brought greetings from the National headquarters and from the New York

State Convention. Rev. Mr. McKay of Houlton, was presented and made most interesting remarks.

The report of the committee on resolutions was read by Mrs. Bailey. Moved by Miss Dow that the resolutions be again read and acted upon seriatim. Carried. The resolutions were read, amended and adopted, as follows :

We, members of the Maine W. C. T. U. assembled in this our twenty-first annual Convention, realizing our dependence upon God, believe it is our privilege as an organization, to render unto Him thanksgiving and praise for the many blessings and victories He has given us.

*Whereas*, Woman's part in the onward march of humanity is an integral part, and its success largely dependent upon her, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we will make every effort possible to become informed upon all vital questions of the day, in order to fit ourselves to fill our proper places.

*Resolved*, That while we would aid and encourage all other methods for the overthrow of the power of the liquor traffic, it is still our unalterable conviction, that the drink evil will never be thoroughly eradicated except by the ballot wielded by both men and women.

*Resolved*, That we reaffirm our convictions of the righteousness of our prohibitory laws.

*Resolved*, That we regard the advertising of tobacco in methods especially designed to attract the attention and corrupt the habits of boys, as an outrage upon innocence and a menace to our popular life, virtue and strength, which calls for strong protest from all mother-hearts and definite work against it by the combined Woman's Christian Temperance Unions.

*Resolved*, That we consider the purchasing or using of alcohol as a medicine, inconsistent with the spirit of the White Ribbon movement, and we urge upon all our members careful attention to the successful work of the temperance hospitals, which have wholly discarded alcoholic remedies.

*Resolved*, That formation is better than reformation, and we urge the diligent prosecution of our present methods of juvenile work, viz. : faithful temperance instruction in public schools and Sunday schools, and by Demorest contests and Loyal Temperance Legions ; also, we strongly commend to our members the work of securing homes for homeless children.

*Resolved*, That a solemn and imperative duty rests upon our organization to pray and work for the cause of social purity and for the removal of the deep and dreadful pitfalls which lie in wait for both young men and women.

*Resolved*, That we endorse the Keeley cure as a God-given agency for restoring to true manhood and womanhood those who have become victims of intemperance.

*Resolved*, That our hearts have been cheered by the reports of faithful work done by our press superintendent and her co-workers in the state, three hundred and forty columns of temperance matter having been filled this year by one local superintendent alone, and our thanks are due to the editors in our state for their courtesy and generosity, and realizing the helpfulness and importance of the use of the press in all our lines of work, we urge upon our local Unions, who have not taken up this department, to do so as soon as practicable.

*Resolved*, That we will use our efforts for hastening the time when courts of arbitration shall take the place of militarism for settlement of all national and inter-

national difficulties, that will educate the children through our Peace Bands, Loyal Temperance Legions and Sunday schools along this line ; that we do not countenance the Boy's Brigade, that military organization, which supplies Sunday school boys with firearms and drills them in the art of destroying human life, and that we are opposed to every form of lynching and prize fighting

*Whereas*, Consecrated giving means so much to us in the development of Christian work and character and is clearly founded on the great truth of Divine ownership and human stewardship, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend that more attention be given in our local Unions to the department of Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to Houlton Union and all other friends of our cause, who have so cordially welcomed us to their homes and generously provided for our comfort in every way ; to the First Baptist church for the use of its house of worship ; to the press for courtesies extended to us ; to the railroads for reduced rates ; to the committee on decorations for their labor in making the place of our meeting especially beautiful and attractive ; to the entertainment committee, the singers and pages and to all other committees and individuals who have in any way contributed to make this Convention a success.

Invitations for next Convention were received from Belfast and Portland.

*Voted*, To refer invitations to the Executive Committee.

Reports of superintendents accepted.

Mrs. Johnston reported that she had called on Mrs. Page to deliver the messages from the Convention, and Mrs. Page had sent grateful messages in return. Announcements for Sunday services were made.

All unfinished business was referred to the General Officers. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung, and the Convention adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 28, EVENING.

A temperance rallying song written for the Convention by Mrs. Susan B. Thompson, president of Friendship Union was sung, Mrs. A. S. Ladd singing the solo, the delegates uniting in the chorus.

Scripture reading and prayer by Miss Lubelle Patrick. Song, "Ninety and Nine."

An earnest and pleasing address was given by Miss Clara Parrish. Prof. White of Houlton favored the audience with a beautiful solo. Mrs. McLaughlin made a heartfelt plea for signers of the pledge and new members of the Union. A canvass of the audience was made, which resulted in securing many new names. A collection was taken.

Dr. Fulton moved that the twenty-first Annual Convention of the Maine W. C. T. U., adjourn.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung. Mrs. McLaughlin made the closing prayer, and the Convention was adjourned.

CLARA M. FARWELL,  
*Recording Secretary.*

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SUNDAY, Sept. 29.

In the morning all the churches (except the Episcopal and Catholic) were occupied by the members of the Convention.

At 3 p. m. a Sunday School service was held in the Baptist church, an encouraging feature of which was the singing of a class of fifty girls and boys who had been drilled for the occasion by Prof. W. S. White of Houlton.

Addresses were made by Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin, Mrs. G. S. Hunt and Miss Annie C. Bagley.

On Sunday evening fully one-third of those who wished to hear Mrs. Mary A. Livermore were unable to gain admission to the Opera House, and an overflow meeting was held in the Baptist church, addressed by Mrs. Beedy and Miss Parrish. Mrs. Livermore's address was excellent, delivered with all her old-time eloquence. The parting hymn, written by Mrs. Livermore and sung in the tune of Auld Lang Syne, ended this notable Convention.

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## TELEGRAMS RECEIVED.

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AUGUSTA, MAINE, Sept. 27, 1895.

*To Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, W. C. T. U. Convention :*

Greeting received. Read Collossians 11th chapter, 5th verse.

M. H. WYMAN.

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MADISON, MAINE, Sept. 27, 1895

*To Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, W. C. T. U. Convention :*

Madison Union sends greetings. Read Psalms 27 : 14.

MRS. H. F. EVANS.

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CORNISH, MAINE, Sept. 27, 1895.

*To Maine W. C. T. U. :*

I return greetings. Read Psalm 126, 3d verse.

SARAH P. SMITH.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept., 1895.

*To W. C. T. U. Convention :*

Hail and good speed ! Read Jeremiah 1st chapter, 17th, 18th and 19th verses.

W. C. T. U. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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BEATRICE, NEB., Sept. 28, 1895.

*To W. C. T. U. State Convention :*

The White Ribbon binds us. Galatians, 6th chapter, 9th verse.

NEBRASKA W. C. T. U.



## President's Address.

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### *Beloved Comrades :*

Last November, at Cleveland, Ohio was observed the twenty-first anniversary of the National W. C. T. U. Then was carefully reviewed the work of that mighty crusade movement and its majority was celebrated with manifestations of enthusiasm and gratitude. Today we come together in the twenty-first annual meeting of the Maine W. C. T. U. Closely following the organization of the National Society Maine fell in with the line of states, and has kept steady pace with the great onward movement which has now belted the world. Its foundation is prayer, its watchword is love. That love which "seeketh not her own," but reaches out to the poor and down trodden, the tempted and tried, the weak and sinful, even to those who sit in prison darkness. \* \* \* \* No incident connected with the recent World's Convention so deeply impressed me as that when the little waifs of London stood before the people in that great hall, their pale, sad faces silently pleading the cause of childhood, embittered, saddened, robbed by the liquor traffic ; with what depth of meaning could they sing :

There's a shadow on the home, many hearts are sad today,  
It hushes e'en the laughter of the children at their play.  
At its coming, want and sorrow across the threshold creep,  
And amid their broken idols the mourning mothers weep.

But the scene changed somewhat when the groups of children from the L. T. L. came in singing :

We are coming to the rescue, we are coming in our youth !  
The homes we build tomorrow shall be guarded by the truth ;  
We are coming, coming to the battle of purity and right ;  
And for a winsome token we wear the ribbon white.

We realize more fully each year the importance of formative influences, since both



"Alike the child of the rich and the child of the poor  
Pass to their wreck through the dram shop door."

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I am very happy to have seen through the past year indications everywhere that the preventive and educational phases of our work are receiving an increased amount of attention, and that parents and teachers are more readily co-operating in the plans and methods of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### SOCIAL DRINKING.

We are sometimes told that notwithstanding all that is being done, there is more social drinking than ever. The result of my observation, inquiry and study does not accord with this declaration. I believe the number of total abstainers among refined, thoughtful men and women is continually increasing, and the number of people who offer intoxicating beverages to their friends is constantly lessening; and just in proportion as they lessen in number do we hear more about the few who still adhere to the dangerous custom.

I do not know whether it was from temperance principle that flowers were scattered instead of the breaking of the bottle of wine at the launching of the St. Croix at Bath a few weeks ago, but as I read about it I thought the expression was but in keeping with the trend of thought in the hearts of a great multitude, who would substitute flowers, full of beauty and purity, for that which is but a "mockery" full of bitterness and woe.

There are probably very few in this Convention who were present at our organization 21 years ago; but we are all alike interested in the advances made. And even the most pessimistic must admit we have not wrought in vain.

#### ADVANCE STEPS.

Twenty-one years ago the age of portection for girls averaged 10 years, today the average is 16, through the efforts of our society. Great advance has been made along the line of Social Purity. But for the sentiment made and set in motion by the W. C. T. U., I doubt if Col. Breckenridge would have been retired, as he so justly

was, and could women have voted he would have been defeated by a much larger majority. The indignation called forth by the sentence to death of Marie Barberi is another proof of the advancing thought concerning one of the heretofore difficult problems. Marie is a young, ignorant girl, who trusted the word of her lover and was cruelly deceived. Overcome with shame and grief, she besought him again and again to make her his wife. He seems to have had none of the better feelings of a man, and took a fiendish delight in mocking at her distress. Her last appeal was answered by the cruelest taunts which can be applied to any woman of honest aspirations. Goaded to fury by the failure of her last attempt to have her wrong covered, and stung by his maddening words she killed him. The case has excited great interest all over the country and among the many comments we clip the following from a leading western paper :

“So long as it is the unwritten law of this land that no man can be punished for killing the seducer of his wife, his sister or his daughter, it is strange that a jury should find a verdict of death against a woman for killing her own seducer.”

Among those who ask for the pardon or the commutation of her sentence are Bishop Potter, Mary Livermore, Susan B. Anthony, and many other prominent men and women. I do not think that the crime of murder under any circumstances should be lightly passed over, but 25 years ago a murder of this kind would have been treated very differently from what it is today. However, these tragedies will continue to occur until there is even a fuller and broader recognition of the “equal standard of purity, and that the highest regardless of sex.” We need a still better education, which will result in better laws. Both boys and girls must be more carefully taught in relation to their own natures and personal responsibilities. So long as women are in an inferior position under the laws of the state, so long will a certain class of men be encouraged in the belief that they can treat them with disrespect and insult. Not long ago I read in a court record (not in Maine) that Edward McIntosh was fined \$10 for taking improper liberties with a little girl, and John Harrington, arrested for sleeping in a freight car,

was fined \$15 and 30 days in jail. Think you this is the kind of protection woman's ballot would bring to the girls of the state?

Those connected with institutions for unfortunate girls and women (and white ribboners have founded many such) realize the inequality of punishment and suffering which the girl has to bear, while in so many cases the partner in her shame wholly escapes. Rev. Dr. Brooke, one of London's most spiritual preachers, has well set this forth :

"Three men went out one summer night ;  
No care had they, or aim.  
'They drank and said, 'Ere we go home  
To-night we'll have a game.'

Three girls began that summer night  
A life of endless shame,  
And ran through drink, disease and death,  
Swift as a racing flame ;

Homeless and lawless, loathed they died,  
Rich, honored, praised, the men ;  
But when they all shall meet with God,  
And Justice speaks, what then ? "

The old theory that there was sex in intellect has almost exploded. 40,000 women are attending college in America today and it is only 25 years since the first college was open to women. If there was in the old days any lack of intellectual development it may have been *only* because opportunity was not given for the same. Some believe there is sex in religion, and in the ages past, woman because of her sex, has not as a rule been permitted to take part in the highest ecclesiastical deliberations, while it is well known that two-thirds of the church members are women.

We have been taught that there is sex in courage, but I affirm that the mother and wife who "stood by the stuff" at home during those dark days of the civil war, many of them toiling early and late, amid loneliness and great hardship, often manifested as much courage as he who went to the front. If woman has seemed to lack courage it is only because she has not had the opportunity to display it when it would receive recognition,

Bye and bye the world will more fully understand what the Divine teacher meant when he said, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." "Neither do I condemn thee, go and sin no more." Then it will appear as it now does not, that there is no sex in certain kinds of criminality.

#### FRANCHISE.

In the beginning of our work we had no franchise department. The crusaders never dreamed of it, and little did they know where their steps would lead. The first president opposed it. In the summer of 1876, while Miss Willard was at the home of a veteran crusader in Ohio it was borne in upon her mind that she must speak for woman's ballot as a weapon of protection to her home and her tempted loved ones, from the tyranny of drink and kindred evils. That autumn at the National Convention at Newark, she made her famous home protection speech. She was then told that she might have been a leader, but that, because of this action, she could be only a scout. Time has amply demonstrated the untruth of this prediction. I will not review the work of the department in detail. I was born a woman suffragist. I always knew that the times were out of joint because one-half the adult population was not recognized as people, so I do not speak on the subject with the enthusiasm of a convert, but I have always watched its progress and rejoiced in all that has been accomplished by the noble pioneers, Lucy Stone, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and their early coadjutors. I do not hesitate, however, to say that under the leadership of Frances Willard, greater advance has been made the last decade than in any previous quarter of a century. It is interesting to notice who are against the ballot for women. The liquor interest is always the openly avowed enemy. They pass resolutions against the measure and bring to bear their personal influence and the influence of their great organizations to defeat any advance.

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The newly arrived foreigner, with his peculiar ideas of personal liberty, is very likely to be opposed to woman suffrage, and he is encouraged in this, inasmuch as he can have greater privileges after

a few months or years, than are bestowed upon the American born woman however carefully trained or broadly educated she may be.

The "new woman" about which we hear so much is really the awakened woman. She has been awaking during the last twenty years in a remarkable degree. She only wants, however, what God bequeathed to her, and her just title to ownership is found in the first chapter of Genesis, which plainly shows that male and female created He them and gave them dominion over the earth. This awaking has led women out into professional and commercial occupations. Statistics show that in 1870 there were only 67 women clergymen in the United States. In 1890 there were over 1,200. Then there were 527 physicians; in 1890, 4,555. Teachers, 1870, 84,047; 1890, 245,965. 1870, saleswomen, 2,775; 1890, 58,449. 1870, clerks, book-keepers, accountants, 8,011; 1890, 92,825. And in the last five years, since the census was taken, the increase has been more rapid than in any preceding years. When the time comes that woman no more than man shall feel dependent upon any other for food and raiment then there will be a somewhat different basis of marriage than has existed; and separations and divorces will become far less frequent. But in the changes which have come and will continue to come, woman will ever remain true to the kindred points of home and heaven. As Miss Willard most beautifully says, "woman ever will be, in the very nature of the case, comforter, counsellor, and conservator of the most sacred forces that center in childhood and the home. And I believe that in the larger home of society and government these powers will be most beneficently exercised to help bring in the reign of universal peace, purity and brotherhood."

#### NOTABLE MEETINGS.

During the last year there have been many notable gatherings in this and other lands, three only of which I will speak of in detail. January 31, Woman's Day at Augusta, was probably the most meaningful day which has ever come to the women of Maine who are interested in the advancement of their sex. The morning conference meeting in the Congregationalist church was attended by white ribboners from every county, and later on this company filled

the streets as they made their way to the State House, where the hearing on granting municipal suffrage to women was to be given by the Judiciary Committee. Long before the time appointed Representatives' Hall was filled, likewise the corridors and ante rooms, and still others were seeking a foot-hold in any available place.

The committee gave courteous attention as women from each county spoke with force and reason. Lady Henry Somerset spoke in the evening before the members of the Legislature and other notables from all parts of the state. Her address was a gem of beauty and power as many before me can testify and as the press and the united voice of her great audience declared. The committee was equally divided on the question. When it came up in the House many women were present. Messrs. Powers, Hamlin, Plummer, Fairbanks, Holbrook, Howe and Adams made able speeches in favor and Messrs. Keegan and Whelden against it.

The house vote stood 79 for and 54 against granting to women the municipal ballot. Again when it came up in the senate we were present and listened to the able speech of Senator Hovey in favor. No one spoke in opposition. We were told that the opponents didn't care to try to offset the strong and eloquent appeals in behalf of the question made by leading men in the Legislature. We did not wonder at this for about all that was left them to say was :

"We do not like the woman's vote  
The reason why we can't denote  
But still we can repeat by rote,  
We do not like the woman's vote."

The senate voted 11 for and 15 against us. Thus again the bill was lost although it had a majority of 21 in the two branches, and that branch nearest to the people gave us a good majority. We can see that certainly public opinion is rising, and in good time the superstitious, barbaric opposition to woman's equality in governmental affairs will melt away, and there will be two heads in council concerning the community and the state, but into which the children have to go, as well as beside the hearth where they are so carefully nurtured. In the highest interest of home protection we will press on and never falter, never doubt, but right will win some day.

## POLYGLOT PETITION.

Another great gathering was the polyglot petition, meeting in Washington, D. C., Feb. 15th. The W. C. T. U. are veterans in circulating petitions: Petitions for temperance instruction in the public schools, for raising the age of protection for girls, to protect the youth from the use of narcotics, for the enfranchisement of women and many others. The polyglot petition addressed to the different governments of the world is in reality a great popular testimonial against the liquor traffic, the opium trade, the gambling den and the house of shame. So much has been said and written about the petition that I need not speak of the particulars of the public presentation, nor of the more formal one to President Cleveland a few days later. It was so near the close of Congress that the President could attend to no outside issues, and but for the friendliness of Senator Frye and his persistent efforts in our behalf we should be unable to record as we now do, that the General Officers were received by the President of the United States, who courteously listened to the reading of the petition and a brief presentation of its object by Miss Willard. The same day there was introduced into the House of Representatives a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation and sale of alcoholic liquors in the United States. Some glad day all of this will be enacted into law. If the names on the petition were written one to each line with the names of all the endorser's it would be fifty-three miles long, making it by far the largest petition ever secured for any object, and the first petition which has reached out to all the world by signatures and purposes. The great All-wise alone will ever know just the amount of righteous sentiment created by its circulation. Missionaries tell us of the awakening which has come in foreign lands upon the great question it involves and every woman who has helped to thus spread the gospel of temperance and purity may feel well satisfied with her work. The petition is now in England, but will soon be on its journey around the world.

## THE WORLD'S CONVENTION.

A little more than two score years ago Lucretia Mott went to London as an American delegate to an abolition meeting. She was

not accepted by the credential committee, or by the body itself as a delegate, not because she was lacking in education, culture or understanding, but simply and only because she was a woman. This seemed doubly inconsistent in a country whose chief ruler is a woman. Last June there landed in England a whole ship load of American women, and women from many other countries joined them there. In Queen's Hall, Exeter Hall, and Royal Albert Hall was held the third biennial Convention of the World's W. C. T. U. and more than 200 of the pulpits of London were filled on Sunday by women speakers. Presiding over this Convention was an American woman who spent her girlhood on a prairie farm, her early womanhood as president of a woman's college and for 21 years has been the renowned leader of the greatest organized force of the women of this century—Frances E. Willard, loved and honored by all who love righteousness.

The one by her side, W. C. T. U. leader in Great Britain, spoken of by philanthropic women in England as our "Shaftesbury named Somerset" counts her possessions of castles and estates and privileges as nothing, only in as far as she can use them for the good of humanity.

It is just such women as these assembled here this morning who have made possible the World's W. C. T. U. Just such meetings as are held by your local Unions which led up to the great demonstration in London. What did they consider there? The same questions and departments of work we are to deal with in this Convention for throughout the great sisterhood:

"Our aims, our fears, our hopes are one,  
Our comforts and our cares."

#### CAPITAL AND LABOR.

I shall not speak at length of a great question to which our attention is so often called, with which we are compelled to deal more or less whether we desire or not, but it is well that we study the relation of temperance to capital and labor. The fact that the needlewoman under the sweating system—shame that it should be allowed to exist for a month in a land such as ours should be—toils in her cheerless



attic to earn enough to barely feed and scantily clothe her children, while a man who lives in the same city spends \$7,000 to give a dinner to his friends, plainly shows that the golden rule is not yet very fully applied to custom and society, plainly shows that there is an unfair adjustment of capital and labor. Speaking of only one point I reiterate what I often have said, to turn into right channels the two thousand million dollars spent annually in the United States in the liquor traffic would do more toward the right settlement of the vexed question than all the Coxey armies and strikes which have been or ever will be.

#### CHARITABLE.

Sometimes it is charged to our society that we do more of charitable work than of that aimed directly at the extinction of the liquor traffic. It is true that in many localities it has come to be the custom to refer any case, "charity or correction," to the W. C. T. U. Many estimates are made of the proportion of pauperism, lunacy and crime attributable to strong drink. The estimates vary somewhat, but my experience and observation of twenty-one years lead me to believe that three-fourths of the vice and poverty and the misery of all kinds which exist are owing to the evil of intemperance, and it is a moderate estimate that one-half of our country's present outlay upon asylums, houses of refuge and of correction and reform and similar institutions is chargeable directly to strong drink. "The power of the human brain to resist knowledge" is strikingly illustrated in the fact that so many really charitably inclined people utterly fail to recognize this great truth, and aim no blows at all at the root of the giant tree of evil, the liquor traffic.

At the Chicago Conference of Charities and Correction a specialist in child saving work stated that four-fifths of the dependent little waifs were the product of intemperance. Remembering this, no one can claim that our department of finding homes for homeless children is not in keeping with our declaration of principles. And the same is equally true of our other departments aiming to alleviate the misery caused by the liquor traffic.

#### PROHIBITION.

It would seem strange for me to close without some direct allusion to prohibition, I presume there is not a white ribboner before me

who does not know the history of prohibition in Maine. Many of you no doubt are perplexed and disappointed over its non-enforcement in some localities. Through "the argument of defeat" we have learned that no law enforces itself, and have found out where the enforcing power lies. It is certainly not in the hands of ballotless women.

We have no sympathy whatever with those who say, "if the law cannot be enforced it had better be repealed." We know the law is righteous and those who fail to perform their duty toward its enforcement are unrighteous, and sooner or later the condemnation will fall where it belongs. Even in those cities where the law is extensively violated there is far less liquor sold and drank than there would be under license, that unholy compromise with evil with which no true white ribboner for a moment ever sympathizes but forever condemns. In our bitter regrets at the non-enforcement in some of our cities we sometimes lose sight of the fact that in many rural districts and villages liquor is not sold at all. A young professor from Brown University, a total abstainer but not a "temperance fanatic," has been traveling extensively in Maine this summer, and he told me that he had been surprised to find so many really "dry towns" where no liquor in any form was sold. Let us never falter in our advocacy of the principle of prohibition, but cheerfully and trustfully do all we can toward making a better public sentiment, opening the eyes of the blind to see that what is "morally wrong can never be legally right."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

With a heart sore and heavy laden do I come to speak of those "we've loved and lost awhile." I could not find utterance for my thoughts did I not know

"That life is ever lord of death,  
And love can never lose its own."

For well nigh twenty years Mary Woodbridge and I walked closely together in the official work of the National W. C. T. U. Her devotion, her winsome manner, her eloquent words gained for her universal love and respect. There was sorrow in thousands of homes

when she was so suddenly called from our midst. I attended the home funeral. I saw her dear form borne down the long avenue from her home over which she had so many times walked bearing the burden of her life work, but the darkness of the casket was completely covered with a mantle of flowers, beautiful emblems of life and love and immortality.

A few months later Mary Lathrap, our poet laureate as well as our Daniel Webster, joined the "innumerable throng." The beautiful lines she wrote when Mrs. Downs and Julia Ames died have become familiar to us and yet I can pay her no more fitting tribute than to repeat them, thinking lovingly of her, the great true heart who telegraphed to us a little while before she died, "The chariot swings low, but the spirit is triumphant."

Ah, comrades! We stand in the silence,  
 Homesick for a day.  
 But how can our anguish be bitter?  
 We follow that way.  
 Let us lift up our hearts, oh, beloved;  
 Love on, as before;  
 Who knows but in stress of the battle  
 They haste to the fore?  
 Then, "onward, ye brave," to the duty;  
 Not far, with the King in his beauty  
 We greet her once more.

On the 27th day of last March I received a letter from the treasurer of the World's W. C. T. U., long, and carefully written, containing many important items of business. I knew she was ill and I was deeply touched by the letter, in which she hardly referred to herself. The next morning I received a telegram from her husband asking me to save the letter as it was Mrs. Williams' last work on earth. Then I knew another one of our noble leaders had gone from contests and our earthly conquest ranks. For a moment I wondered with so much gone how our work could go successfully on, but we know they still live in holy self-sacrificing deeds and their noble example will ever help the work they served so loyally and well.

In our own State many of our beloved, true and tried have been called to the Heavenly home. Of these we shall speak to-morrow

in the memorial service. I can almost realize that even now they hover near us, they entering into our hopes and loves—that they would speak to us inspiring us anew with a consecrated courage for the work which is before us—may we be true to the Heavenly vision, ever pressing on to the heights whereon are enthroned righteousness and truth, justice and love and peace forevermore.

We have gains to speak of also, for this has been to us a victorious year, numerically speaking, and I trust spiritually also, so let us with fresh courage and renewed consecration

“ Pass on the word,—be thine the voice to cheer ;  
Clear let it ring aloft, from slope to slope ;  
Till all the vales and mountain-tops shall hear  
The rallying call,—*to strive,—to help,—to hope !* ”

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I recommend that we continue our efforts for a Reformatory Prison for Women, for Municipal Suffrage, and to Raise the Age of Protection for Girls.
2. I recommend that each county shall adopt a plan of missionary work by which each local Union, however small or remote, may receive at least one visit annually from some one making this a special object.
3. That we make earnest efforts to interest more of the young people in our work.
4. That we steadily endeavor to increase our membership. With proper effort we could easily double our numbers in many places.
5. Mothers' meetings should be held and care should be taken to secure the attendance of women who have but little opportunity to gain such knowledge as we seek to impart.
6. We should carefully consider the advantage that it is to our society to have a place which is the center of our active work. The purchase of the desirable property at 150 Free street, Portland, has proved to be no mistake ; although we have been unable to pay for it, the receipts from rental of rooms provide for all the running expenses and furnish us with good offices for State headquarters. We confidently expect to be able to report before long that money has been donated to enable us to fully own the place, thus giving us an income which will help in the extension and building up of our work.
7. Each Union should take an interest in procuring subscribers to the *Union Signal* and to the *Star in the East*. No White Ribboner can possess the knowledge she really needs unless she is a reader of these valuable papers.
8. Local Unions should hold public meetings at which the work of our many departments should be presented. The evil of cigarette smoking and other forms of narcotics should be often presented in this manner.
9. Do not fail to directly teach and preach total abstinence and prohibition. It is true that now as in the beginning of our work we are committed to these basic principles toward which so much of our department work tends.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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### *Madam President and Comrades :*

We are here in this twenty-first Convention to take a backward glance over the work of the past year and to derive from the record of its victories or failures, new inspiration to go on. In each Union large or small, strong or weak, women have been steadily working and have thus been helping to make our state work a grand success. If any woman here has been inclined to feel that her part in the work was small and insignificant, let her remember that many of God's forces work slowly and patiently. Have you not watched the ocean rolling in over the smooth sands and wondered at the patience which sent these millions and millions of tiny, shiny particles from the ledges and boulders under the sea to make the firm, silvery beach? We must learn that each part of our work has its place and that the time and thought and thoroughness put into our local Unions just so much strengthens the state and national.

We consider the year just finished a prosperous one for our organization. A good number of new unions have been organized, the most of the auxiliaries are in good working condition and the gain in membership is reckoned at about 600.

#### AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

In Aroostook county there has been an increasing interest in many localities. Four new Unions have been formed and four Legions. A number of fine medal contests have been held, and these have been not only helpful to the Union and to the young people who took part, but have also drawn the attention of the public to our methods and work.

#### ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

Androscoggin reports a healthy growth in most of the Unions; these are nine in number. In the smaller towns the work has been

confined mostly to charity and work among the children. In Auburn there have been some fine public meetings. The County Convention was held at South Durham and was considered a most successful one. Lewiston held a series of gospel temperance meetings at which a thousand pledges were taken; a great many of these are believed to have been faithfully kept. The Union has also given \$1000 to the Central Maine General Hospital to maintain two rooms for sick and crippled children; the rooms to take the name of the Union.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cumberland county has 23 Unions; five having been added during the year just closed. Of all these Portland is by far the largest and strongest and its work embraces nearly every department advised by the National W. C. T. U. Exclusive of the meetings held at Portland jail about fifty fine public gatherings have been held. There are a good number of honorary members in the county.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The work in Franklin county is in a healthy condition; the county president makes a great point of maintaining a W. C. T. U. column in the leading county paper thus keeping in touch with the local Unions. A very enjoyable feature of the work is the day at the Strong camp-ground; this is made a sort of semi-annual Convention. The women call for very little help outside their own county. Most of the public work is done by home workers. At the public meeting in Strong seven of the Franklin county women spoke from the public stand.

#### HANCOCK COUNTY.

Good reports come from Hancock county Unions. A specialty has been made of the work of securing Homes for Homeless Children. Medal contests have been held. The Frances Willard Union is working on its pledge of \$100, for the Temple. Quite a stir has been made at Bar Harbor on account of the determination of the Union to have the law enforced and it is said that their efforts have been successful. There is an energetic Union at Brooklin and a Y there also.

## KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Kennebec county reckons the past year the best yet for its Unions. The great event was the grand moment when Lady Henry Somerset honored Maine's capital by her presence. The experience of "woman's day" at Augusta strengthened not only the women of Kennebec county, but all throughout the state. The gain in membership has been about 150. A most successful county Convention was held at Winthrop; 131 public meeting have been held. Work among children occupies a most important place in this county.

## KNOX COUNTY.

Knox county reports an increase of interest and effort all along the line. New Unions have been formed and every Union has increased its membership. The Warren Union entertained the county Convention and it was pronounced by all a highly successful gathering. This county was well represented at the "big meeting" in Augusta and it is a source of pride to the Knox county women that all the senators and a majority of the representatives voted for the cause of "equal rights." It is believed that sentiment is steadily advancing in favor of that reform—for which all other reforms wait. An increased interest is taken in Temple work and the "wheels" are very generally "going around."

## LINCOLN COUNTY.

Lincoln county has held its own; there has been an exodus from some of the Unions, but those remaining take double burdens and move on shoulder to shoulder. Some of the Unions have made an encouraging increase. Franchise seems to be the watch word for Lincoln county; the women are almost a unit in believing that through that door they must enter into the inheritance or remain a prey to the rum power. Waldoboro is filling out its \$100 pledge to the Temperance Temple.

## OXFORD COUNTY.

In Oxford county there is a good degree of interest. Bethel, Andover, Norway and West Paris are the largest Unions and they are all doing excellent work in many of our departments. The smaller

Unions make work among the poor their chief care and three are carrying on fine children's societies.

#### PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

The outlook for Penobscot county is encouraging. At the last county Convention a much larger delegation was present than ever before. In some of the Unions there has been a marked increase and reports show a fair amount of work done. A goodly number of public meetings have been held and in this way a healthful public sentiment aroused. The county suffers from lack of juvenile work, but in other branches there seems to be a good amount of activity.

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

No new Unions have been organized in Sagadahoc county this year, but the increase in membership is encouraging and more honorary members have been secured than any previous year. Each Union has endeavored to do the work most needed in its locality. The annual Convention was held at Richmond and was very interesting and profitable. Bath is the largest Union in the county and has had a number of fine public meetings given under its auspices. It has also been active in assisting to secure the enforcement of the prohibitory law. Popham Beach and Georgetown Unions are both wide-awake Unions, and all in the county are in good condition.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY.

Somerset county has made steady progress in many lines. The Unions are many of them interested in work among the children. Several Unions have held a series of gospel temperance meetings and all report an increase in interest.

#### WALDO COUNTY.

In Waldo county the Unions have been wide-awake and three new societies organized. The county Convention was held at Northport and largely attended. The Belfast Union formed a cigarette league after giving a fine reception to teachers and supervisor. It is expected that the league will accomplish a much needed reform. Medal Contests have been held and were considered very successful.



## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Each succeeding year Washington county has had some gain to report, either in membership or increased activity—this year it is both. With a reinforcement of over one hundred new members and each Union doing its part loyally to help along the noble cause only success can be the result. The county Convention was held at Mill-bridge and was a notable gathering of workers. Reports show that there has been encouraging activity along several lines of work. Nearly all the Unions have taken up Medal Contest work with good results.

## YORK COUNTY.

York county also reports progress; two new Unions have been organized with a gain of fifty or more members. South Berwick, Groveville, Lebanon, Springvale and Sanford are worthy of mention for aggressive work. Cornish has the largest number of honorary members and the work of the Union is mostly on charity lines. Kennebunk holds its own. Biddeford still takes an interest in the Keeley treatment. Old Orchard has a fine children's society. Taken as a whole the outlook is favorable for York county.

The encouraging condition of our organization throughout the State is due not only to the faithful work of the county presidents and superintendents and in fact of every individual worker, but most of all to the untiring efforts of our State president to visit and help all Unions who seek her aid. Although Mrs. Stevens has now many duties connected with the National W. C. T. U. and stands next to Frances Willard in that organization yet she is ever ready to respond to any call from the Maine Unions.

Many of the best speakers have been in the State this year, among them Mesdames Hoffman, Barker, Livermore, Bullock, Fessenden, McLaughlin and others. The crowning event of the year was the presence of Lady Somerset to speak for Maine women before the legislature.

We are ready now to begin another year's work and redouble our zeal along the lines where we have not met with complete success. We consider that the year just ended has been one of progress. We have gained more than we have lost, the few Unions that

have disbanded have done so because they were not firmly rooted. Have you not watered and watched and tended and looked for leaves and tendrils but in spite of everything it withers and dies. Then if you examine it you will see that the rootlets have not gone out to find food for the plant and that it starved for lack of nourishment. It is just so with some of our Unions, and it is your duty and mine to foster every effort of the Unions to live and work. Our State president has been unwearied in pushing forward the work throughout the State. She has attended all the summer meetings and county Conventions with a few exceptions.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH L. CRAM,  
*Cor. Sec. Maine W. C. T. U.*

## Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS 1894-5.		DISBURSEMENTS 1894-5.	
	CR.		DR.
By Cash on hand Sept., 1894,	\$149 98	To Expenses of State Con.,	\$132 23
" Freewill offerings,	14 85	" Expense of Minutes,	141 95
" Headquarters fund,	4 50	" President's postage,	200 00
" Birthday offerings,	32 19	" Appropriation State Pres.,	150 00
" Gift Hon. W. W. Thomas,	100 00	" National dues and telegrams,	35 53
" Collections, tickets and offer-		" Madam Sakrai's school,	10 00
ing Con.,	204 80	" Help for Nat'l Con. adv.,	15 00
" Rent of rooms, headquarters,	648 89	" Express for Minutes to Head-	
" Sale of Minutes,	12 10	quarters,	30
" Stock in the W. T. P. A.,	100 00	" Interest and expenses Head-	
" Dues to date April 27, 1895,	250 40	quarters,	673 25
	<hr/>	" State Superintendents,	78 12
	\$1,517 71	" Hotel register,	3 00
To cash to Bal.,	48 42	" Stationery and printing,	5 75
	<hr/>	" Toward Treasurer's postage	20 00
	\$1,566 13	" Auditor's expenses,	1 00
		" Stock in the W. T. P. A.,	100 00
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			\$1,566 13

### STAR IN THE EAST.

	DR.	CR.
By Cash on hand Sept. 1894,		\$274 30
" Subscriptions,		192 64
" Ads. collected, donations and papers sold,		16 61
" Stock on hand,		38 50
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		\$522 05
To Stock on hand Sept. 1894, and expenses to date,	\$249 47	
Cash and stock to credit of Star, April 27, 1895,	272 58	
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	\$522 05	

E. M. BLANCHARD,  
*Editor and Business Manager.*

## GENERAL SUMMARY.

	DR.	CR.
By Star in the East,		\$272 58
To General treasury balance,	\$48 42	
Balance due from Headquarters,	14 55	
Cash balance to successor,	171 11	
Stock for Star " "	38 50	
		<u>\$272 58</u>

E. M. BLANCHARD,

*Treasurer Sept. 27, 1894, to April 27, 1895.*

I have examined the accounts with vouchers and find all correct.

MRS. S. I. JEWETT, *Auditor.*

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance from Ex-Treasurer,	\$171 11	National dues,	\$ 487 40
" Headquarters receipts,	14 55	Appropriation for State work,	50 00
State dues,	1203 40	President's postage,	200 00
Receipts from Headquarters,	462 79	Cor. Sec's bill,	31 05
" of Star,	89 37	State Superintendents,	65 00
Offerings,	29 04	Running expense of headquarters,	216 43
	<u>\$1,970 26</u>	Taxes and interest "	300 24
		Expense printing and mailing	
		Star,	123 54
		Expense of summer and other	
		meetings,	34 79
		To W. T. P. A. literature bill	
		interest,	111 00
		Stationery, printing, postage and	
		advertising,	28 44
		Badges, programs and express for	
		Convention 1895,	26 15
			<u>\$1,673 95</u>
		Balance,	296 31
			<u>\$1,970 26</u>

MARY C. McDOWELL, *Treasurer ad interim.*

I have examined the accounts with vouchers and find all correct.

MRS. S. B. KELSEY, *Auditor.*

DUES BY COUNTIES.—Androscoggin, \$106.00. Aroostook, \$162.60. Cumberland, \$285 60. Franklin, \$58.80. Hancock, \$56.10. Kennebec, \$115.50. Knox, \$116.80. Lincoln, \$53.10. Oxford, \$41.10. Penobscot, \$92.40. Piscataquis, \$40.50. Sagadahoc, \$37.50. Somerset, \$50.10. Waldo, \$39.30. Washington \$110.10. York, \$84.90.

## Work Among Foreigners.

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This is the first year that regular systematic work has been done in relation to the department of Work Among Foreigners. The plan of work which I recommend has to do with the following measures: House to house visitation, mothers' meetings, fathers' meetings, Loyal Temperance Legions, cooking and sewing classes, and distribution of literature. I feel that any or all of these endeavors will be helpful. I have tried as earnestly as possible to have the work of my department taken up in all our counties, and feel that the year has been spent in organization rather than active work in other directions. However, organization will prove the basis for good work in the future.

The following counties have no superintendents: Aroostook, Hancock, Lincoln, Oxford, Somerset, Sagadahoc and Waldo. The reason given for not taking up the work in these counties is the inability to secure a superintendent, or else the scarcity of foreigners represented.

Washington county has a superintendent, but reports that there are but few foreigners in the county.

Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Penobscot and York counties have an awakened interest and some work has been entered upon which promises well for the future.

Cumberland county has two local superintendents, one at Portland and one at Westbrook. The Portland superintendent is a young Norwegian. She reports that she has endeavored to arouse an interest in temperance among the Scandinavians. The Swedish pastor has been most kind and helpful, having opened his church for three temperance meetings. One of the members of the Portland Union has furnished music at several Scandinavian sociables. The superintendent has, at her own expense, circulated 500 pages of temperance literature among the Scandinavians. In addition to this she has distributed 322 pages of literature sent her by the secretary of the W. C. T. U. of Norway.

Piscataquis is the banner county in the work of this department. I give the report in full : Literature in Welsh, Swedish, French and Polish has been distributed. At Greenville literature has been distributed and families visited. Foreign mothers have been induced to attend mothers' meetings. Three men have been helped to take the Keeley cure. In towns with foreign people but no Union the literature has been distributed by friends of the cause.

In Dover and Foxcroft 1,500 pages of juvenile literature have been given to the foreign children who could read English. Families have been visited and mothers instructed in the care of children by kindly talks. Polish and French literature has been circulated. One poor young foreign mother whose child has an illegitimate father has been given much assistance and a home found where she can earn an honest living for herself and child, which she is very glad to do. This county is much interested in the work and hopes to do much more the coming year.

I have spoken nine times in the interest of my department. The work accomplished by this department is much less than I wish it were, but I hope for additional interest and activity. We need to realize its importance and that the young foreigners are to be among our future citizens. It seems part of our duty to help to train them to be a help instead of a hindrance. Let us remember that "What is each man's weal should be all men's care," and that there should be an "Inwrought and an Outwrought Golden Rule."

GERTRUDE S. LEAVITT,

*Supt. Work Among Foreigners.*

## Young Woman's Work.

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Young Woman's Work has been gaining slowly during the year past. Several counties have appointed superintendents and for this reason we are looking for an increase in membership, yet six counties have no superintendent of this work. I would like to speak especially, of the importance of appointing county superintendents of Young Woman's Work, for in order to be of the greatest help to the mothers of the W. C. T. U.—the “strong right wing”—as is our aim, we need to push the work in *every* county. Aroostook has for its new superintendent, Miss Annie Smith of Carey. Fort Fairfield Y is active and very promising. Two new Y's have this year been organized in this county, at Mapleton and Carey. Eight young women at Weston stand ready to don the white ribbon.

Miss Gemina Jackman of Newhall is the newly elected superintendent for Cumberland county. The one Y of this county, the Westbrook, is full of good works.

Hancock county has a band of young women workers at Brooklin. This Y is successful in social work and use their funds raised by means of entertainments, etc., for benevolent purposes. The county superintendent is Mrs. Belle Blake of that town.

Mrs. Cora L. Rollins of Winthrop Center is the leader of the young women of Kennebec county. The Augusta Y has taken up Lumbermen's Work, Press and Flower Mission, also has held Demorest Medal Contests.

Knox county has this year appointed as superintendent, Mrs. Luella M. Littlefield of Vinalhaven.

Lincoln county has this year for the first time taken up Young Woman's Work and appointed as superintendent Miss Emma Carter of Round Pond.

Miss Jennie B. Kimball of East Hiram is at the head of the young women of Oxford county. A good report comes from Hiram Y branch, which is a source of strength to the local W. C. T. U.

The superintendent of Piscataquis county is Miss Maud Young of

Sebec. The young women of Pittsfield work with the mother Union as a local branch.

The Y's of Washington county are led by Mrs. S. A. Strout of Harrington. Jonesport Y is very active and has grown much in the year past.

Miss Ella Ricker of South Berwick leads the young women of York county. The South Berwick Y has raised \$25.00 for the Temple and sent out seventy-five wheels to be filled. The Groveville Y is still at work. Flower Mission and L. T. L. work are specialties. We have been made stronger not only by new members both active and honorary, but by the newly organized W. C. T. U.

Two Somerset Y's have been organized, Kent's Hill and Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro. The College Y at Kent's Hill numbers about twenty-five. A temperance society among the young men of that college unites with the young women in a public temperance meeting once each term.

In summing up, we find ten county superintendents, nine Y Unions, two Y branches and two Somerset Y's, besides many young women who are doing excellent work with the W. C. T. U.

" Girls of to-day, give ear :  
Never since time began  
Has come to the race of man  
A year, a day, an hour,  
So full of promise and power  
As the time that now is here."

LUBELLE B. PATRICK,

*State Sec'y Y Branch.*



## Loyal Temperance Legion and Mercy.

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### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:*

The brevity of my report is due to the fact that but eight counties have sent any account of work done, namely: Aroostook, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, York and Somerset, and the reports as sent to the county superintendent of these various counties by local superintendents are lacking in detail, making it impossible for them to make any estimate of work done, or give number of pledged members in their county. In counties not reported work has been done and new Legions have been organized but through some misunderstanding or neglect report of the same has not been received.

Aroostook is the banner county for new Legions, four having been organized the past year. Cumberland has a flourishing Legion at Newhall, also one at Windham Centre, both organized the past year. Kennebec has three companies. The East Winthrop L. T. L. has nearly \$20 in the treasury, has sent \$35 to Good Will Farm, \$5 to department Homes for Homeless Children, held four public meetings; the girls of the Senior grade have signed a pledge not to accept attention of young men who use tobacco or strong drinks. The superintendent of this L. T. L. is also county superintendent and the right woman in the right place. China has a band of bright boys and girls who hope to do much for our cause in their beautiful village. The L. T. L. of Augusta has been recently reorganized and we believe will do good work.

The superintendent of Knox county reports the Thomaston Legion as *suspended* for want of a *place in which to hold meetings*. It would be well for members of the W. C. T. U. everywhere to remember that the rumrunner can always find a place for the children and where a cordial welcome awaits them. May God help *us* to do *our* duty in this matter. Spruce Head has a Loyal Legion of 90 members doing *grand* work. Warren also has a flourishing Legion; the superintendent says that what is most pleasing to her is,

that several of them have had special temptation to break their pledge but have been true. Washington distributed pledge cards in schools with good results. Vinalhaven and Union have recently organized Loyal Legions.

Lincoln county reports one company, Waldoboro, Mrs. Emma Potter, superintendent. This Legion has filled wheels for Temple, held Thanksgiving sociable, providing dinner for five poor families, paid expenses of state superintendent to Waldoboro, paid \$2.00 to Temperance hospital, L. T. L. room, paid in dues \$3.75, and contributed to various other objects. They are studying for diplomas, reading for seals, etc. This is the banner company of Maine, organized and carried on according to the national plan of L. T. L. methods. Name of Senior Grade, Emma Trowbridge Potter; named in honor of their beloved superintendent who has done such faithful work among them for the past ten years.

Penobscot county has two organized Legions and many pledged children in the Sunday Schools. The county superintendent, Mrs. A. L. Abbott has done grand work among the children and has given both time and money to advance this department in Penobscot county. York reports four companies, two organized the past year, all doing good work. Special mention should be made of Old Orchard. The state superintendent will long remember the picnic held in her honor at Pine Park, Groveville, July 4th, by the Frances E. Willard L. T. L. of Union Falls and the Annie C. Bagley L. T. L. of Groveville; also the reception given her and the county superintendent, Miss Mary E. Sawyer.

I have visited two counties in the interest of the work the past year, and found an increase in interest and numbers. I appreciate the sisterly kindness of Mrs. A. L. Abbott and Mrs. Jennie Packard, county superintendents of Kennebec and Penobscot, also the local superintendents of the various Legions visited who did so much to make my journey such a pleasant one.

Somerset has several companies. Among them are the Ripley L. T. L., Lady Henry Somerset Senior Grades and the Annie C. Bagley, Pittsfield, both reorganized the past year by state superintendent. This county has a pledged membership of three hundred.

Department of Mercy: 30 bands formed the past year with a membership of about 500, many letters written and much literature distributed.

Brave sons of brave mothers crusaders by prayer,  
Fair daughters who honor the names that you bear,  
Fling out your white banner with watchword bedight:  
"Remember King Alcohol, God for the Right."

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE C. BAGLEY,  
*State Superintendent.*

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## Hygienic Reform and Heredity.

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*Madam President and Sisters:*

In submitting my report as superintendent of the department of Hygienic Reform and Heredity, I can not say in looking over the work of the year that all has been accomplished which I anticipated or hoped for at the beginning of the year. My white ribbon sisters are aware that this department of the W. C. T. U. work has not been kept before our Unions like many others, consequently less is known of it, but it is, as it deserves, receiving more attention with each passing year.

I am aware that this branch of reform work, in which we as christian women are engaged, has been called the "unpopular department" of the W. C. T. U. I resolved when appointed to the superintendency of this department to ascertain if possible why it was thus called, and after careful research and thoughtful study I have become convinced that of all the forty different departments of work which the W. C. T. U. represents, none is more deserving our attention than that of Hygienic Reform and Heredity. I find in other

states that this phase of temperance work receives much more attention by far than has been accredited it in Maine, and the day is fast approaching when we shall recognize it as a question of vital importance in relation to the drink evil. As department work has to be carried on largely through county presidents I have so far as possible corresponded with each president, asking that local superintendents be appointed in each Union, and I have been much pleased with the kind response this request has received. I find the sisters ready to take up the work, and have received many letters asking suggestions in reference to best methods of bringing the work before their Unions.

I see much for encouragement along this line of reform work ; all that is needed is perseverance, patience, and faith, that our labors will be crowned with success. In closing I will appeal to every Union to lend a helping hand in behalf of this department, and especially urge upon the presidents the importance of keeping the work before the members of their Unions.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) ANNIE BRYANT EMERSON,  
*State Supt. Dept. of Hygienic Reform and Heredity.*

## Sunday School Work.

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Another milestone on our onward march has been reached, at which we pause to review as far as we may be able, what has been accomplished since we paused at '94. Well might we exclaim *how little* did not the unwritten and invisible exceed what we can report. The most visible advance is the recognition we have received at the Sunday School Conventions in counties and towns.

Gratifying reports from Sagadahoc and Kennebec, as well as Scarboro, Windham, Southern Oxford and others, have come to us. Will not the county superintendents each one, be active in the year to come to ascertain early when the Conventions will be held, and if not invited, ask for a place on the program, and when secured see that it is well filled.

The state superintendent will be ready with such help as she may be able to give. The field secretary, Rev. T. F. Millett of Gorham has been exceedingly kind since he became acquainted with our work and in the year to come I have no doubt we shall be more favored and be better able to favor the cause.

The national superintendent, Mrs. Irvine, St. Paul, Minn., is very urgent that we co-operate with the effort which the London Sunday School Union is making, to make the fourth Sunday in November world wide temperance Sunday. The time is short, may I not pass her earnest words on to you one and all?

The reports have been quite satisfactory. I so regret that they can not be definitely reported, yet I "thank God and take courage." Some county superintendents have failed to report, I will not mention just which, hoping next year *each one* will be in line.

A new recommendation comes in the form of holding rallies, can not they be tried? Programs are printed for such as will try them. It is something a little new and may awaken an interest. All the old lines of work are true and tried, let us work in them, knowing that the seed sown now, will yield an abundant harvest by and bye.

Let us make the Sunday on which the temperance lesson comes of special interest, let the pledge be presented, provide temperance

papers, or leaflets, have a concert in the evening, confer with the young people's societies and secure their interest in making the day bright and full of cheer. The cause advances, let us be encouraged; the children are our hope and we must keep them interested as they merge into the years when they are not called children.

Let me again call attention to the pledge and add what I find in the report from Auburn: "The prisoners in Auburn jail sent a message to the Sunday School scholars to sign the pledge, and avoid their fate."

We can read between the lines here, let us remember this message as spoken to us who are responsible for the children in our Sunday Schools. The statistics as have been sent me are as follows: Number Sunday School scholars, 10,265; pledged, 6,175; literature distributed, pages, 40,597; books, 1,345; concerts, 139; mass meetings, 65; and the expression is general that there is interest in the cause.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. G. STICKNEY,

*State Supt. Sunday School Work.*

## Temperance Literature.

### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:*

In reviewing the work accomplished by the superintendents of literature during the past year we regret there is not that feeling of satisfaction or encouragement which we had hoped to have reported at this Convention. It may be barely possible some counties have not yet appointed superintendents and thus the good work has been neglected for the want of workers in the field, or it may be the tardy ones think there will be time enough at Convention to pass in report. But dear sisters this is not right; for you rob the state superintendent of a part of her work, and it may be the national as well, and our dear old State is not receiving justice at your hands.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you that our State department of temperance literature is free from indebtedness, and we trust may remain so. It is our endeavor to keep on hand all the publications of the W. T. P. A. and we trust our county superintendents will patronize their own State Headquarters. Of course if a county is buying largely of literature it may be the proper thing for them to purchase direct of W. T. P. A., but otherwise be loyal to your own State.

#### AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

The superintendent reports 13,640 pages of literature distributed among lumber camps and other places. This report is from New Limerick, and it seems Aroostook county must have done more work in this department.

Androscoggin county, no report.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Miss Eliza J. Jordan reports: Cape Elizabeth has distributed 1,580 pages of literature.

New Gloucester has distributed a quantity of suffrage literature. 15 copies of Star and 10 of Union Signal taken. Several copies of other temperance papers for Sunday School are taken.

Newhall reports copies of Voice, Water Lily, The Temperance Banner and other papers taken, and 100 pages of literature distributed in Bible school, 200 of Franchise literature distributed, and a copy of "A Great Mother" bought and being read by its members; 13,600 pages of literature distributed among lumbermen.

Cumberland Mills has distributed literature. Nearly every member takes Union Signal and copies are sent to clergymen; a grand way of preaching the gospel by the laity. North Gorham has distributed leaflets among the various departments.

Brunswick has distributed 500 pages of literature and about 30 papers. Deering Union keeps a wall pocket supplied, also one at Woodfords. Portland—There are more than 60 copies of Union Signal taken and a large number of the Star. A wall pocket at the R. R. station is kept filled and much temperance literature distributed at the jail, and among lumbermen, soldiers and sailors. Annual Bible Readings are taken and used in meetings. Beside books and magazines circulated more than 2000 pages of literature have been distributed. Young Woman has several subscribers.

Franklin and Hancock counties, no report.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Letitia Pope, superintendent, reports 1,317 pages of literature distributed, 135 Union Signals and 32 Acorns taken.

KNOX COUNTY.

Rockland Union has distributed in the schools over 75,000 pages of leaflets, also 1500 leaflets on Narcotics; 500 leaflets on Sabbath Observance have been given away at the churches. Papers sent to the jail and other places. Responsive Readings and Bible Readings used in the Union.

Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties, no report.

SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

Mrs. Harriet N. Jackson, superintendent, reports: Richmond Union keeps wall pockets in post office and R. R. station filled with literature, also a table supplied with temperance literature at the "Keeley Rooms."

Bath: Have distributed 3,560 pages through their W. C. T. U. boxes, and mother's leaflets to mothers.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, superintendent, reports: Pittsfield Union 10 copies of Union Signal and many of the Star taken. Have circulated 1000 pages of literature, and purpose to do more in the future.

Ripley reports: Keep two wall pockets filled and distributed literature among our neighbors. Furnish the L. T. L. with the Quarterly temperance lesson. Three Union Signals and copies of the Portland Herald and Star taken.

Somerset Union: 3 Union Signals, 11 copies of Star, 4 of Young Crusader taken. More than 2000 pages of literature distributed, much of it to the lumbermen. Have purchased a copy of "A Great Mother" which we are reading in our Union.

WALDO COUNTY.

Miss Emily R. Miller, superintendent, reports: 1,810 pages of literature distributed, 1,350 of which were on "Social Purity." Nearly five dollars have been used in purchasing material for this department. Five wall pockets are kept filled, 16 copies of Union Signal and 20 of the Star taken. Magazines, books, and packages of Woman's Journal and Portland Herald placed on vessels.



## YORK COUNTY.

Mrs. Florence Libby, superintendent, reports: Biddeford Union keeps a wall pocket at R. R. station supplied with literature and sends a copy of the Star to each of the clergymen.

Cornish: 25 copies of Star and several of Union Signal taken. Wall pockets at Cornish and East Baldwin R. R. stations are kept filled. Have recently sent a box of literature to Portland for the Loan library. Suffrage literature has been freely distributed. The Union is doing good work in circulating literature in the homes of the aged and sick, also through the mails.

Kennebunk reports: We have sent barrels of literature to the seamen, containing good books with a sprinkling of temperance stories. We would suggest this quantity be increased.

Sanford keeps wall pockets at post office and barber shops filled with temperance and religious literature, also have circulated the same throughout the Sunday School and at the town fair. Six copies of Union Signal and 12 of the Star taken. Eight copies of School Physiology Journal taken and placed in public schools.

South Berwick: 12 copies of Signal taken two of which are placed in barber shops, 4 sent to the pastors, 1 in the reading room of the Academy. This is "sowing beside all waters." Seven Stars taken, 150 Young Crusaders in Sunday School. Have boxes in two R. R. stations. The Union have used the Monthly Bible Readings. The teachers are furnished with literature to help in their work. The Y's of South Berwick have a nucleus for a Loan library, take two Signals, four Young Women and one copy of the Star. West Lebanon: Wall pockets kept well filled. Literature of various kinds scattered freely. More work done than last year. Three Union Signals, six copies of Star taken. This Union has two L. T. L.'s managed by energetic women.

Neither national, state, nor county superintendents can give a satisfactory report when no definite amount of literature has been reported or definite sum of money expended. A little more thought along these lines will make your reports more creditable and satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN J. FERNALD.

## Press Work and Union Signal Report.

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*Madam President and Co-workers:*

Ninety Unions have now taken up the Press department, but what about the other eighty-five? No Union is so small or so remote that it does not need this means of keeping in touch with the work. We have superintendents in every county except Penobscot, but I am sorry to say that only twelve counties have reported, Hancock, Oxford and Lincoln being the delinquents.

As I said last evening, at least 1,300 columns of temperance matter have been published this year in the newspapers of Maine through the efforts of our workers, making the gift to us from the press of our state equivalent to \$13,000, if we allow 100 lines to the column at ten cents a line. This is without doubt the largest gift we have received from any one source. Let us show our appreciation by doing the best work within our power, and especially by promptly filling whatever space is at our disposal. Miss Kimball of Kennebunk has conducted a weekly column in her town paper for fifteen years, and this year the column ran over with good things so often that her work amounted to seventy-five columns. For eight years Mrs. Jennie Dunn of Houlton Union has not failed to have the material for her column in the editor's hands on the appointed day. It is such faithful work as this that makes our cause go marching on.

Aroostook's efficient superintendent, Mrs. Tarbell, sends in the fullest and most definite report.

Somerset leads all other counties in the amount of temperance matter published. (I don't know whether the magic is in the name *Somerset* or in Mrs. Lawrence.) Fairfield superintendent alone has furnished to the Fairfield Journal and other papers published at the same office over 300 columns.

Four Washington county Unions have made efforts for the exclusion of objectionable matter from their papers. As far as I know,

Kennebec is the only county in which space is paid for, except for advertising, money making entertainments, etc. Gardiner keeps a card in its local paper at a cost of ten dollars per year.

I wish to call special attention to the friendliness of the religious press. On returning from Augusta last winter, I sent quite a lengthy article describing the great suffrage demonstration to *Zion's Advocate* (Baptist) and the *Christian Mirror* (Congregational) and both articles were given conspicuous places upon the editorial page. The same papers have for several years published notices and short reports of our State Conventions.

In closing, I will pass along one suggestion of our national superintendent: that each local Union furnish its superintendent with the tools for her work—the *Union Signal*, State paper and *National W. C. T. U. Bulletin*. And I will add the *Woman's Column*. This can be done at a cost of but two dollars, and no money can be more profitably expended; for she will not only feel that her work is appreciated, but will be in honor bound to do her level best. While money is freely put into other departments which require far less time and labor, our hard working newspaper women who reach audiences far larger and more varied than any which listen to our ablest speakers, are too often left to go on year after year with no financial aid.

#### AS REPORTER FOR THE UNION SIGNAL

I have not received nearly enough news from the Unions and department superintendents and have therefore sent but four letters during the year. It is desirable that one should be sent the first of each alternate month. In order that this may be done communications must be received by me about the 25th of November, January, March, May and July, the State Convention furnishing material for that of October.

MARY L. FRENCH.

## Narcotics.

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### *Madam President and Sisters :*

Having been a "shut in" for six months my report is not perhaps as full as at other times. Eight counties have reported. Most Unions have distributed literature. At the last Convention in Cumberland county it was voted that each local Union hold quarterly meetings devoted to the discussion of Narcotics. A good example for all counties. Turner reports one woman giving up the opium habit. Lewiston Union held one meeting with an address by the county superintendent of Narcotics which caused more diligence in personal work.

Many of the Unions in Cumberland county have made strenuous efforts to prevent the use of tobacco by the school children, Portland has done much in this line. The teachers say there are certainly less cigarettes used by the school boys, and some inveterate smokers have apparently left off. This is said to be due to Scientific Temperance Instruction. One Union sends the Gem to families with boys. At Brunswick the High School teacher secured the names of more than 100 boys to the pledge.

In Franklin county the work is chiefly done through Scientific Temperance Instruction in schools, the Juvenile Temple, and L. T. L. Allen's Mills reports readings on Narcotics at the Union meetings. Farmington and Milton have had one teacher each.

Hancock county superintendent has tacked up cigarette laws in public places, and sent them to dealers.

South China, Kennebec Co., reports three men giving up the tobacco habit. China village, 590 pages literature distributed, several copies Gem taken. Hallowell distributed 250 copies of the Gem. Winthrop has used the press and done personal work. Four pastors urged to preach on subject, two complied, another *will*. There is marked improvement here. Spruce Head, Knox county, takes 20 copies Anti-Tobacco Gem, posted law, put literature in wall pockets, had readings on Narcotics in L. T. L. Warren worked in schools with

literature and readings. Rockland distributed 1,500 leaflets in schools. In Norway, Oxford county, one dealer stopped selling cigarettes.

Upper Stillwater, Penobscot county, takes 10 copies of the Gem and has posted laws. Bangor has protested against tobacco advertisements in the school rooms. Dexter took 30 copies of Gem, distributing them in schools and wall pockets. Dexter, Garland, Athens and Harmony had one lecture each.

Waldo county reports much literature distributed. One sermon preached in Belfast, one trader promised to stop selling cigarettes. Another refused to sell tobacco to a boy, saying he kept it "*for foolish men and not for boys.*" The Belfast Union early in the spring gave a reception to the public school teachers and members of the school board. A paper was read on Scientific Temperance and discussed; also a paper on Anti-Cigarette League was read and discussed, and it was decided that a League should be immediately formed, the superintendent of schools offering to assist all in his power. 225 boys in that city, without any urging, signed the pledge and now wear the badge of the Anti-Cigarette League, beside those in the rural districts. All honor to Supt. Evans and the teachers who cordially aided our women in this work.

Your superintendent has done little which is reportable except the giving of six public addresses, and sending out literature, instructions and articles to the Star.

In conclusion, I wish to urge some things: Scatter literature, read up on this question and then give out to others; discuss it in the regular meetings; present it before all conventions and associations and form Anti-Cigarette Leagues wherever cigarettes are found. Let us save the boys. Send to Mr. William P. Frinck, Elizabeth, N. J., for badges.

I. S. WENTWORTH.

## Scientific Temperance Instruction.

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In bringing this my sixth annual report, I can truthfully say, that the efficiency of this department has been doubled during the year. This result is due largely to personal effort on the part of the superintendents (numbering 16 county superintendents and 236 local superintendents.)

School officers have changed indifference for interest, placed text books in the schools, and require more thorough instruction. School officers realize as never before that the temperance instruction law has been placed upon the statute books, and is as binding as the compulsory education, or free text-book law.

During the year I have presented the work at eight teachers' conventions, and usually by invitation of the presiding officer.

There are hundreds of teachers in the state, who realize that an educated intellect will as likely prove a menace as a blessing, unless the character foundations are well laid; and such teachers are glad of an opportunity to teach temperance and purity. Their faithfulness is sure to tell in the lives of future men and women, and in the life of the state and nation.

We are told that in the United States there are half a million inebriates—non-producers—burdens upon relatives and friends; and that fully one hundred thousand of this number are chronic inebriates, grouped with paupers and other dependents, a continual tax upon public institutions.

This crop of inebriates is simply the natural fruit of the American saloon, which is actually given permission by the government to destroy both body and soul of the nation's manhood. The aggregation of so many ruined lives and homes is appalling; but place over against this misery the fact that eighteen million school children, in the United States, are being taught the scientific reasons for total abstinence, and you must believe that the results of this great temperance movement will be better living and better legislation.

I urge you to study the question and to concentrate your forces at

the beginning of the school year. If this can be faithfully done, the efficiency of the work may be doubled in the next few months.

1. Have the specifications of the law understood.
2. Lend the text-books and literature.
3. Visit school officers.
4. Visit schools. The schools are yours ; and the children are yours.
5. Secure a place for this topic on the programme of teachers' meetings.
6. Pass resolutions against any person being employed as teacher who uses alcoholic drinks or tobacco.

Yours sincerely,

(MRS.) G. F. FRENCH,  
*State Superintendent.*

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## **Proportionate and Systematic Giving.**

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In attempting to bring before you a brief review of our work, we realize with regret that owing to the partial and indefinite nature of the reports which in many instances have been received, we are able to present only an imperfect record of what has really been accomplished in this department. Yet from the statements we have in hand we are able to gather much that is very encouraging in regard to the progress of the work. In many counties there is a good and growing interest in Christian giving, and the numbers who practice it are constantly increasing.

Department literature has been liberally distributed in Unions, at county conventions and public gatherings; meetings have been held in the interest of this movement and ministers have been asked and encouraged to present the subject of Scriptural giving to their congregations.

In Aroostook county—our banner county in this good cause—the Union at Limestone reports nearly all their members practice tithing. Two not connected with the Union have adopted it and something pertaining to the subject is read every month. In Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland and Kennebec counties the same

active and efficient superintendents who accepted the care of this department when first introduced into our State Union still have the work in charge. Under their wise leadership much good is being done. The results of their efforts we cannot estimate.

Miss Niles of Franklin county renders no report. But letters received from the superintendent recently appointed in Rangely Union express much earnestness of purpose. Hancock and Somerset counties are at present without superintendents. We have been assured that others would be chosen. Knox county as yet is unorganized. The president kindly writes they are interested in the cause and as soon as a superintendent can be obtained the department will be adopted. From Oxford and Sagadahoc counties no report has been received. Penobscot county—Mrs. Eliza J. Dunning recently made superintendent expresses much regret that more interest is not manifested. Her earnest desire to stir up and interest the members of her Unions we feel sure will lead her into successful effort. The willing-hearted God will help. She reports, a number practice proportionate giving.

Piscataquis—Mrs. A. M. L. Bennett chosen superintendent a year ago. Her work is still new, but she is wisely preparing the ground and sowing good seed by distribution of "Layman's" free literature, the best with which to begin our work. She brings the subject before their weekly prayer meeting and bible-study held by the sisters; she intends to have a bible reading on the theme; has given leaflets to her minister and received his promise to preach a sermon on the subject of giving. This superintendent also writes: "As soon as all understand the system it will be more fully taken up. God is in it, it is a requirement from Him, and He will bless and prosper the cause." Washington county—Mrs. Amelia B. Woodworth, superintendent, reports literature has been distributed; as yet little other work has been done.

Owing to resignation of superintendent in York county, no official report has been made. We are aware that a good interest exists in several Unions and a number practice tenth-giving. It is interesting to learn that one of the tenth-givers in South Berwick Union was led into this practice through reading the touching story of "Mrs. Pickett's Missionary Box," which fell into her hands as she



was returning from Convention last autumn. She determined to act at once upon the convictions it awakened. On reaching home a neat and convenient box was immediately secured into which she deposited regularly a stated portion of her income, thus "laying by in store," money to be sacredly kept and dispensed for religious and benevolent ends.

In regard to the general movement which is broadening with each successive year, six organizations of women have taken up the work since our last report, making now in all fifteen woman's organizations who are officially promoting proportionate and systematic giving. Among the members of the Society of Christian Endeavor there is a wide-spread interest in scriptural giving. Wherever their members and ours are working together on this line, they are mutually helpful; each strengthens the work of the other and the outlook is very encouraging.

To many of our county superintendents our kindest thanks are due for their ready co-operation, their prompt responses to the call for reports and for their letters full of interest, expressing their desire to do all on their part. Again we would earnestly call the attention of our local Unions to the interests of this department, which is now supplied with a good variety of literature and helps, and if well and permanently officered the work could be carried on with ease and great success.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Thus He would teach us the great truth we are so slow to learn that the end and aim of christian life is not keeping, but giving. That the true condition of life and growth in the kingdom of grace, as well as in that of nature, is giving out as we receive; getting in order that we may give; getting because we give, and the more we give the more receptive we become.

"For the heart grows rich in giving,  
All its wealth is living grain,  
Seeds that mildew in the garner,  
Scattered, fill with gold the plain."

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA M. HUSSEY,

*State Supt. Dept. Proportionate and Systematic Giving.*

## **Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.**

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Owing to the illness of the superintendent and absence from home, her report must be very imperfect. Some of the counties have not sent reports, and others known to have been sent, have not been received.

Androscoggin: Auburn Union holds meetings in the jail every Sunday. A gospel temperance meeting is held on the last Sunday of each month. The work the past year has shown greater results than any previous year.

Cumberland: Meetings have been held regularly at the jail by members of the Portland Union, which have been a blessing to the prisoners. Books and papers have been distributed.

Kennebec: Augusta Union holds services in the jail once a month. Four conversions are reported besides many who have expressed desires to lead better lives; 115 have signed the temperance pledge, several of them being saloon keepers. The Unions at Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner and Winthrop visit the almshouses with books, papers, and magazines. On Flower Mission day, the inmates are remembered with flowers, and at Christmas with gifts.

Knox: Religious services are held with the women at the State Prison each Sunday by a committee from the Thomaston Union. Flower Mission Sunday a bouquet was given to each prisoner, and a sermon was preached by Mrs. E. L. McLaughlin of Boston.

The services in the Knox county jail are under the charge of the Rockland Union, assisted by the Y. M. C. A. and the Salvation Army. The jail is frequently visited by the superintendent, and books and papers supplied.

Waldo: Flower Mission day, books, papers and flowers were taken to the jail by the Belfast Union, who hold services there during the winter.

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLOTTE O. CHASE,  
*State Superintendent.*

## Securing Homes For Homeless Children.

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The object of the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children is, first: To extend a helping hand to every needy child in the state; second, to secure when possible a home in a private family for every homeless child. So far as I know, it is the only child-saving organization in Maine which does not maintain, or is not seeking to found an institution of some sort, our aim being the development in the State of Maine of the "family plan" of caring for dependent children, which means the substitution of home life for institutional life so far as it is possible. We do not compete, but co-operate with existing institutions, and we seek to reach the child who does not come within the scope of any institution by providing as many boarding homes to be used as training homes as our funds will admit.

During the year ending September 25, 1895, private homes have been secured for thirty children. All these homes will become permanent, if the children prove satisfactory. Of twenty-six children placed in private homes during the year ending September 25, 1894, one came back and was this year placed in another home in which he is doing well. Of the children placed out in the year ending September 1893, three have come back. One was placed in another home, and is now the pet of the family; the other two are still in need of homes. I mention these facts to show that there will always be a small percentage of children returned for replacement, and the department should hold itself in readiness to receive such. It would be a superhuman wisdom that could always select the right child for the right place, and the elasticity of the placing out system, which gives to the child more than one opportunity of finding a happy and congenial home, is one of its advantages.

Five children have been cared for temporarily in private homes during the year; one of the five has had most careful training for nearly a year, and is now ready and waiting for a permanent home. Another will be cared for without expense to the society until the

right permanent home shall open. Still another, a boy diseased physically and morally, was carefully tended for months by a member of the Union.

Eleven children have been boarded by the department during the year. This does not include the children who have been boarded for a few days while transfers are being made, but children who have been cared for for months while waiting for homes. At present the department is boarding and clothing three children entirely, and paying in part the board of three others. Of the children who have passed through the hands of the state superintendent during the year, twenty-three have needed to be clothed, either wholly or partially.

Five children have been sent to the Industrial School. These cases were carefully investigated by local superintendents, and it was deemed wiser to send these particular children to the Industrial School than to private homes.

One child has been placed in the Portland Orphan Asylum and two sent to the Temporary Home of Portland. Our Union sent a sick child to the Maine General Hospital. Three other children have been helped in special ways. Fifty-three children have been directly benefitted during the year by this department of work. In addition to this, the Unions all over the state have done much in the way of clothing and feeding needy children in their own neighborhood. Much good work has been done that cannot be recorded here. 895 letters have been received, and 1205 written by the state superintendent; 500 letters have been written by an assistant, making a total of 1705 letters sent out by this department during the year.

One cannot give the larger part of one's time to a work of this kind without learning something from experience. The minor lessons I will pass over for want of time. The great lesson to me has been this: There will always be a demand, limited to be sure, for the bright, attractive child of good parentage. But how about the other child, the one whom you and I most often come across in this work, the child feeble in body, sometimes in intellect, the unattractive child of unclean habits? he is here, and if we do not do some-

thing for him he will make trouble for us by and by, and if we neglect him it may be that his blood will be required at our hands in the future. I believe that it is this other child who is the real problem in the child saving work.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union Department of Securing Homes is bound by no fixed rules, it is working along advanced lines, and I trust that more and more in the future it will seek out after this other child, the one whom all other organizations reject.

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The Lewiston Union has given one thousand dollars to the Central Maine General Hospital, which gives them two rooms in the hospital that should be named for the Lewiston Union. The rooms are for sick and crippled children, and will be permanent. This will make a provision for sick and crippled children that we have very much felt the need of in this locality.

The financial statement follows.

HARRIET A. LEAVITT,  
*State Superintendent.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

W. C. T. U. DEPT. OF SECURING HOMES,

IN ACCT. WITH HARRIET A. LEAVITT, SEPT. 25, '94 TO SEPT. 25, '95

To Traveling expenses,	\$ 48 30
" Postage,	51 89
" Board of children,	434 91
" Clothing for children,	76 05
" Telegrams,	75
" Christmas gifts to children,	3 25
" Office supplies,	13 27
" Printing,	31 75
" Assistance,	59 30
" Physician for child,	1 00
" Expressage,	1 30
" Literature,	2 50
" Stenographer,	3 80
" Balance on hand,	344 27

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Oct. 18.	By Cash rec'd of Brooklyn Ys,	\$ 5 00
Nov. 5.	" " " New Gloucester W. C. T. U.,	5 00
Dec. 20.	" " " Sanford W. C. T. U.,	10 00
26.	" " " Deering W. C. T. U.,	5 00
30.	" " " Portland Ys,	1 02
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Jan. 7.	" " " Groveville Ys,	1 00
12.	" " " Dexter W. C. T. U.,	5 00
14.	" " " Presque Isle W. C. T. U.,	5 00
Apr. 3.	" " " Springvale W. C. T. U.,	5 00
Mch. 12.	" " " St. Albans W. C. T. U.,	3 32
May 1.	" " " East Winthrop L. T. L.,	5 00
6.	" " " Oxford L. T. L.,	5 00
Sept. 20.	" " " Spruce Head W. C. T. U.,	1 00
	" Gifts from individuals,	289 30
	" Rec'd from parents and friends for board of children,	186 00
	" Auburn W. C. T. U. for board of child,	31 50
	" Collections,	4 20
	" Free Street Baptist S. S., Portland,	5 00
	" Granted by State,	500 00

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## Work Among Railroad Employees.

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### *Madam President and Ladies of the Convention:*

In looking over my material from which to make my report, I have been led to exclaim: "Do the results pay for the labor expended!" But when we realize the vital importance of the work, we thank God and take courage. For "greater is he that is for us, than he that is against us."

From sixteen counties only seven have reported. Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Sagadahoc send no report, although repeatedly urged to take up the work.

Androscoggin superintendent, Mrs. Mary G. Prince, of Mechanic Falls, has done faithful work, both as county and local superintendent. During the last few months Mrs. Prince has been very ill, consequently she was unable to send an accurate report of the year's work.

Aroostook county superintendent reports: "This work is carried on in part of the Unions in the county, where the C. P. R. R. runs. This is done by literature being placed in boxes in stations and in putting on trains occasionally. After being appointed county superintendent I asked permission of the general manager of the B. & A. R. R. to place boxes in depots, for literature, but was refused. I wrote to Unions where the B. & A. runs, and superintendents were appointed, but no work could be done as we had been refused at headquarters. But the C. P. has always been very kind in this respect and granted every request. I have used much literature on trains by handing to passengers, and *many, many* papers both religious and temperance. Tracts have been placed in the depots on the C. P. R. R., and trust some good has been done."

Miss Estelle Brainard, Kennebec county superintendent, reports: "The importance of the work, and the necessity of a superintendent thereof, has been urged upon each and every Union. Some of them more than once. The county superintendent has written 25 letters

and cards; also sent plan of work to all. Good work done in Gardiner by a superintendent since resigned. Winthrop has no woman for the place, but Mrs. Bailey thinks she may be able to do some parts required. All Unions, while recognizing the importance of the department, affirm that they have more work than workers."

Somerset county superintendent is hopeful for the future, although she does not report much work accomplished as yet.

Waldo county, Mrs. Addie McIntyre, superintendent, sends report of literature scattered.

Washington county, Mrs. G. M. Condell, superintendent, no report.

Mrs. M. A. Snow, superintendent of York county, writes: "Cornish Union during the past year, has had boxes made and placed in two stations."

Now let me urge that each county appoint a superintendent for this very important department of work. I believe that wall pockets are the means of doing great good and I hope ere long to see them in every place where men congregate. But keep the boxes filled. An empty box is harmful.

In submitting this report, I feel how imperfect has been the work; yet my heart looks up with faith, that "He who careth for the sparrow," will bless even the little done to His glory.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN THOMAS,

*State Supt. Work Among Railroad Employees.*



## Work Among Lumbermen and Quarrymen.

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*Madam President and Dear Co-Workers:*

I am glad to report that three more counties have taken up this work. Those already organized are doing better work and the results are very gratifying. Local Unions are beginning to find work even if there are no camps near. There are always boarding houses and barber shops; then too there are counties where the demand for reading matter is very great. They can help supply these. This year I desire that each county superintendent correspond with the lumber operators in this county asking for the addresses of camps which they intend to establish during the winter. This will insure every camp getting attention. We look forward to the time when we can put a missionary in the field so that every camp may be visited and we be informed as to the needs of each particular camp. No one can estimate the good that might be done in this way. The opportunity is so great, the means so small. Many grateful words have come from some of the camps. Comfort bags and letters make a direct appeal to the men. Let me urge that each one of you put forth yet greater effort this coming winter. Let isolated families, mill boarding houses, barber shops and depots be constantly supplied with the best temperance reading. Write on everything compliments of W. C. T. U. Let me again urge that county superintendents send in their reports more promptly.

### REPORTS BY COUNTIES.

Somerset county, Mrs. Flora A. Clarke, North New Portland: Only three Unions reported work done. Shawmut, 394 pages literature, one volume Youth's Companion, two copies Titus, one copy of "Tale of the Christ." North Anson, supplied three lumber camps. North New Portland, 700 pages of literature, sixteen books and magazines.

Sagadahoc county, Mrs. Harriet N. Jackson, Bath: Sent a large box filled with papers and a number of comfort bags.

Aroostook county, Mrs. Sophia S. Howe, Ashland: Wrote to all the Unions in the fall and spring. Only four reported. Danforth, 1000 pages distributed. Haynesville, 1,160 pages distributed. Amity, sent large amount to camps. Ashland, 3,284 papers sent to

camps, bought \$3 worth of W. T. P. A. literature and sent to the Unions. Much work was done that is not reported. Rev. Mr. Parker, a S. S. missionary, assisted the county superintendent by supplying eight camps.

Washington county, Mrs. G. H. Condell, Calais: Only one quarry, the Red Beach, worked by citizens of Red Beach, eight miles below Calais. All have good homes and pleasant surroundings. Heard from many comfort bags. A testament was put in each bag. A strong plea comes from a camp missionary. Calais, sent to camps 1,316 papers, 44 leaflets, 422 magazines, 79 books, 13 comfort bags each containing needles, thread, buttons, thimble, yarn, cloth for patching, paper, envelopes, pen, pencil, leaflet, books and testament. Sent to families of lumbermen, 52 Youth's Companions, 12 Happy Hours, 36 numbers of Oliver Optic magazine. Princeton, 88 papers, 41 leaflets, six magazines, wall pockets kept full and several families supplied with reading. Leaflets and tracts distributed in gospel temperance meetings. Jonesport, 500 papers and magazines sent to islands and other places where they were gladly received. East Machias, have distributed reading to families out of town and to young people in town who were in need of good reading.

Cumberland county, Mrs. S. B. McClellan, South Windham: Cape Elizabeth, sent 1080 pages of temperance and religious literature to camps. Cumberland Mills, distributed to camps 3,838 pages. North Gorham, sent package of papers and 11 comfort bags to Mrs. Rogers of Greenville, did some local work. Portland, supplied two camps weekly. South Brighton, supplied two camps weekly. South Windham, 7000 pages of literature, a hymn book and testament sent to camps. Stroudwater, box of literature sent to Mrs. Rogers of Greenville. Westbrook Y's, large box sent to Mrs. Rogers of Greenville; a depot wall pocket supplied. White Rock, kept a box at White Rock depot supplied. Woodford, 1000 pages sent to camps. Newhall, one camp supplied weekly. Newhall Station, wall pocket supplied constantly with fresh reading; two families supplied weekly during the year with the Voice and Herald, leaflets and children's paper also added; one box of 150 lbs. sent to Mrs. Rogers of Greenville. Peaks Island, sent to soldiers and sailors.

York county, Mrs. M. A. Snow, Cornish: No lumber camps or quarries in the county, so have sent literature to other counties for distribution.

Kennebec county: Has no superintendent, but the Y.'s of Augusta have done work in this line.

Franklin county, Mrs. Louisa Bass, Wilton: Eustis and Stratton have sent many thousand pages of literature and many journals and magazines to camps.

Penobscot county, Mrs. N. E. Perkins, Bangor: This superintendent was appointed only a few weeks ago, so I can report only what I personally know, Orono, kept 3 depot wall pockets and two barber shops supplied; supplied six camps and sent much literature away to other counties. Stillwater, supplied mill boarding house and barber shop and sent papers to camps. Bangor Union and Crusade send many thousands of papers and books to camps. Kenduskeag, does good work, and many other Unions, and I regret we have not a report from them all.

Waldo county, Mrs. Eliza Hunnewell, Belfast: Is too feeble to do further work.

Piscataquis county, Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Greenville: County superintendent received a large box of reading matter from Kittery, two boxes from Newhall and Windham Union, 1 doz. comfort bags from Mrs. Grant's S. S. class at So. Windham; also assorted books sent from Worcester, Mass., with a few bags; these were all carefully distributed by Mrs. Rogers. Dover and Foxcroft Unions distributed a good many pages near home and among foreigners. Atkinson, Sebec, Milo and Guilford all attended to this work. All have kept barber shops and depot wall pockets supplied, also sick and isolated people. The men send words of thanks and are greatly obliged for the bags and papers. A missionary would be most desirable.

I want to thank all who so generously helped to promote the work, and the county superintendents who so promptly reported their work. Let each one try to enthuse her local superintendent to greater efforts than ever before. It is impossible to estimate the good done by the distribution of so large an amount of good literature.

Respectfully submitted,

ADDIE LILLIAN HARVEY.

## Sabbath Observance.

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### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :*

In presenting my report I am glad to be able to say there has been a marked gain on most of the lines of work in this department. Ten years ago, campmeetings with gate fees and sales attached, were common, now almost unknown. This was the first evil combatted. When we first assailed the Sunday newspaper, nearly every one, ministers included said, "Let it alone it has come to stay ; use it, not abuse it." Now the christian press and pulpit are against it. We believe it will ere long be banished from every christian home.

Only twelve counties have been heard from, but most of these have done nobly. Out of 13 new Unions written to by your superintendent 11 have taken up this department of work. We have now 91 superintendents, a gain of 25 over last year. 80,532 pages of literature have been distributed, 105 sermons preached, 53 public meetings and 24 prayer meetings held, 262 signatures secured to the Sabbath Pledge and 120 to the petition for a Sunday Rest Law ; 13 manuals distributed, 41 Sabbath Schools and L. T. L.'s use the Responsive Readings and are otherwise taught the fourth commandment, 120 copies of the Sunday Law have been posted in public places.

Over 40,000 people have signed our Sabbath Observance pledge against Sunday travel and excursions, the Sunday newspaper, Sunday purchases, unnecessary labor, use of postoffices, and in favor of proper legislation. We are pioneers in the systematic effort to educate and raise the national public sentiment by means of leaflets, and today publish and circulate more than any other organization, and without a dollar of capital. We have sent out nine million pages of literature.

We have 1,500 superintendents who, with all White Ribboners, are rapidly moulding sentiment. Thousands of sermons yearly are given at our request and many Sunday Schools give special instruction. Our fundamental work of education has been pushed nearly

as much by petition as leaflets. In the year 1888 we presented a petition to Congress for a Sunday Rest Law representing ten millions of people. It accomplished far more than we had dared hope, for it brought the reform into the forefront of public interest, from which it has never since dropped.

We were first to point out the danger of an open World's Fair, and while we mourn that through an accidental decision the moral effect of closed gates was discounted, yet the nation had said the day should be honored, and all people had had a great arrest of thought.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. A. ROLLINS.

## Purity.

"Get down into the lives of those you are seeking to uplift, and have faith in God."

JENNIE CASSEDY.

As the work of the W. C. T. U. broadens, the importance of the Purity department increases, but our work cannot be judged by reports, so long as superintendents are so neglectful of reporting their year's work. Out of the sixteen counties only five have sent any report; this of necessity makes the report seem very meagre. Only our Heavenly Father can know all prayerful efforts made along our four lines of work, viz. : Educational, Legislative, Evangelistic, and Preventive. Let us remember it is ours to sow carefully and prayerfully, as opportunity opens up to us, knowing that God *will* give the increase.

Androscoggin : Mrs. Maria M. Swett, superintendent of Purity for Auburn Union writes : "I have made 2,100 calls, distributed 1,250 articles of clothing, found employment for fifty women and girls, written 200 letters, broken up five places of questionable repute, and given away over 4,000 volumes of reading matter at the jail and elsewhere; visited the jail often, visited the sick, attended five funerals, and two weddings brought about through the W. C. T. U., and looked after truant pupils, etc."

Aroostook county, Mrs. L. A. Smart, reports increased interest the past year, fifteen Unions reporting work done. "Mothers' Meetings" are becoming very popular in the Unions and are found helpful and instructive. Sermons have been preached on Purity. Special effort has been made at Houlton to interest young mothers in this work.

Kennebec county, Mrs. Abbie S. Jenkins, superintendent, reports : Six hundred and fifty pages of literature distributed, and three hundred and fifty copies of our State law relating to this subject have been posted in public places and otherwise distributed ; an attempt was made to suppress the publication of vile advertisements. Let other superintendents follow this example.

Oxford county, Mrs. I. M. Swett, reports that she has written thirty-five letters, one hundred and fifty pages of literature sent out. An effort made to induce Unions to subscribe for the "Mother's Friend" One Union reports department literature read at all regular meetings of the W. C. T. U. and three hundred pages distributed. Another Union has \$1 worth where they feel sure it will do much good. Andover, a new Union has done grand work ; four hundred pages of Purity literature sent out, fifty pledge cards signed, sermons preached.

Waldo county, through their new superintendent, Mrs. Mary C. Staples, reports their best work done through Educational lines, and of course under this head may be included Preventive. Eleven hundred pages of literature distributed, forty-five Union Signals sent out ; sixteen pledges taken in the Sabbath School. The new leaflets by the national superintendent have been widely circulated.

Washington county, through their efficient superintendent, Mrs. William Hobert, writes that work has been done in nearly all the Unions of that county. Calais has sent one girl to the "Rescue Home." All have circulated literature, visited school committee, asked for better sanitary laws and obtained them. Millbridge and Cherryfield keep Purity prominent in their Unions. Jonesport Y's in every way possible are trying to raise the morals of that community.

I am only able to report five counties out of the sixteen, as none of the others have reported. I speak of this the *second* time to emphasize the importance of superintendents sending in their reports.

If it be true that a "Nation rises no higher than its mothers" then we must be pure in thought, word and deed and teach others so to live; this I believe our white ribbon sisters are doing world wide, and they are a power *known* and *felt* wherever a Union exists. The fields widen before our eyes and the work demands more faithful laborers. The story of the year is *ended*; whatever is done, *is done*, whatever is left undone *must forever remain so*. Let each White Ribboner as they enter upon the duties of another year commence with a deeper consecration, forgetting self as never before, having more faith in God and His promises. Strive every day to get nearer to His great heart of love, and thus you will be enabled to love others as Christ hath loved you.

"Not myself, but the truth I have spoken,  
Not myself, but the seed that I have sown  
Shall pass on to the ages—  
All about me forgotten,  
Save the truth I have spoken,  
The things I have done."

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. WRIGHT.

## **Purity in Literature and Art.**

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Owing to the serious ill health of the superintendent she has been unable to prepare her usual report.

Aroostook superintendent has sent out 3,938 pages of literature bearing on this subject, has sent copies of State law to be posted, has invited pastors to preach on the subject, and has urged on the Unions the necessity of appointing superintendents.

Fort Fairfield has distributed 1000 pages of literature, had two sermons, and posted the State law. Houlton and New Limerick have circulated literature and posted the law.

Knox: The superintendent is constantly laboring along this special line of work, and urging the Unions to engage in it.

Waldo: Belfast, the county superintendent has sent copies of the law to the mayor, to one of the pastors and to the jail. She has distributed much literature, and caused some impure literature to be removed from a store. They are alive in this matter, and mean to make ceaseless war on those who break the law.

Washington: Calais has earnest women in the work who have accomplished much. Machias uses its influence for good through the daily paper. Pembroke circulates large quantities of reading matter of which a large part goes to the sailors.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA L. PAGE.



## Evangelistic Work.

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### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :*

Not having heard from Androscoggin county, I think it must have been by some mistake, as I know its superintendent to be a minister of Christ's gospel and an efficient worker whose voice rings sweet and clear for Christ without a question of His call to her.

Aroostook county Supt. reports a large number of local superintendents fully alive spiritually. The large Union to which she belongs follows out the "do everything" policy, having for its motto "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do." Its members are pledged to sustain prayer meetings, to fill vacancies in Sabbath Schools, to visit and care for the sick, house to house meetings, especially in the homes of those who are not White Ribboners ; in this way prayer meetings with bible readings are held in many prayerless homes ; over burdened mothers are helped in family sewing and knitting, one hour in the day being taken for reading God's word and prayer. Bible readings are given in the Union and religious reading as well as temperance, is kept in the literature box at railway station ; a personal letter is written and placed in every package of literature sent into lumber camps. This work is all under the care of the Evangelistic superintendent. Dear sisters, let us ever remember that the secret of courage and successful work lies in the spirituality of our women. The Unions that faithfully and heartily sustain devotional services, giving them a prominent part in every meeting, are the Unions that are doing the most in all the lines of our work.

Cumberland county has met with a loss in the removal of its superintendent to another state, so that your superintendent can only report personal work within her knowledge. Meetings have been held in many localities ; in one church there are many temperance sermons preached in which the call of Christ to His church in our day—to sound the alarm against the sins which are so displeasing to God, and which are sapping the very foundations of our national life, so

that were our history written by the pen of inspiration it would only be a repetition of what is written in His word of the nations that forget God—is faithfully declared. At our last county convention, Miss Hattie J. Loring was appointed superintendent of this county.

Hancock county reports gospel meetings held in different places and the crusade fires kept brightly burning.

Kennebec county reports all its business meetings opened with devotional services, many observe the noontide hour of prayer; responsive readings in one Union, gospel temperance meetings every Sabbath in two Unions, temperance lessons used and temperance sermons preached, ministers refer to temperance in their sermons, two lectures by Miss Kimball, seven thousand pages of literature distributed, a growing interest in the department in all its Unions.

Knox county reports that the Unions are working on the following lines, viz.: distribution of literature, jail and prison work, Sunday afternoon gospel temperance meetings, bible readings, and sermons preached on Sabbath Observance by request of superintendent of that department.

Lincoln county has a new superintendent, appointed in June, who shows earnest interest and has already inaugurated systematic alms-house work, praying and carrying flowers, singing and offering Christ and His friendship to those who feel friendless and forsaken.

Not hearing from Piscataquis county I wrote to know the "why," and found its superintendent had passed on, and we shall have her dear name mentioned in the memorial service and close up the ranks and press on, realizing ever that to each of us "time is short." Another devoted woman has been appointed to fill her place.

Waldo county through its superintendent reports: "Enclosed find work done in my department last year in this county. Here in the city and surrounding towns: Meetings held, 269; organized three young peoples societies; converts, 122; tracts given, 300; calls by myself, 42."

Washington county reports: Lectures by pastors of churches, co-operation with them in revival work, meetings in halls and churches, united churches taking part in the work with our sisters. Truly when the mother is represented in the ministry of the word as well as the father, there will be found fewer empty pews, and more souls

will be won where "there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus, only a new creature."

York county reports: No county does more missionary work, holds as many cottage meetings, corresponds with as many prisoners, has more genuine converts, than York county. May her work continue to abound.

Your superintendent has received a communication from Mrs. J. F. Willing, superintendent of world's department of Evangelistic Institutes and Training. She incloses a course of study which is not arbitrary, but adapted to the needs of Evangelists, and asks us to take up the work of training schools for W. C. T. U. Evangelists, holding some conferences and institutes in the state. To your superintendent it seems to meet a felt want and she receives the suggestion as an answer to prayer for greater efficiency and system in methods of work, and I trust it will receive the hearty co-operation of this Convention.

[The Convention voted to endorse Mrs. Jennie F. Willing's plan for a training school for evangelistic workers, and to recommend Mrs. Lucy A. Snow to co-operate with her so far as she is able to do so.]

Dear sisters, let us put more of the cross of Calvary, which means always self sacrifice, into our work the coming year; remembering "we were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold," and that if we are His we are ordained of the Holy Ghost to "bring forth much fruit."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW,

*State Supt. Evangelistic Work.*

## Flower Mission Work.

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### *Madam President and Members of the Convention:*

Another year has passed and we hope that the work in the Flower Mission has been on the increase. But this is hard to tell when so many county superintendents fail to report. Following is the summary of the work reported by the nine counties:

Androscoggin county, no report.

Aroostook county reports 383 bouquets with text cards attached distributed. The jail and almshouse have been visited and a religious service has been held once every month. 169 sick persons have been visited and helped. One person has been brought to Christ. In one Union \$24.19 was raised for food and clothing for the poor and sick.

Cumberland county: In the ten Flower Missions, work has been carried on very successfully. 19 public institutions have been visited, bouquets and fruit distributed. Outside of the Portland Union 256 bouquets have been given, 46 families have been visited and helped financially, 11 persons have signed the pledge. Deering Union contributed \$14 to help a poor girl. 1500 bouquets have been distributed by the Portland Union, potted plants and a large amount of fruit given to the poor and sick. In many cases literature has been added.

Franklin county observed Flower Mission Day by visiting the poor and sick and distributing bouquets with text cards attached.

Hancock county, no report.

Kennebec county: The six Flower Missions have carried on this work successfully, carrying bouquets with text cards attached to the poor and the sick. The jail and almshouse have been visited and religious services held. Many poor families have been helped.

Knox county: Warren Union has furnished 50 bouquets for the sick, 20 bouquets for the prison, fruit and literature have been distributed. Rockland Union sent bouquets to the prison, also bouquets, fruit and delicacies to the sick. The Union at Union sent 40 bouquets to the prison Flower Mission Day. Spruce Head Union

furnished 90 bouquets for the chapel, sent cake, fruit and jelly to the sick. Camden sent 20 bouquets to the prison and six bouquets to the sick. The Unions at Vinalhaven and Friendship have sent flowers to the prison. Thomaston Union furnished flowers for the prison; literature and dainties have been distributed; services have also been held each Sunday at the prison for the women there by members of the Union.

Lincoln and Oxford counties, no report.

Penobscot county: Charleston Union reports 100 bouquets sent to the sick, also fruit and necessary things added. Orono Union sent flowers to the sick and helped the poor.

Piscataquis, Sagadahoc and Somerset counties, no report.

Waldo county: Belfast W. C. T. U. members held services in the jail; 20 bouquets with text cards attached were distributed; the almshouse was visited and bouquets left; flowers have been furnished for funerals. Searsmont Union has distributed 22 bouquets; on Memorial Day furnished flowers for the soldiers' graves, also furnished flowers for the church from May until December. Waldo Union has given 35 bouquets with text cards attached to the sick, also furnished flowers for afflicted ones.

Washington county: Calais Union reports Flower Mission Day observed by visiting the almshouse and all the sick, carrying bouquets tied with white ribbon with text cards attached. Cherryfield Union by visiting the sick and distributing bouquets. Pembroke Union by having services in the church; all through the summer "shut-ins" and sick ones have been visited and bouquets with text cards attached, distributed. Princeton Union has supplied all the sick with flowers. Machias Union reports visiting the jail and carrying flowers to the poor and sick. Jonesport Union, June 9th, 29 bouquets were sent to the sick; since then 35 bouquets have been distributed, also several funeral pieces furnished. Harrington Union, the Loyal Legion observed Flower Mission Day by visiting the sick with flowers; also a floral piece has been furnished for every funeral. Millbridge Union reports that at Christmas time 70 books and 70 bags of candy were given to the poor children; also over 100 garments and several pairs of shoes given to the needy. Soups, jellies and food have been furnished the poor and suffering.

York county: Seven Unions have reported giving flowers to the sick. One or two Unions have held services at public institutions. Cornish superintendent gave out 150 bouquets. South Berwick gave out 100 bouquets.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH E. LIBBY.

## State and County Fairs.

### *Madam President, Sisters and Friends of the Convention:*

I herewith submit the following partial report of work done and results as far as known. I say partial, knowing full well that much has been done which has not been officially reported. To avoid repetition, I will say here that nearly every superintendent has reported plenty of ice water furnished—in most cases this can be done by calling the attention of the trustees to the matter. At the State Fair “Poland Spring” water was furnished by Messrs. Ricker Bros.

Androscoggin county, embracing as it does the State Fair, affords ample opportunity for doing a grand work, and right well do the White Ribboners of this county improve this opportunity. The county superintendent, Mrs. French, reports: The Auburn Union’s headquarters were made attractive and were a popular resort for the weary ones. The restaurant was well patronized, the result being funds for doing more charitable work than formerly. Literature freely distributed. Mechanic Falls furnishing a portion. Livermore Falls Union distributed about \$3.50 worth of literature on their fair grounds; also literature distributed at Durham and Greene.

Aroostook county, through the enthusiasm and perseverance of their recently appointed superintendent, Mrs. Forbes, did good work

on the fair ground at Presque Isle. At the headquarters 170 varieties of temperance literature were on exhibition. Pictures of Mrs. Hayes, Miss Willard, Mrs. Nichols and the Temple adorned the walls, and photographs of other workers shown; from a table conspicuously placed, literature was freely distributed.

Cumberland county, Mrs. Webb, reports more and better work done this year than every before. Thirteen Unions helping. Their county tent was erected four days at Gorham, two at Windham; 7,000 papers and leaflets were distributed, lunches served. They propose enlarging the tent this year to accommodate their increasing patronage.

Franklin county, Mrs. Reynolds, superintendent, reports increased interest in the work. On the county fair ground at Farmington they used their influence aided by the trustees and the strong arm of the law to prevent the sale of intoxicants, and gambling. Several hundred pages of literature distributed. Elaborate preparations are being made for temperance work at the fair this year.

Kennebec county in its newly appointed superintendent, Mrs. Leslie, has an enthusiastic and able worker. She writes that Unions have promised to do temperance work on their fair grounds this fall, so we hope for an encouraging report another year.

Knox county, Mrs. Robbins, local superintendent at Union, says, their fair being held at or nearly the same time as our State Convention, they were unable to find workers. On the fair ground at Washington literature was distributed.

Oxford county, Mrs. Holden, superintendent, reports literature distributed at county fairs, Norway Union furnishing about 3000 pages; Bethel Union also distributed a large number of pages.

Penobscot county, Mrs. Whitman, superintendent, reports no work done at the Eastern State Fair. The work will be taken up on the Springfield and Orrington fair grounds this year. The Dexter Union as in former years distributed literature at the Exeter fair ground, also at the Grange fair in their town.

Piscataquis county: On the fair ground at Dover and Foxcroft there were distributed about 500 pages of beer, cider and tobacco leaflets. Space was furnished at the hall for our literature and 100 copies of the Star, several copies of the Union Signal and Woman's

Column were taken by visitors. On the fair grounds at Monson and Parkman literature was distributed.

Sagadahoc county, Miss Carey, superintendent, says, the committee of ladies from the Bath Union was cordially welcomed at the county fair at Topsham. She reports pleasing and interesting incidents connected with the work. Although the rain fell nearly all day, their ardor was not dampened, and 1,205 pages of literature, 100 copies of Union Signal, 100 copies of Young Crusader were distributed.

Somerset county: I learned through their corresponding secretary that no county superintendent had been appointed, but have learned with pleasure since that good work was done on the fair grounds at Madison. Literature was freely distributed and very wisely they exercised one of their greatest privileges by making sure that the law was fully enforced.

Washington county: Mrs. Frost writes of work done on the fair ground at Pembroke. Special efforts made to enforce the law. Refreshments were sold and about 500 pages of literature distributed.

Hancock, Lincoln, Waldo and York not heard from.

Amount of literature distributed on our fair grounds last year as nearly as could be obtained is: In leaflet form 10,500; miscellaneous pages, 6,500; Union Signals, 260; Star in the East, 200; Young Crusader, 200; Booklets, 100. \$6.50 was expended by two Unions for literature, amount not given.

And now a word of encouragement for those who love good order and clean fairs, for Secretary McKeen with the power which he possesses has come to the rescue, and we believe as soon as it becomes thoroughly known that these things will not be allowed, and that it will cost the society that tolerates them their state stipend, we trust they will wipe them out forever.

So let us with more hopeful hearts work on, leaving the result with Him who has said:

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. N. OAKES.



## Legislation and Petition.

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### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :*

In bringing before you this, my fourth annual report of Legislation Work and Petition, I find very much to encourage us. It has been said that all great movements pass through three stages: The first of novelty, the second of steadfast opposition as it becomes effective, and third that of steadfast work and progress. I think we have come to the third. It has been a year of sowing and also of reaping, of faithful work. We work for the distinct purpose of destroying the saloon. We work to bring our state laws into harmony with our name. We study the process of enforcement of law and of failure to enforce. During the past year a great effort has been put forth by the enemies of prohibition to have the prohibitory law resubmitted to the people, but after much agitation of the question it was put to vote in the state legislature last winter and only thirteen votes were counted in favor of resubmission, while one hundred and fourteen were opposed. The Neal Dow petition, asking the legislature to make amendments to Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes, was circulated by Union workers throughout the state.

The women of Maine have labored well and faithfully in the interest of the Polygot petition. This is, as Miss Willard has said, but our prayer that "tells out" a purpose of our hearts and heads wrought into a plea before the nations of the world. One hundred thousand names were added to the petition in Great Britain alone, during the month preceding the great meeting, the World's W. C. T. U. Convention. It has been circulated in fifty nations and has received seven million signatures.

Aroostook reports that they have no distinct department of this work, but the superintendent of franchise distributed petitions for that department. Petition was circulated concerning better laws for protection of girls.

Androscoggin: Good and efficient work has been done in that county. South Durham they obtained 234 names to the Polyglot

petition and it was read in four churches. Turner, a petition was circulated just before town meeting, praying to annul the town agency. It was signed by the most influential (in other matters) and best women of the town, but they were defeated.

Cumberland: Mrs. S. M. Grant, superintendent. Twelve Unions send report of work done. The Polyglot petition circulated. At Westbrook, 800 names by vote of the church; as county superintendent, she secured 1,333 signatures from churches and C. E. societies. Petition asking the legislature to raise the age of protection for girls by Portland, Deering, South Bridgton and South Windham. One on Sabbath Observance circulated in Windham Center.

Franklin: The legal work is diligently looked after, all petitions well circulated.

Hancock, Mrs. A. F. Greeley, superintendent: Petition was sent to most of the towns in the county, asking for municipal suffrage for women. The petition for raising the age of consent, about one hundred names secured. Literature has been freely distributed through the mail and at the depot.

Kennebec, superintendent, Mrs. H. J. Bailey: In Gardiner a petition against renewing the license of billiard saloons was circulated and 458 signatures of citizens obtained and forwarded to the city government. Monmouth, reports one team stopped from carrying liquor; one boy stopped from selling papers on the Sabbath. Winthrop Union has been active in the work. Prosecution, search and seizure have been made. The other Unions in the county appear to be working to create sentiment rather than to apply the law.

Knox county, Mrs. A. S. Bradford, superintendent, reports that the petition for suffrage was circulated in every Union so far as is known. Many signatures were obtained for the Neal Dow petition, and for the protection of girls. Rockland Union and the Citizens' League sent a petition to the city government asking them not to license victuallers and billiard saloon keepers who had broken the last year's license, but the petition was refused.

Penobscot county, superintendent, E. R. Horton: But very little done in the legal department last year; some of the Unions circulated the Suffrage and Neal Dow petitions. Dexter acted on the suggestion in the Union Signal to have the clergymen in the various

churches present the World's petition and in four of them secured the assent of 350. Piscataquis and Lincoln no report.

Oxford, superintendent, Mrs. Emma W. Chandler: Bethel circulated three different petitions, and although all was not granted yet they believe the cause has gained by their efforts.

Sagadahoc, Miss Spinney, writes: Suffrage petition circulated. Petition circulated against a Bottling Company in Bath. The petition was presented to the legislature by our representative.

Somerset, Mrs. A. L. Vining writes: Petitions were well circulated in all of the Unions and they were presented at Augusta last winter on Woman's day. Waldo, Mrs. E. F. Miller, says that work has been done. Washington no report.

York, superintendent E. J. Cowell, writes: We have received reports from five Unions and with West Lebanon added, all of which circulated the Polyglot and Suffrage petitions, securing a long list of names to both. There is much enthusiasm in the work. Our greatest need is earnest and efficient workers, as there is much to be accomplished in bringing forward sound and convincing argument in favor of the subject.

In summing up the reports we find all counties reported but two, and in them all reports of Suffrage petition circulated, senators and representatives interviewed, number of members attending the Convention at Augusta. We leave the details of that to the franchise department. We fully believe that the Temperance and Suffrage question are inseparable and they mutually reinforce one another. Therefore we would recommend that we work along this line in the interest of the franchise department. Knowing that

"God is our guide—No sword we draw,  
We kindle not war's battle-fires,  
For truth and justice, reason, law,  
We claim the birthright of our sires."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. C. LAMB,  
*State Supt. Legislation and Petition.*

## Franchise.

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### *Madam President and Ladies:*

To the small but brave band of women who, nine years ago, following Miss Willard's suggestion, introduced the question of Woman's Franchise to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as a measure for the overthrow of the liquor traffic, the evolution of our cause must present some phenomenal phases.

All other means sanctioned by christian usage and custom had been tried to cripple our enemy—that was our objective point. We struggled to overcome obstacles, and prayed to make gains, and we did both; but live sentiment was not aroused in our ranks until the bombshell of Equal Suffrage was thrown into our camp. Since that time, the work though timidly begun, has grown steadily; we *inched* along through the patient years, with education and strenuous effort as allies, until our work culminated in results, of which every White Ribboner in the state has reason to be proud, and January last found hundreds on hundreds of us besieging our Legislature to grant Municipal Suffrage to Women on an educational basis.

To the splendid organizing method of our state president much of this success is due, and the counties with their representative women as speakers were her right arm, as the following reports will prove.

Mrs. J. F. Lamb, Androscoggin county, writes: "Over 200 names were obtained at Auburn, and among them, all the pastors and their wives. Much interest was manifested last winter in Suffrage literature. Livermore Falls, So. Durham and Turner have done excellent work in circulating the World's, Neal Dow's and Suffrage petitions. Two essays on franchise were read at the Grange at Turner, and well received."

From Aroostook, through Mrs. DeWitt, comes the cheering news that franchise is rapidly coming to the front. Some of the Unions report surprise to find sentiment in their vicinity so advanced in favor of giving women the ballot. They discuss this question in

their meetings and try to keep it before the public; they distribute quantities of franchise literature, and it is read. At Fort Fairfield, Miss Ames has circulated franchise petitions which were signed by nearly every prominent man in town, and 850 pages of literature of the best kind. The members of Unions there are *solid* for suffrage and at all times stand up for their principles.

Hancock county has a fine record for enthusiasm, as it ought to have, with Mrs. A. F. Greeley among the leading spirits there, and bands of efficient workers throughout the county. In Mrs. Greeley's opinion the cause of franchise is growing rapidly. She has no doubt, if the *question* of woman's enfranchisement were left to the voters of the state, but we should have the ballot within two years.

Kennebec county: The superintendent sent petitions accompanied by personal letters to the president of every Union in the county, visited legislators and informed them that many women wanted the ballot. Personal effort was made to distribute circulars and leaflets among the representatives and among visitors at the State House last winter. Very long petitions were handed in and fully signed by residents in her vicinity. The superintendent thinks that China ought to pass for the banner town in this work. The Union in Gardiner are ardent supporters of the measure. Very cheering reports from Waterville; petitions having been signed there by a great majority of the business men in town. At Winthrop Center, much literature has been distributed and the press has to some extent been used in the interest of suffrage. The pulpit has also given its aid.

Knox county reports: "Our county was well represented at the 'big meeting' at Augusta, and we are glad to know that our senators and the majority of our representatives voted for the cause of equal rights. We believe that in our county public sentiment is steadily advancing in favor of that reform for which so many other reforms wait."

The welcome news from Lincoln county is, that there is an awakening of intelligent and christian responsibility in this line of work. Mrs. Daggett writes: "Lincoln county has hitherto seemed belated and benighted in this direction, but, I believe today, that every Union has its franchise superintendent and that we are

coming to the fore, because of the day when we shall be counted on the side of righteousness."

Somerset county: Nearly all the members of the Unions in this county are suffragists. The county superintendent has distributed a large amount of literature; has read original papers at the State Fair and Granges, her papers being heartily endorsed by the speaker of the house, Hon. Llewellyn Powers, with his assurance that suffrage *would* and *must* be extended to women, and that, too, in the near future. Let us not forget that Somerset is one of the two counties yet reported that can proudly record a superintendent of franchise in every Union in the county.

Waldo reports 20 or more petitions sent out, bringing in 340 names, very few refusing their signatures. The Woman's Journal and other literature has been circulated. On the whole, sentiment is good.

In Piscataquis county efforts were made last winter to create a good deal of interest in franchise, and not without cheering results, although the work was new to many Unions; and they had the proud satisfaction of knowing that their senators and representatives with but one exception voted for the suffrage bill last winter. Mrs. Hobbs writes that she knows of no minister in her county who is opposed to the movement, and many of them with their wives are its ardent supporters.

Sagadahoc county, Mrs. H. B. Jordan, reports: "Bath is the only Union in the county that has a superintendent of franchise. Petitions were circulated here and aroused a good deal of interest. I am sure there is an 'arrest of thought' on the subject since our glorious demonstration at Augusta."

Washington county moves on very steadily in this line of work. Mrs. Bernard Rogers writes: "Public sentiment is more pronounced on this question than ever before. The petition for woman's franchise was very largely signed, more than half the names being those of voters. A new franchise superintendent has just been elected here who will do good work."

York county reports that petitions and literature have been circulated, and the county president is encouraged in the belief that franchise sentiment is growing in favor among persons of both sexes.

Cumberland county reports that there has never been a year of so much enthusiasm for franchise as the last. Petitions for municipal suffrage have been widely circulated and signed in Portland. Some of the members of Portland Union who had been for years almost hostile to the question, have the past year avowed themselves firmly established in the faith. At Cumberland Mills the interest has increased rapidly. At Cape Elizabeth the work was never more satisfactory. Westbrook, Windham, North and South Windham, and North Gorham, are always up to date in all departments of active work. At headquarters, Portland, 900 petitions were sent out last winter, liberally signed, and returned, besides many in the hands of the county superintendent; also 1,500 pages franchise literature, not including ordered copies of the *Star and Woman's Journal* by franchise superintendents in the state who wished to thoroughly inform themselves on the question. There was a large delegation of Cumberland county ladies at Augusta.

Mrs. H. P. Keyes, Franklin county, reports considerable work admirably done. The petition to the legislature for municipal suffrage for women received 300 signatures. Mrs. Keyes has charge of the W. C. T. U. column in the county paper, the *Farmington Chronicle*, which has articles from time to time favorable to equal suffrage and publishes such matter as may tend to general enlightenment on the subject.

Every county in the state has its franchise superintendent and with one exception has reported. Within the year fifty-two local Unions have also reported. Of our lecturers in the field we have had Lady Somerset, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. Ann F. Greeley, Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. H. G. Rice, Mrs. Hoffman, Miss E. U. Yates, Mrs. Dietrick and others, all of whom have been welcomed generally by pulpit and press. Thirty new Unions have been organized within the year, bringing new converts to the cause of suffrage.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE TITCOMB,

*State Superintendent.*

## Peace and Arbitration.

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### *Madam President and Ladies of the Convention :*

At Augusta about 600 pages of literature have been distributed, six copies of the Pacific Banner and 15 copies of the Acorn have been taken. One lecture and one sermon in the interest of peace have been given. Peace Day was observed. The resolutions in the interest of peace sent out by the state superintendent were adopted by the local Union.

At Bath 1000 pages of literature have been given away. Ten copies of the Acorn have been taken. One peace sermon has been preached and another prepared to be delivered in the future. The local superintendent had a booth at the county fair at Topsham where quantities of our literature was distributed, the W. C. T. U. appropriating funds for the purpose. The peace resolutions were adopted and inserted in one of the local papers.

Mrs. Agnes M. Bennett sends a very encouraging report from Guilford. The peace resolutions were adopted and inserted in the local paper, also in the Observer of Dover. The local Union furnishes funds for this department to expend in leaflets. One of the clergymen of the place has preached a sermon in the interest of peace, and promised another.

The peace superintendent at South Windham writes that the agitation caused by the adoption of the peace resolutions was helpful. Our concert exercises have been made use of by this Union. Monmouth Union also adopted the resolutions. Calais has appointed a new peace superintendent during the year.

Popham Beach Union is, as usual, doing a grand work for the cause of peace and arbitration. They have distributed a large amount of literature.

Somerset county sends in an excellent report. Literature has been distributed. The resolutions as far as presented were adopted. There is a Band of Mercy in which peace principles have been



taught. Peace Day in Union was observed. At North Anson three sermons in the interest of the cause have been preached, and in Madison two.

Winthrop Union has distributed 2,930 pages of literature, among them many peace tracts, leaflets and papers. One peace lecture has been delivered, one Sunday School observed Peace Day. Thirty have signed the peace pledge. The public press has been utilized and much personal work done.

In addition to the work carried on by the superintendents, the state department has undertaken some direct work. Peace resolutions, literature, and copies of our paper have been sent to nearly every Union in the state. Thousands of pages of literature have been sent to conventions and the public press utilized.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS,

*State Superintendent.*

**CONSTITUTION**  
**OF**  
**Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.**

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**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.

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**CONSTITUTION.**

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**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-

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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 paying a 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.

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### BY-LAWS.

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#### 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 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 —— 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 County 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.

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**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 Employees. 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 inholder 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.

## Annual Meetings.

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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
1894,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- AUBURN
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"I SOLEMNLY promise, by the help of God, to hold the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women, and to use my utmost efforts to obey the command, 'Keep thyself pure'; to discountenance all coarse language and impurity in dress, in literature and art; to lend a helping hand alike to men and women, giving the penitent of both sexes an equal chance to reform, so far as my assistance and influence can do this."

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## Plan of Work.

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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."

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 Mrs. E. A. Copeland, Mrs. W. O. Vinal.

ROCKLAND—Mrs. Sara K. Taylor, Mrs.  
 F. W. Smith, Miss Mary E. Jackson.

CAMDEN—Mrs. Sylvester L. Arau, Miss  
 Carrie Barrows, Miss Emma L. Porter.

CAMDEN Y'S—Miss Teresa F. Arau, Pres.,  
 Miss Alice H. Moore, Miss Grace A.  
 Parker.

SPRUCE HEAD—Mrs. C. S. Coakley,  
 Mrs. M. D. Elwell.

ROCKPORT—Mrs. S. C. Brastow, Pres.,  
 Mrs. E. M. Wentworth.

UNION—Mrs. E. L. Thompson, Pres.,  
 Mrs. E. W. Cobb, Mrs. O. A. Burkett,  
 Mrs. Lucy Burton.

VINALHAVEN—Mrs. H. M. Noyes, Mrs.  
 Jennie York.

KENNEBEC COUNTY—19.

AUGUSTA—Mrs. Oscar Holway, Mrs.  
 James E. Fuller, Mrs. Orrin Williamson,  
 Mrs. Hinkley, Mrs. Perkins.

WINTHROP—Mrs. Eliza S. Long, Mrs.  
 Mary A. J. Woodward, Mrs. Jennie A.  
 Packard.

VASSALBORO—Miss Emily S. Weeks,  
 Pres., Mrs. Hattie Alley, Mrs. Minnie  
 Purinton.

CHINA—Mrs. Edna C. Hunnewell,  
 Mrs. Lizzie J. Towle.

SO. CHINA—Mrs. Phebe Pinkham, Pres.

MONMOUTH—Mrs. L. A. Clifford, Pres.,  
 Mrs. Olive Blake.

HALLOWELL—Mrs. B. F. Fuller, Mrs.  
 C. H. Clary, Mrs. J. W. Church.

LINCOLN COUNTY—8.

DAMARISCOTTA—Miss Susan J. Tukey.

ROUND POND—Mrs. Emma J. Fuller.

WALDOBORO—Mrs. Sarah Bray, Mrs.  
 Emma Potter, Mrs. Mary C. Sprowl, Mrs.  
 Susie Curtis.

JEFFERSON—Mrs. Eva Bond, Mrs. H.  
 R. Avery.

OXFORD COUNTY—4.

BETHEL—Mrs. E. W. Chandler, Miss  
 Annie Cross, Miss Isabel Shirley, Mrs.  
 J. W. Phillips.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY—14.

BANGOR CRUSADE—Mrs. Wood, Mrs.  
 Martha Perkins, Mrs. Leonard.

BANGOR—Miss Mary Crosby, Mrs. E.  
 H. Foss, Mrs. C. M. Patten.

KENDUSKEAG—Mrs. Annie Edgerly,  
 Mrs. Addie Ames.

DEXTER—Mrs. E. R. Horon, Mrs. S.  
 Maxfield.

ORONO—Miss Jennie Douglass, Mrs.  
 A. J. Durgin, Mrs. Percia V. White.

STILLWATER—Mrs. S. U. Mathews,  
 Miss Ella Mathews.

## PISCATAQUIS COUNTY—4.

FOXGROFT—Mrs. Marcia Blethen, Mrs.  
C. A. Martin, Co. Sec.  
MILO—Miss Mary F. Hobbs, Co. Treas.,  
Mrs. Abbie Hamlin.

## SOMERSET COUNTY—12.

PITTSFIELD—Mrs. E. W. Bryant, Pres.,  
Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Sewall Davis, Mrs.  
Eunice Lewis, Mrs. Levi Taylor, Co. Treas.  
EAST ST. ALBANS—Mrs. Martha Boynton.

ST. ALBANS—Mrs. E. P. Turner, Pres.,  
Mrs. Z. J. Foss, Mrs. A. L. Vining, Co.  
Sec.

REPLEY—Mrs. Julia Bowdoin, Mrs.  
Mary Neal.

SOLON—Mrs. Orpha A. Chapman.

## SAGADAHOOC COUNTY—3.

BATH—Miss E. Smiley, Miss Susan P.  
Carey, Miss F. S. Moody.

## WALDO COUNTY—12.

BELFAST—Mrs. H. N. Thorndike, Mrs.  
Sidney Kulish, Mrs. William Conant.

TROY—Mrs. Sarah L. Rogers, Mrs.  
Sarah Tyler.

SEARSMONT—Mrs. W. C. Baker.

NORTHPORT—Mrs. Abby Batchelder,  
Pres., Mrs. S. N. Orcutt.

LIBERTY—Mrs. Lilly Jackson.

WALDO—Mrs. L. E. Roberts, Mrs. O.  
G. Hussey, Mrs. Mary A. Smith.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY—8.

CALAIS—Mrs. A. Clapp, Mrs. E. M.  
Vose, Mrs. Purrington, Mrs. A. S. Ladd.

CHERRYFIELD—Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ray.

JONESPORT—Mrs. C. Farnsworth.

PEMBROKE—Mrs. J. Dudley.

## YORK COUNTY—10.

GROVEVILLE—Miss Mae Sawyer, Mrs.  
M. N. Hill.

SOUTH BERWICK—Mrs. Goodwin.

LEBANON—Mrs. Closson, Miss A. Shap-  
leigh.

CORNISH—Mrs. M. H. Smith, Mrs. S.  
B. Smith, Mrs. F. E. Wedgewood.

OLD ORCHARD—Mrs. Wardwell, Mrs.  
Canham.



## MINUTES.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the state president. Mrs. Beedy offered prayer.

Moved by Miss Dow that quarrymen be dropped from department of Lumbermen and Quarrymen with the understanding that work among quarrymen be carried on by department of Work Among Foreign Speaking People. Carried.

The state president stated that Mrs. French declined a re-election as state superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

Mrs. Beedy moved that a committee from the executive board be appointed to confer with Mrs. French and ascertain what the white ribboners of Maine can do to make the work more effective. The motion was carried, and Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Beedy were appointed as the committee.

Moved by Miss Ginn that the State adopt the department of Non-Alcoholics In Medicine.

*Voted:* To defer action on this motion to next meeting of executive committee.

Arrangements were made for the selection of seats by the county delegates.

The committee rose.

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CONVENTION, Sept. 29, A. M.

The Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Methodist Church, Belfast, September 29, 30 and October 1st, 1896.

The audience room of the church was beautifully decorated. On the front of the organ stood a portrait of Miss Frances E. Willard draped on either side by the flags of the United States and Great Britain. The banner of the State Union stood at the left of the president's station, while the banners of the County Unions hung at

various points on the walls. The motto of the W. C. T. U., "For God and Home and Every Land," hung at the rear of the room. Bouquets of flowers and potted palms were tastily arranged about.

The devotional service by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow struck the fitting key-note of the convention to follow, an earnest spirit of consecration being expressed by many delegates present.

At 10 a. m. the convention was called to order by the president.

In opening the convention Mrs. Stevens said that the gavel which she used was sent by Mother Thompson of Ohio, to whom she paid a fitting tribute of love. "Rock of Ages" was sung by the delegates after which the Crusade Psalm was read responsively by general officers and delegates. Prayer was offered by Mrs. A. B. White of Houlton.

The roll call showed the presence of all the general officers, with the exception of Mrs. Cram, and a large number of vice presidents and superintendents.

*Voted:* To accept the program subject to any changes which the convention may see fit to make.

The following committees were appointed by the chair: On Credentials, Miss Amelia Shapleigh, Miss Harriet A. Leavitt, Mrs. Abbie Weeks; Courtesies, Mrs. L. G. Clark, Miss Emily F. Miller, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt; Memorial Service, Miss A. F. Quinby; Resolutions, one from each county to be chosen by the county delegations.

Minutes of executive meeting were read and accepted after striking out the clause relating to quarrymen.

Miss Sarah M. Hall of Rockland was introduced as musical director of the convention.

*Voted:* To send greeting of love to Mrs. Sarah Lord Cram, detained by the illness of her little son, and Mrs. Beedy was authorized to prepare the same. Also a greeting to Mrs. Mary McDowell.

Mrs. P. J. S. Talbot was introduced and said that she claimed Maine as her home although a member of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. since its organization.

Mrs. L. G. Clark and Miss Emily F. Miller of the entertainment committee were presented to the convention and cordially received.

*Voted:* To send messages to Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey and Miss Lubelle Patrick.



Mrs. H. N. Philbrook of Rockland, Mass., formerly president of Somerset county was presented to the convention and spoke most cordially.

Miss Margaret C. Hunter, state superintendent of W. C. T. U. Medal Contest Work explained the scope of this new department of work.

Mrs. Juhlin, president of New Sweden Union and Miss Annetta Hagan of Norway were introduced and greatly interested the convention by their shrewd remarks.

Mrs. Fernald stated that the literature on hand would be sold at a reduced rate.

It was decided to defer the address of the state president until the afternoon session, and the report of the corresponding secretary was substituted in its stead. As the corresponding secretary was unable to attend, the report was read by the assistant recording secretary. This report was a brief summing up of the W. C. T. U. work. In 1880 we numbered throughout the State 28 Unions, while today we have 200. Accepted.

The noontide prayer was offered by Mrs. Homstead.

Announcements were made. After singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," the convention adjourned.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 29, 2.30 P. M.

Mrs. Mathews of Stillwater offered prayer.

Minutes of morning meeting read and accepted.

Mrs. Beedy was called to the chair while the president delivered her annual address. This, as usual, was able, broad and comprehensive, inspiring all who listened to nobler, stronger work in the year to come. The convention accepted the address by a rising vote of thanks.

The names of committee on resolutions were read as follows: Androscoggin, Mrs. C. I. Pierce; Aroostook, Mrs. Annie B. White; Cumberland, Mrs. Sarah McLellan; Franklin, Mrs. Sarah D. Moore; Hancock, Mrs. Belle Blake; Kennebec, Mrs. Phebe Pinkham; Knox, Mrs. Sarah K. Taylor; Lincoln, Mrs. Emma Fuller; Oxford, Miss Annie Cross; Penobscot, Mrs. N. E. Foss; Piscataquis, Mrs. Mary F. Hobbs; Sagadahoc, Miss E. W. Smiley; Somerset, Mrs. I. S. Wentworth; Waldo, Mrs. S. G. Bicknell; Washington, Miss Margaret C. Hunter; York, Mrs. L. M. Hills.

The new presidents of Deer Isle and Green's Landing unions were presented.

The treasurer submitted a preliminary report.

Report of business manager of *Star in the East*. Miss Dow earnestly urged upon each Union the appointment of an agent for our State paper.

*Voted:* To adopt the report with sincere thanks.

On motion of Mrs. Clifford, voted to send a message of condolence to Mrs. Charles F. Allen, our first state president, who is in deep affliction through the death of her son and the serious illness of her husband.

*Voted:* To send a fraternal greeting to the Grand Lodge of Good Templars in session at Caribou.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, superintendent of department of Unfermented Wine at the Sacrament, reported her work. Much interest was shown and a profitable discussion followed.

At this point the convention was much rested and refreshed by a sweet song from Miss Hall. In response to an encore she gave "If I Were a Voice."

Mrs. Beedy gave a stirring report of the work done to secure a Reformatory Prison for Women.

Moved by Miss Crosby that the petition prepared by the committee on Reformatory Prison for Women be actively circulated by the local unions for signatures of both men and women in separate columns.

Miss Dow moved to amend by striking out the word "women." After an animated discussion the amendment was lost, and the original motion prevailed.

The hymn, "Take the Name of Jesus With You," was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. S. K. Taylor. Adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 29, EVENING.

Tuesday evening's session opened with a hymn, Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. S. K. Taylor of Rockland. Mr. E. S. Pitcher and Miss Maud Milliken sang "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," accompanied by Miss Mary E. Faunce, who presided at the piano throughout the evening. The president then called upon Mayor E. F. Hanson, who gave the convention a most cordial and hearty welcome in behalf of the city.

Mrs. Stevens responded briefly to the mayor's address and introduced Rev. G. G. Winslow, pastor of the Methodist church, who, in behalf of the pastors and churches of the city, gave a warm address of welcome.

Mr. Winslow was followed by Mrs. L. G. Clark, president of the Belfast union, who, in behalf of her union, welcomed the visiting sisters.

Mrs. L. G. Spaulding of Caribou responded for the convention to the three addresses. As each of the speakers stepped upon the platform the white ribboners arose and gave the W. C. T. U. salutation of greeting.

Mrs. E. P. Frost sang "Abide with Me," in a very pleasing manner.

The two-minute speeches by the county presidents were interesting and much amusement was created by friendly sallies between some of the county representatives.

At an interval in the reports Miss Sarah M. Hall sang "Hosanna."

The meeting closed with a hymn by the congregation and benediction by Rev. G. G. Winslow.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 29, P. M.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. F. M. Chandler.

The committee to confer with Mrs. French asked leave to defer their report, which was granted.

The financial question was discussed.

The committee rose.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 30, 8.30 A. M.

After prayer by Miss Cary of Bath, the committee continued to discuss the financial question. Some cheering reports were brought in.

*Voted:* To recommend that a committee on appropriations be appointed and that this committee consist of the following persons: Miss Dow, Mrs. Spaulding, Miss Ginn and the Treasurer, ex officio.

The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 30, A. M.

Devotional services led by Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans.

The president in calling the convention to order used a gavel

made of a piece of wood given her when in Virginia by a Confederate soldier whose wife is president of the W. C. T. U. of Richmond, Virginia.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon, also minutes of executive meetings of Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning were read, and after corrections, were approved.

Miss Crosby was appointed as time keeper.

The reports of the following superintendents were received : Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, on Evangelistic Work ; Mrs. Lottie Chase Knapp, on Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work ; Mrs. A. L. Harvey on Work Among Quarrymen.

Miss Flora Webber was introduced, and extended the welcome of the Good Templars.

Rev. C. H. Wells offered words of welcome in behalf of the Universalist church.

A telegram of love, and regret at not being able to be present, was received from Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. S. C. Brastow was appointed auditor.

Mrs. L. C. Lamb reported for the department of Legislation and Petition. Rev. S. K. Taylor and others spoke of urgent needs in this department.

Mrs. Spaulding asked what can be done for a better enforcement of the Prohibitory law? The subject was quite freely discussed, and the strong sentiments relating to suffrage excited much applause. The convention seemed to be a unit in the belief that the franchise for women would furnish the key to this greatest of problems.



### —IN MEMORIAM.—

"Born into beauty and born into bloom,  
Victors immortal o'er terror and tomb,  
Fast fall our footsteps ; we follow from far ;  
Love's light leads heavenward from gates left ajar.

Happy white ribboners, home-like is heaven ;  
God girls and guides us through help you have given.  
Motherly spirits of sweetness and might,  
We wear your symbols in ribbons of white."

As the time for the memorial service drew near a basket of beautiful flowers was placed upon the desk in remembrance of those gone

on before. The service was opened by the solo "Here and There" by Mr. E. S. Pitcher. Mrs. Stevens read with deep feeling the names of those members and honoraries who have left our ranks during the past year :

Mrs. Elizabeth Moulton.  
 Mrs. Lucy Foster.  
 Mrs. Mary Tobin.  
 Mrs. G. W. Snell.  
 Mrs. Howard, Presque Isle.  
 Mrs. Cornelison, Houlton.  
 Mrs. Smith, Caribou.  
 Mrs. C. Dunn, Presque Isle.  
 Mrs. J. J. Gerrish, Portland.  
 Mrs. Jane Cox, Portland.  
 Mrs. Morrill, Windham Centre.  
 Mrs. Libby, Stroudwater.  
 Mrs. Elmira Edwards, Casco.  
 Mrs. M. J. Winter, Kingfield.  
 Mrs. Bass, Wilton.  
 Mrs. Fernald.  
 Miss Vesta Fuller, Wilton.  
 Mrs. Ariadne Kimball Webb, So. Deer Isle.  
 Mrs. Ella Maria Kittredge.  
 Mrs. Grace Herbert Stanley.  
 Mrs. Hannah B. Williams, Augusta.  
 Mrs. Helen M. Poland, Friendship.  
 Mrs. Vestina Pease, Appleton.  
 Mrs. Eliza Bartlett, Union.  
 Mrs. Hattie W. Fuller, Rockland.  
 Miss Gertrude Heaward, Rockland.  
 Miss Bernice Heaward, Rockland.  
 Mrs. Susan M. Frye, Rockland.  
 Miss Caroline B. Alley, Dresden Mills.  
 Mrs. Nellie Banghart, Damariscotta.  
 Mrs. E. Y. Meserve, Jefferson.  
 Mrs. Eliza Gracia, Waldoboro.  
 Mrs. Sarah Heath, Waldoboro.  
 Mrs. Lincoln.  
 Miss Cora Burnham.

Mrs. Ann M. Porter, Bangor.  
 Mrs. Eva Stubbs, Bangor.  
 Mrs. Jane Ellison, Bangor.  
 Mrs. Sarah Palmer, Bangor.  
 Mrs. Clara Gilman, Bangor.  
 Mrs. E. R. Day, East Corinth.  
 Mrs. Althea Nason, Kenduskeag.  
 Mrs. Maud Payne, Plymouth.  
 Mrs. Sarah Clifford, Dexter.  
 Mrs. Vina Rideout, Charleston.  
 Mrs. Ida Files Pierce, Brownville.  
 Miss Mary Moody, Bath.  
 Mrs. Louisa Merrill, Madison.  
 Mrs. Adda Bovie, Madison.  
 Mrs. Drusilla Boynton, East St. Albans.  
 Mrs. Sarah Place, Liberty.  
 Mrs. E. C. Gates.  
 Mrs. A. Hume.  
 Mrs. Came, Old Orchard.

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

Mr. George W. Norris, Monmouth.  
 Mr. J. B. Robbins, Fort Fairfield.  
 Hon. James Lawrence, Shawmut.  
 Rev. H. K. Merrithew, Friendship.  
 Rev. Joseph Whitney, Groveville.  
 Mr. Geo. S. Hunt, Portland.

Our hearts were comforted and strengthened by the strong prayer of faith offered by Mrs. I. S. Wentworth. Miss Hall sang sweetly, "Crossing the Bar." After the Aaronic benediction by Mrs. Stevens, all joined in singing "Sweet Bye and Bye."



The noon-day prayer was voiced by Mrs. Philbrook.  
Announcements were made and notices given. Adjourned.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 30, 2.30 P. M.

Singing, prayer by Mrs. Juhlin. Minutes of morning meeting read and approved.

The following reports were made: On Purity and Purity in Literature and Art by Mrs. Seamans; on Franchise by Miss Titcomb.

Mrs. Alexander presented the greetings of the King's Daughters of Belfast.

Rev. Geo. S. Mills and Rev. Geo. E. Tufts were introduced and gave brief greetings.

The committee on credentials submitted the following report: Present, 4 general officers, 11 vice presidents, 15 superintendents, 178 delegates, making a total of 208. The report was accepted.

The election of officers was the next order of business and Miss Emily F. Miller was called to the chair. The chair announced the following tellers: Miss Dow, Miss Tukey, Mrs. Vining, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Foss, and Mrs. Watts.

Miss Dow reported that the informal ballot for president was unanimous for Mrs. Stevens.

By unanimous vote the recording secretary was requested to cast the vote of the convention for Mrs. Stevens as president for the ensuing year, which was done.

Mrs. Stevens expressed her thanks and high appreciation of the love and loyalty which for the nineteenth time had honored her with the highest office in its gift.

"Glory, Glory Hallelujah" was sung. Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, corresponding secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell, recording secretary, and Mrs. A. S. Johnston, treasurer, were re-elected. Miss Farwell nominated as assistant recording secretary, Miss Estelle M. Brainerd, which nomination was confirmed.

The election of world's and national delegates was made the first order of the day for Thursday morning.

*Voted:* To hold the evening meeting in the Opera House.

The doxology was sung and the convention adjourned.

## CONVENTION, Sept. 30. EVENING.

Wednesday evening's meeting was held in Belfast Opera House, which was filled. The decorations were removed from the Church and put up in the Opera House. The meeting was opened by the Baptist chorus choir in an appropriate hymn.

Mrs. Abbie E. Shapleigh read a Scripture passage and offered prayer, followed by a hymn by the chorus choir.

The president then called upon Miss Charlotte Thorndyke Sibley, who, in an eloquent and earnest manner presented the greetings of the North Church Christian Endeavor Society.

Miss Sarah M. Hall then sang, by request, the favorite song of the W. C. T. U., "There are Bands of Ribbon White."

Mrs. Stevens then introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Agnes E. Slack of London, England, secretary of the World's W. C. T. U. Miss Slack first spoke of the ties of kinship between the people of England and America and of the different feelings experienced by her on landing in New York and Paris. In the one she felt at home and among friends; in the other lonesome and among strangers. The work of the W. C. T. U., she said, is a work for humanity. The State protects us from the sale of adulterated food of all kinds, but permits the sale of that worst of all poisons, alcohol. Miss Slack then gave some plain words to the moderate drinkers, warning them of the harm they are doing in the example they set before others. A young man sees a "good man" take a glass of liquor and concludes that he can do the same. She spoke in words of eulogy of Frances E. Willard and Lady Henry Somerset and their work for the cause in England and America. Miss Slack is an earnest speaker. Her address was listened to with close attention, and frequently applauded.

Miss Margaret Hunter of Cherryfield followed Miss Slack in brief remarks on the need of money for the work, and a collection was taken. Papers were also circulated among the audience for signatures of women who wished to become members of the W. C. T. U. and of men who would sign as honorary members.

The meeting closed with a hymn by the chorus choir and the benediction by Miss Slack.



## CONVENTION, Oct. 1, A. M.

Mrs. Stevens in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow. Minutes of Wednesday afternoon read and approved.

Election of National and World's delegates.

National delegates: Aroostook, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary; Cumberland, Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland; Knox, Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland; Washington and Sagadahoc, Miss Margaret C. Hunter, Cherryfield; Androscoggin and Waldo, Miss Emily F. Miller, North Searsmont; Penobscot and Piscataquis, Mrs. Abbie Hamlin, Milo; York and Somerset, Mrs. F. M. Chandler, St. Albans; Kennebec and Franklin, Mrs. O. Holway, Augusta; Hancock, Lincoln and Oxford, Miss A. F. Ginn, Damariscotta.

Alternates: Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Mrs. M. M. Bodge, South Windham; Mrs. S. K. Taylor, Rockland; Miss E. W. Smiley, Bath; Mrs. R. A. Bray, Auburn; Mrs. Flora A. Carr, Dexter; Mrs. S. P. Smith, Cornish; Mrs. C. M. Kyes, North Jay; Mrs. Annie Cross, Bethel.

World's delegates: Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Mrs. Geo. F. French, Miss Cornelia M. Dow.

Alternates: Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Mrs. A. L. Harvey, Mrs. Abbie Shapleigh.

Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, State missionary, gave a most excellent report of work done during the past year

The greetings of the Epworth League were presented by Miss Lena Sanborn of Belfast.

Miss Ethel Savery of Belfast, aged 7, sang a song very prettily and was heartily applauded.

The following superintendents reported: Work Among Foreign Speaking People, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt; Juvenile Work, Miss Annie C. Bagley; W. C. T. U. Medal Contests, Miss Margaret Hunter; State and County Fairs, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes; Peace and Arbitration, Miss Alice M. Douglass

Mrs. Jennie A. Packard, who has accomplished so much as superintendent of Kennebec County L. T. L.'s was introduced, and gave an interesting account of her work among the children.

The Rallying Song written for the Maine L. T. L.'s by Miss Isabel Shirley was sung by Miss Hall, the delegates joining in the chorus.

This song is to be printed and sent to all the L. T. L.'s by Mrs. Packard free of expense.

Miss Cornelia M. Dow extended a hearty invitation to the State Union to hold its next annual convention in Portland. The invitation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

The committee on resolutions made a partial report, which was referred back to the committee.

Miss Agnes E. Slack was presented to the convention. After brief remarks of love and comradeship, she led in the noon-day prayer.

Announcements were made and the convention adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 30, P. M.

Prayer by Mrs. Chandler.

Mrs. Spaulding was authorized to express to Rev. C. H. Parker of Ashland the thanks of the executive committee for his assistance in various departments of temperance work.

The department of Hygiene and Heredity was discontinued with the recommendation that it be taken up in Mothers' and other meetings.

The committee rose.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING, Oct. 1, A. M.

Mrs. Dennison offered prayer.

Mrs. Seamans explained her plan of work among the Unions, which was extremely satisfactory.

*Voted:* To authorize Mrs. Emma W. Chandler, Bethel, to take charge of organizing work in Eastern Oxford Co.

Committee rose.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING, Oct. 1, P. M.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Dennison.

The committee on appropriations submitted the following report which was accepted and recommended to the convention :

Appropriation for State work, \$200; postage, State president, \$200; postage bill of secretaries and treasurer as presented: Scientific Temperance Instruction, \$15; L. T. L., \$25; Evangelistic Work, \$15; Narcotics, \$15; Young Woman's Work, \$10; all others, \$5 each.

The department of Physical Culture was dropped.

Recommended by the committee that we take up the department of Christian Citizenship, to be left in the hands of the general officers till a superintendent is chosen, of which notice will be given in the *Star in the East*.

The superintendents for the ensuing year were nominated.

Mrs. Beedy was authorized to convey to Mrs. Geo. F. French an expression of the deep regret of the committee that she cannot longer serve as superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, and to express also our heartfelt appreciation of the capable manner in which she has so faithfully served us the past seven years.

Miss Dow was continued as business manager of the *Star*, and Miss Sarah M. Hall as musical director.

Committee rose.

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CONVENTION, OCT. 1, P. M.

Prayer. Mrs. Stevens in the chair. Minutes of morning meeting approved.

Executive minutes of Wednesday afternoon and Thursday read and adopted after amending by restoring the department of Hygiene and Heredity, and adding to the same the department of Physical Culture, the superintendent to be chosen by the general officers.

*Voted:* To make the report of the resolutions committee the special order of the day for three o'clock.

The president read a fraternal greeting from Eastern Lodge of Good Templars, Belfast. The secretary was instructed to return a greeting.

Mrs. G. F. French reported for the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction.

The report of the resolutions committee was submitted. After discussion and amendments the resolutions were adopted as follows:

Recognizing the guidance of God in the past, and looking hopefully and prayerfully toward the wide open doors of opportunity for our noblest efforts in the future, we, the members of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in convention assembled, would hereby renew our covenant vows of loyalty to our motto and pledge; reaffirm our conviction of the righteousness of the prohibitory law and the crying need of its enforcement, the great importance of scientific temperance instruction in our schools, and the need of greater safeguards thrown around our youth; and would go forward with increased courage and faithfulness in the various departments of our work, depending on our Heavenly Father in the sowing and the reaping.

*Resolved,* That we hail with renewed courage and delight the action of the last Maine Congregational Conference, looking to a united effort of all churches and conferences for the enforcement of our Prohibitory law.

Believing that the ballot in the hand of woman is the most effectual and rational way to banish the evil of intemperance, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the W. C. T. U. labor more earnestly to obtain this birthright as American citizens.

*Resolved*, That as the children are the coming men and women we urge upon every local Union the importance of securing the co-operation of the teachers and supervisors in instilling principles of purity in the hearts of the children, and so far as possible removing from the school-rooms, out-buildings, yards, etc., all words, pictures and other representations of an obscene or profane nature.

*Resolved*, That we make strenuous efforts to secure the repeal of that amendment to our prohibitory law that leaves the penalty for its violation optional with the judge, thus permitting the judge if he is in sympathy with the rum traffic to annul our prohibitory law and substitute for it a license law.

*Resolved*, That we will continue to work zealously to secure by legislation the establishment of a Reformatory Prison for women in the state; we will also labor to secure the appointment of women as police matrons or wardens, who shall have the entire charge of women and girls in the police stations and jails from the time of their arrest.

As loyal and unswerving supporters of that righteous law, which honors the name of Maine in forbidding the sale of intoxicating drink within her borders, we protest against that course of action by the national government which antagonizes the principles and will of our own citizens, and breaks down our protecting barrier; we do humbly and most earnestly pray to God and man that the sanction of national authority may be withdrawn from the liquor traffic in this state of Maine; that the U. S. government shall cease to issue its special permits and tax certificates for such sale in this and other prohibition states; and further, that the sale of beer at Togus may be stopped and thereby such a clean and sheltering home be secured to the veteran soldiers, as is due to the country's defenders.

*Resolved* That we recommend our local Unions to hold public Temperance meetings frequently, seeking to employ all available local talent, musical, oratorical, etc., to make the meetings interesting and thus build up public sentiment, securing so far as possible the co-operation of the Good Templars and all other temperance organizations.

*Resolved*, That we recommend the holding of Missionary Temperance meetings in places where there are no local Unions for the purposes of enlightenment, thereby building up public sentiment which is necessary for the enforcement of our Prohibitory law and the promotion of temperance, morality and christianity.

Looking with fear and horror upon the growing practice of vivi-section in our medical and educational institutions,

*Resolved*. That the Unions make strong and persistent efforts to arouse the public conscience in regard to this evil, with a view to securing restriction or prohibitive legislation, and that we discourage fashions which increase the suffering of God's birds.

*Resolved*, That, believing the policy of the Sultan of Turkey, in ordering the horrible massacre of the Armenians to be that of extermination of one of the oldest of the Christian nations now on earth, we, in accordance with the earnestly expressed request of both Miss Willard and Lady Somerset, suggest to the presidents of local Unions, that no work can be undertaken before the coming of the cold weather of greater importance than the putting forth of effort to prevent this most unfortunate nation of martyrs from starving during the coming winter.

*Resolved*, That we can but believe from what we hear that the exhibitions of women insufficiently clad, and of indecent dancing shown at some recent fairs and entertainments, are a disgrace to civilization, and as the mothers, wives and sisters of the men and boys who attend the fairs we protest with shame and indignation against such demoralizing exhibitions.

*Resolved*, That we condemn the elaborate and incessant advertising of tobacco, especially in the ways designed to catch boys, as a distinct menace to the health and

brain-soundness of the race, and we urge upon all our Unions serious attention to this evil, and some well-considered and united effort to suppress it.

*Resolved*, That we will cry aloud and spare not against the cigarette curse, as one which no community can afford to tolerate, and we recommend to our legislators the example of Iowa which has passed a law forbidding the sale of cigarettes in the State.

Inasmuch as the press of Maine has given us \$17,000 worth of space during the year,

*Resolved*, That we express to them our deep gratitude for this generous aid.

*Resolved*, That we appreciate the honor of having Miss Agnes Slack, our English sister, in our State, feeling sure that the fraternal feelings already existing between our country and hers will be strengthened by her coming to us, and that we gladly welcome to our convention our beloved national corresponding secretary, Mrs. Katherine Lente Stevenson.

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Belfast Union and all other friends of our cause who have so kindly welcomed us to their homes and generously provided for our comfort in so many ways; to the Baptist and Methodist churches for the use of their houses of worship; to the press for courtesies extended to us; to the railroads and steamboats for reduced rates; to the committee on decorations for their labor in making the place of our meeting especially beautiful and attractive; to the entertainment committee, the singers and pages, and to all other committees and individuals who have in any way contributed to make this convention a success.

A telegram was received from the Maine Grand Lodge of Good Templars, in session at Caribou.

The treasurer read a pleasant little note from Mrs. E. M. Blanchard.

Report of Homes for Homeless Children submitted by Miss J. M. Anthoine. Miss Harriet Leavitt spoke in the interest of the work.

Solo by Miss Hall.

The following reports were presented: On Temperance Literature by Mrs. S. J. Fernald; Narcotics by Mrs. I. S. Wentworth; Work Among Railroad Employes, by Mrs. Helen A. Thomas; Soldiers and Sailors, by Mrs. Evelyn Neal; Influencing the Press, Mrs. Mary L. French.

Mrs. Katherine Lente Stevenson, national press superintendent and national corresponding secretary, was introduced, and received with the Chautauqua salute. She made brief remarks on the value of the press, designating the press as the strong right arm of the Union.

*Voted*: To accept the reports of the superintendents.

*Voted*: To refer the unread reports to the executive committee with power to accept.

Miss Lillian Fernald, who has served so faithfully as page during the convention, was introduced, and received with great applause.

Mrs. Stevens expressed the sincere thanks of the convention to the reporters who have been in attendance upon all the meetings.

Miss Teresa Arau of Camden was chosen "Y" delegate to the National Convention, and Miss Ethel Eaton of Brooklin, alternate.

In the absence of Mrs. Brastow, Miss Ginn was appointed auditor.

Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, of Harrison, was elected as superintendent of department of Hygiene and Heredity combined with Physical Culture.

The unfinished business was left with the general officers.

After singing, the benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Stevenson. Adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, OCT. 1, EVENING.

The meeting Thursday evening was held in the Opera House, which was filled to overflowing. The meeting opened with the hymn, "Praise Ye the Father," by the Baptist chorus choir. Miss Isabel Shirley read a selection of Scripture, and offered prayer. The duet, "My Faith Looks up to Thee," was sung by Mrs. Frost and Miss Hall.

The report of the auditor was read, and accepted, after which the report of the treasurer was accepted.

Mrs. Stevens introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Katherine Lente Stevenson, who delivered an eloquent address on the Woman's Christian Union and its work. She gave a brief outline of its origin, and of its growth to the present day. Its aims, objects and lines of work were explained and many points made in favor of the temperance reform.

Miss Hall sang as a solo, the congregation joining in the chorus, "Some Glad Day," written by Mrs. Stevenson and a great favorite with white ribboners.

Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy on behalf of the State W. C. T. U. presented Miss Slack portraits of Neal Dow and H. W. Longfellow, and photographs of scenes made historical by them, concluding by presenting a silk American flag, which she said would doubtless be hung in the recipient's home in London side by side with the British flag and the two united by a knot of white ribbon.

Miss Slack responded briefly and feelingly, speaking in the highest terms of her treatment since her arrival in America, and especially of the hospitality shown by the people of Belfast to herself, and the members of the convention.

Mrs. Stevens then presented Miss Slack with a copy of "The Mothers of Maine" written by Mrs. Beedy, which Mrs. B. was too modest to present herself.

A collection was taken. Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans moved, seconded by Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, that the Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union now adjourn.

"God be with you till we meet again," was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Mrs. Stevenson. Adjourned.

CLARA M. FARWELL,  
*Recording Secretary.*



## President's Address.

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### *Beloved Comrades of the White Ribbon Army:*

Today we meet in our Twenty-Second Annual Convention in a city where sixteen years ago this very week, we held our sixth annual meeting.

It may be interesting and inspiring for us to note at this time some of the gains as a society we have made since we were here before. Then we were not organized by counties; today we have a well organized county union in each county of the State. Then we had but 28 local unions; now we have 201. Then we had a state membership of 1,133; now we have about 5000. Then we had 27 delegates to the convention; tomorrow the report of our credentials committee will show we have at least 240 each with a constituency of twenty-five women. Then we had not advanced to the department plan, but instead we had eight standing committees; now we have in Maine 31 departments of work, each led by an efficient State superintendent. Then we had but little literature; now we have an abundant supply and a State paper which goes out from our State Headquarters in Portland each month. Then we had no regular temperance instruction in schools; now through our efforts we have laws requiring it in all the public schools of the State. Then we had no law whatever against the use by minors of tobacco or cigarettes; now we have a piece of a law which is helping in a small degree to save the boys from the evils of cigarette smoking.

Then the age of legal protection for girls was at the shamefully low figure of 10; now through our efforts it is 14, and such a sentiment created that we believe it will be raised next winter to 16 if not to 18. Then we cared as an organization comparatively little for woman's suffrage; now after years of thought and labor we are *almost* if not entirely a unit in favor of the enfranchisement of our sex.

What is true of us in Maine is proportionately true of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Then our National Union had for its official organ a small monthly paper called *Our Union*, with a few thousand subscribers; now we have that great weekly,



the *Union Signal*, with a subscription list of 70,000. Then we had no publishing house; now there go out every year from the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association millions of pages of the best temperance literature. Then we had no temperance hospital; now we have one in Chicago in successful operation where it is being continually demonstrated that alcohol as a medicine is not needed.

Then we had no National Headquarters; now in the heart of that great world of city, Chicago, is the Temperance Temple with its great working force of consecrated white ribboners; and the doors of Willard Hall open every day, a retreat for the tempted and tried, the weary and heavv laden. Then we had no World's W.C. T. U., but today our work is organized in more than forty nations of the world, constituting the largest society of women in existence; and side by side as the matchless leaders of these forces are Frances E. Willard of America and Lady Henry Somerset of Great Britain.

Today we see entwined among our decorations the Union Jack with the Stars and Stripes, (and we *own that* Union Jack.) On great occasions it has been our habit to borrow one from the British Consul or even to bring one up from a British steamer in Casco Bay, but in anticipation of the visit to this State of the Hon. Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U., we had this made for the Maine W. C. T. U.; and it's not too bright or handsome to use in welcoming tomorrow our distinguished guest, Miss Agnes E. Slack of England.

It was our great heart, Miss Willard, who recently wrote of Old Glory and the British Ensign :

O holy flags, bright with one household glow,  
 Together light the highway of our God;  
 Till the dear Cross of Christ to men shall show  
 That stripes and stars both mark the path He trod,  
 With their red for love and their white for law,  
 And their blue for the hope that our Fathers saw  
 Of a larger liberty.

The long march of the nations shall be led  
 By these two flags—till war and tumult cease,  
 Along the happy highway where shall tread  
 The brotherhood of labour and of peace.  
 With their red for love and their white for law,  
 And their blue for the hope that our Fathers saw  
 Of a larger liberty.

The aim and origin of the W. C. T. U. is well known. Of its marvelous progress we have taken a hasty survey. Our declaration of principles should be familiar to all. I wish every white ribboner could repeat it :

We believe in the coming of His kingdom whose service is perfect freedom, because His laws, written in our members as well as in nature and in grace, are perfect, converting the soul.

We believe in the gospel of the Golden Rule, and that each man's habits of life should be an example safe and beneficent for every other man to follow.

We believe that God created both man and woman in His own image, and, therefore, we believe in one standard of purity for both men and women, and in the equal right of all to hold opinions and to express the same in the home, on the platform, in the pulpit and at the ballot box.

We believe in the prohibition of the liquor traffic, the opium and tobacco traffic, the gambling house and haunt of shame ; we believe in a living wage ; in an eight-hour day ; in courts of conciliation and arbitration : in justice as opposed to greed of gain ; "in peace on earth and good will to men."

As is well known the only test of membership in the W. C. T. U. is signing the total abstinence pledge and paying a small sum of money, usually fifty cents, which is distributed among the local, state, national and world's Unions. The great distinguishing feature of our Union then is that it is a total abstinence society. It is true, in the evolution of our work we have been led to deal with the evil conditions which exist because of the baneful effects of the liquor system. The giant evil, I might say crime, of our day is intemperance. Compared with it all other vices are but its infant children. As I see its effects everywhere I am led to exclaim with Bishop Foster : "There is not a single human being, a single relation in life, a single article of property, a single spot, a single human interest, in all this broad land that this spirit of evil does not influence and in the mass for harm. It leaves its impress on body, mind, and immortal soul. It enters home, business, social, political, yea, and religious life. It not only spans our continent but it girdles the globe. It reaches from time to eternity. Its home is in the deepest and blackest abyss of hell. God-illumined Heaven alone is beyond its reach."

Who then dare deny that ours is the great reform of the day and the basic principle of it is, *total abstinence*. While social drinking exists the saloon to a certain extent will flourish. There is a closer connection between the two than the one who offers the social glass in the home may like to admit, but the bright search-light of *truth*

is so turned on today that the drunken sot who is kicked from the saloon, or cannot get his bottle filled at the drug store or the town agency, is often recognizable as the young man who a few years ago was a favorite in society life, from which the wine was not excluded.

In spite of the efforts of temperance people, all kinds of liquors are freely disbursed in the restaurants of the Capitol building at Washington. It is, however, encouraging to know that less is used in society at Washington than formerly. The noble example of Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Carlisle and others is showing its good effect, and total abstinence all over our land is becoming more general and more popular. A few months ago while traveling, I fell in with a young man connected with one of the largest business firms in the country. He described to me a great banquet recently given by them, saying he was impressed by seeing so many young men decline to take liquor at the banquet. In response to my inquiry, he said he accounted for it first on business principles: young men were fast learning that a young man who didn't drink was getting to be the one who was at a premium among business men, and besides, he added, "I believe a good many of these fellows like myself had a white ribbon mother. Mine is dead now, but I never shall break the pledge I signed for her when I was a little boy." He hastily brushed away a tear as we parted, and I thought then I would tell this to you to help inspire you with an unfaltering courage and exalted faith in the sacredness of our blessed cause.

It seems needless to repeat the saying, so true, that intemperance is the prolific source of poverty, insanity and crime. The Hon. Carroll D. Wright looking at the question as an investigator of moral statistics says: "I have looked into a thousand homes of the working people of Europe; I do not know how many in this country. I have tried to find the best and the worst. And while, as I say, I am aware that the worst exist, and as bad as under any system or as bad as in any age, I have never had to look beyond the inmates to find the cause; and in every case, *so far as my own observation goes*, drunkenness was at the bottom of the misery, and not the industrial system or the industrial conditions surrounding the men and their families."

This statement from such a source, in relation to poverty, has great weight, when we realize that of the entire population of the United

States an average of one person in five is in a public alms-house or other charitable institution, or is being assisted by some relief-giving society.

It is estimated that in New York City alone, there are from 80,000 to 100,000 paupers and beggars. The slum population of New York City numbers 360,000. In this district there is one saloon for every 129 persons and the arrests average one to every six persons, and 62 per cent of the voters of New York City come from the slum district.

A great proportion of insanity is produced by alcoholic drinks, their indirect as well as their direct effects, and probably one-half of the insanity in the world is traceable to its use. Criminal statistics from the various states go to prove that 80 to 90 per cent of all our criminals connect their course of crime with intemperance. Strange indeed, that in spite of all this, there are still those who believe in moderate drinking, who, having eyes see not, that the moderate drinker of today is likely to be the drunkard of tomorrow. Some years ago there came to Maine a brilliant woman, rarely gifted with high intellectual attainments. The doors of polite society readily opened to her, and she made many friends. Not long ago in a western city I saw again this woman, a pitiful wreck through drink. Such an appeal as she made for total abstinence I never before heard from a woman's lips, and I shuddered as I recalled that possibly in some Maine home was offered to her that which had wrought her ruin.

I think the pledge should be repeated in our local Union meetings, and that we should have it well understood by the community that it includes beer and cider. There isn't an intelligent man or woman in Maine who does not know that cider is intoxicating, and that it has been, and is, a curse in our rural districts. There may be some people who do not realize the harmful effects of the so-called temperance beers; among them root beer, the analysis of which has shown that in some cases it contains 5 per cent alcohol or about the same as is found in lager beer.

In the preamble of our constitution we declare that we believe it our duty to unite our efforts for the extinction of intemperance and kindred evils. This leads me to speak directly of prohibition. Notwithstanding what the enemy and the pessimists say, there is more prohibition sentiment at present than ever before. The south

is fast adding to its prohibition territory ; the action of railroad companies, of business men's associations, and of many social organizations, forbidding the use of strong drink by employes or members is educating hitherto unthinking people up to the standard of the principle of prohibition.

The women of Maine do not need a lesson in the righteousness and reasonableness of prohibition. The women of Maine for over 60 years have been making prohibition sentiment, (slowly to be sure, because they are ballotless.) Recently my attention was called to a petition found at the State House, sent by Brunswick women to the legislature of 1835, praying for the prohibition of intoxicating liquors. It is signed by more than 100 women, representing I am told by an old resident of Brunswick, the very cream of Brunswick society at that time and standing for everything womanly and earnest. Glorious example of the *new woman*. And we of today must pay them grateful homage. Following is the petition :

*"To the Senators and Representatives of Maine in Legislature assembled :*

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"We represent to your honorable body that, in consequence of the practice against which we remonstrate, there is in our town and vicinity a large class of our sex who, with their infant families, are enduring physical and moral distress at which the heart of sympathy recoils ; that many of those who are more than widowed by this worse than cholera or death, would be able to support themselves were they relieved from the rapacity and injustice of intemperate husbands. Your petitioners can also, from observation and good evidence, affirm that many of such husbands would probably become useful and respectable were they protected against the temptations offered by the sale of ardent spirits in their immediate neighborhood. We pray your honors to afford them such protection.

"Disclaiming all intentions of dictating to our civil fathers, we would respectfully enquire if the pernicious traffic in ardent spirits cannot be prohibited, or confined within such limits, if any, as medical purposes may require,—whether some legislative provision cannot be made in favor of the wives of the habitually intemperate, by which the wives may be entitled to their earnings, and be legally protected against the society and intrusion of their husbands during such time, and subject to such limitations as your wisdom may provide ?

"We would further state that we have been ready, according to our ability, to aid the suffering victims of this vice ; but our sympathies have been paralyzed by the consideration that we should be indirectly ministering to the vicious appetite by relieving the intemperate from the care of their families, and enabling them to spend *all* their wages in rum. We are compelled to state in this course of remark we reason not from theory but from fact.

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"In conclusion, we pray your honors, that however you may think fit to treat our suggestions, you would devise ways and means to cripple and destroy the trade in alcoholic liquors—a trade which, however its immorality may once have been mitigated by the sin of ignorance must now be regarded as highly criminal in all parties to it; a trade hurtful to society, and peculiarly hostile to free institutions, by sapping the foundations of virtue and piety on which they are built;—a trade detestable to all good men and especially to a holy God."

Then follow the names of the women, and were they living they would doubtless all be white ribboners.

Legally a great change has come about since that day. For more than 40 years liquor selling in Maine has been outlawed. We can hardly realize the situation when our foremothers sent that petition to the legislature and when brave Neal Dow said, "by God's help we will change all this." We, in our eager desire for the best, compare conditions in Maine today with what they should be, and would be, were the law perfectly enforced—rather than with the dreadful predicament we should be in without the prohibitory law. That we need a campaign for better enforcement of law is very evident. It is equally evident, and easily proven, that prohibitory laws *can* be enforced.

President Roosevelt of the New York Police Commission, whom no one will accuse of being a fanatic, has demonstrated this fact. Prohibitory laws against liquor selling can be as well effectively enforced as prohibitory laws against any other crime. He said that the talk about impossibility of enforcing the law is all nonsense—adding, "the way to do anything is to do it," and *he* did.

Sad, but true, that we women have no hand in forming the power which can enforce law, but we should be recreant to our duties as mothers, wives, sisters, if we do not aim to get that power—and it is coming. And while it is coming, let us do all we can to uphold the laws of our State for the protection of the home. We are united to work not alone for the extinction of the liquor traffic, but kindred evils; and our many departments of work reach out to this end, in preventive, educational, reformatory and legal ways.

I shall not take time to speak of them separately. You will hear the superintendents' reports and take part in their discussion. But we can at best get only a faint glimpse of what has actually been done during the year just closing. The report of Temperance Instruction in Public Schools may show how many teachers are faithfully carrying out the requirements of the law, but no one can

tell into how many homes this teaching has been carried, not alone molding aright the life of the child, but changing the drinking habits of father or mother. The report upon Narcotics will be full of interest, and we shall be glad to know of those who have given up the sale of cigarettes to boys, but we cannot know how many have been deterred from *beginning* to sell them, nor how many parents have been aroused to a knowledge of the great evil through the activity of the faithful superintendent, and so made better able to guide and guard her boy. We shall hear how many needy children have been placed in good homes, but this will not show how many have been educated to look beyond the so-called natural heredity and to regard even the children of lowest parentage capable of becoming good and great if only rightly environed. Some one has well expressed this idea—

“Why bowest thou, O soul of mine,  
Crushed by ancestral sin?  
Thou hast a noble heritage  
That bids the victory win.  
The tainted past may bring forth flowers.  
As blossomed Aaron’s rod,  
No legacy of sin annuls  
Heredity from God.”

I recently read of a remarkable work begun and carried on by a high officer in the army of Holland, in the interest of fallen men, and those on the verge of falling. As a part of the great reform he has undertaken to carry on, he confronts the soldiers as they are about to enter haunts of infamy, and pleads with them to turn away, reminds them of home and family, and seeks to impress upon them the sinfulness of sin. As a result of his endeavors it is reported that many of the places which had been entirely supported by the soldiers have given up their dreadful business and are closed. This is but doing for men what many good women are doing for their unfortunate sisters, and could this idea spread, and the *man* who is impure be regarded and treated in *all* respects the same as is the *woman* of shame, then the time would be greatly hastened when an equal standard of purity can be maintained and a “white life for two” be fully realized. It is a truth which bears repeating, that intemperance and impurity are twin evils—they go hand in hand. Banish liquor selling and the brothel could hardly exist. The testimony of rescue workers bears witness to this, and the pitiful stories of rescued women verify it. We notice with great satisfaction that

teachers and parents are giving more attention to those things which should be early taught the child in order that he may know the truth concerning his own physical being, which truth shall make him free. Fathers and mothers are coming slowly to understand that the boys should be taught purity of thought, word and action, in the same way their sisters are taught. And some, (not *all*.) young women, feel as keenly the disgrace when their brothers are on the road of sin and shame as do the brothers when the sisters are going precisely in the same path. And so I believe, slowly, but evermore surely, is the tide of public sentiment rising upon the question of real social purity—of an equal standard for men and women, young men and maidens, boys and girls—and that always the highest.

To aid in this, certain provisions of law need to be enacted in Maine. I recommend that we petition that the age of legal consent be raised to eighteen years in conformity with the plan likely to be adopted by all of the State Unions where the figure is as low or lower than 14, (and we are pained to say that in some states it is but 10.) And I must say here that I think the education and agitation of the question will lead in time to a complete reconstruction of all laws bearing upon this subject, and in the glad day coming all age of consent laws will be looked back upon as legal abominations. I hope this year some steps will be taken to secure provisions for the punishment of certain misdemeanors which now under the law cannot be reached, and hence the perpetrators go entirely free.

I recommend also that we continue our efforts to secure a Reformatory Prison for Women. I do not desire it to be *reformatory* simply because it is for women—for criminal women do not need reforming influences more than do criminal men—but because I believe John Howard was right, when a hundred years ago he said, "It is of little use in the long run to punish a criminal by imprisonment unless you reform him by education." I believe also Elizabeth Fry was right when, 25 years later, she said "Criminal men and criminal women should never be in the same prison." And I further believe that whenever a woman for any cause is unfitted to care for herself she should be cared for by her own sex.

In 1885 there were in the United States 41,887 convicts in penal institutions; of these 1,967 were females. In 1895 there were 54,244, of which 1,988 were females, or about 1 female to 28 males.



For fifteen years we have been agitating the subject of a separate prison for women on the reformatory plan, officered by women. We do not ask this as an experiment, for already in Massachusetts the woman's prison has proved a marked success in every respect. Our efficient standing committee will, at this convention, present its report and doubtless ask, as do I, for your co-operation in trying to obtain proper care and training for the unfortunate criminal women of Maine.

In accordance with our usual custom, and corresponding to the vote of last year's convention, I recommend that we again petition for the municipal ballot for woman. I am glad to know that in many towns our petitions are already in circulation. With an increasing hope and courage let us prepare to win, and to enter the opening door of the wide and grave responsibilities which the franchise when bestowed will bring to us. In many countries of the world and in 28 of our states women have some form of suffrage. In Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, full suffrage. In Canada women have municipal suffrage in every province and in the northwestern territories. In Great Britain women vote for all elective officers except members of Parliament. In France, Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Russia, Finland, Italy, Hindoostan, Austria, Hungary, they have the ballot in some form. In Cape Colony they have municipal suffrage; also in New Zealand, with the right besides to vote at Parliamentary elections. In Iceland in the North Atlantic and Pitcairn in the South Pacific and in the Isle of Man they have the full ballot.

We are told that when the women of Maine *want* the ballot, it will be given them. We should be glad if the ones who are saying this would kindly define just how *many* women they mean. A few years ago when we went in small numbers to our Legislative hearings we were told that *more* ought to come in order to show that the women were in earnest in the matter, and when at our *last* hearing women filled the State House it was said in the same tone that too many women came. In all seriousness we ask, is it not more unjust to withhold the ballot from women who desire it than it would be to bestow it upon women who do not want it, but who could use it or not, the same as do the men? Many of the leading men of Maine believe in the enfranchisement of women, and so speak and act. They believe also it is surely coming. Just *when* it will be best to grant it seems to be the only question. Everything which can be

said in favor of man suffrage and perhaps a little more can be said in favor of *woman* suffrage. Since woman represents three-fourths of the church membership in the land and only one twenty-eighth of the criminal class, it surely would not be a dangerous experiment to let such an influence as this have its full bearing upon the politics of the State and Nation.

I refrain from entering upon any extended argument concerning this subject. Upon our literature table you will find some of the best suffrage documents should any of you need to have the faith within you stimulated by further knowledge upon the question than you already possess. You will find there in pamphlet form the speeches in full as made by prominent men in our last Legislature. No better suffrage literature than these can be found, and I recommend that each member should take a copy for herself and others for her friends or those she wishes to make friends for the cause.

One of our great political economists has said: "The present hard times are due to liquor, lust, laziness, and tobacco." The liquor bill of the nation is \$1,200,000,000. The revenue from tariff does not amount to one-sixth of this. The tobacco bill of the nation is more than the expense of the national government. It is well for us to pause and candidly consider these things, even in the midst of the unrest and turmoil of a great national campaign in which the principal issue is the *money* question. It does not mean so much to humanity whether it be silver or gold, as how the silver and gold shall be used; whether in ways of sin and selfishness which defile, or for the promotion of righteousness which exalteth a nation. The total silver production in the United States for fifteen years is about nine hundred million dollars—less by one-fourth than the nation's liquor bill for one year; and yet the question of finance is so important that we behold divisions, contentions and secessions in the political parties unequalled in their histories. Let us use what influence we possess as ballotless women in awakening the people who are now asleep to the enormity of the liquor system of this Nation. We have been saddened and horrified by the Armenian atrocities. We have as a society responded to the call for pecuniary help, and we are now planning to hold in connection with our national convention at St. Louis a great meeting to further express our sympathy and give substantial aid. However, I dare to say that there is more excuse for the cruel Turk who has been trained to believe that he is serving

God by murdering heretics than for those men of a Christian nation who ally themselves with the liquor interest which causes the death of 100,000 of our people every year. Depressing as the reflection is we rise above it when we climb to those heights of faith which enable us to see that more and more is the Divine Spirit entering into the heart of humanity, and while

"The trumpet 's set to thy ear, O watcher,  
Cry out across the night—  
Stay by the *truth* wherever it may lead thee—  
At last 'tis crowned in light."

When we were here before we were welcomed by one, thinking of whom to-day, we "sigh for the touch of a vanished hand, and the sound of a voice that is still." Mrs. Burrill, of precious memory, in welcoming us 16 years ago, referred to the crusade movement, saying that "It was the spirit of God that stirred the hearts of those women and through their hearts ours also. The Lord God of Hosts is going before, who of us will dare stay her footsteps from following whithersoever He shall lead!" Mrs. Burrill's faith in final triumph of our cause was firm and steadfast. The look of Heaven was upon her face when she talked with me of this a few months before the Death Angel came to her. I am thinking of others of our beloved members, tried and true, who have since last we met been "allured to brighter worlds and led the way," and I feel at this hour that

"Forever near us though unseen  
The dear immortal spirits tread,  
For all the boundless universe is life,  
There are no dead."

Another year of service is opening up before us. We may be called to sacrifices not easy to make. Lately it has been my privilege to be in Virginia among the people and in the memorial church of the martyr Moffat, the beautiful, brilliant young preacher whose life a few years ago was sacrificed for the cause of total abstinence and prohibition. As I walked the streets of his city which his life and death had made safer for the feet of childhood—as I looked into the faces of the people whose lives had been purified and uplifted because he dared to be true and noble, how fully I realized that God is calling us to *go forward*, and that He asks of us no more than He has given us to bestow. Let us be true and tender hearted, hold fast the hand of Christ, the Truth, the Life, and speak and work and pray as they who fully believe in the final victory of truth over error, of righteousness over sin.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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*Madam President and Co-workers:*

Some of you have doubtless been thinking that it is just sixteen years ago today that the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was convened in Belfast. At that time, September 29, 1880, we numbered throughout the state twenty-eight Unions; today we claim two hundred. In 1880, the number that the Ladies Association was called upon to entertain was thirty-four; today more than two hundred delegates are enjoying the hospitality of the city. So you see we are *growing*; we were never more firmly rooted than we are today and we mean that the branches of our department work shall in time spread over every portion of our state. In looking over the records of that meeting sixteen years ago this resolution met my eye:

*Resolved.* That the Home Protection movement has our sympathy and as women of Maine we wish for the Temperance ballot.

(And I want to remind you that *here* Temperance is spelled with a big T, not with a little, insignificant one, as I have seen it in some resolutions.) This goes to show that in one particular, we stood then where we stand today, and where God helping us we mean to stand till we can take one other decisive step forward and cast our ballots as loyal women of the Pine Tree State for the protection of our homes.

Our Unions have done better this year than in any previous year. The blank sent out this year to local Unions to be filled and returned for the annual report was made to conform to that issued by the secretary of the National W. C. T. U. All work that has been reported to me through these blanks will be presented in the minutes of this convention in tabulated form. At this time I can give you only an outline of work accomplished; since it is manifestly impossible in this review to mention *all* the Unions that have done excellently, I shall speak of none by name. All information concerning department work will be given you by the superintendents.

The county president has a better opportunity than I have to judge of the work in her own county, therefore I have asked each to

express in the briefest way her idea of the growth and value of our work in her jurisdiction.

In Androscoggin county the eight Unions are all active and most of them report a gain in membership. There are a good number of honoraries. Two Unions have headquarters, one a restaurant, thirty-five public meetings have been held. One suggestion among the many, for the coming year is this, offered by a worker: "Let us have more agitation for the right of franchise."

Aroostook county claims twenty-four Unions; they are all in quite prosperous condition. A W. C. T. U. cottage was built at the camp-ground at Blaine and the county Union took charge of a day's program which was very successful. Aroostook makes a special effort to have the best speakers and organizers visit the Unions, and in this way those remote are brought into touch with outside influences. Eight Unions report headquarters, one has a library, sixty-five public meetings have been held, and there is a live interest in the Loyal Temperance Legion. Among the suggestions received from this county are these: "Have more faith;" "Instruct members to pay their dues at the annual meeting;" "Induce each member to take the *Union Signal* or the *Star* or both."

The work in Cumberland county is growing year by year. Four new Unions each with a good membership have been organized. In all there are twenty-six auxiliaries. Three have headquarters, four have libraries. Seventy-one public meetings have been held. In this county there is a department of Kindergarten and Day Nursery both doing good work. One of the workers suggests that we make a special effort to have suppressed all obscene advertisements that appear in the newspapers.

The work of the W. C. T. U. is very dear to the white-ribbon women of Franklin county. The Unions never stood upon a firmer basis than today. Besides the annual county convention it is the custom to observe one day at the camp-ground at Strong and another at the fair-ground at Farmington. These meetings have proved very helpful and have added to the membership. Eleven public meetings are reported held by the Unions.

In Hancock county there have been some discouragements but the outlook is brighter. Several of the Unions have given all their energy to having the liquor laws enforced. Thirty-two wheels for the Temple have been filled; ten public meetings are reported. Two

of the mottoes sent by the workers show the trend of their efforts the past year: "Build up the work;" "Watch and fight and pray."

Kennebec county claims fourteen Unions and stands among the foremost in progress. It seems to be the banner county in regard to public meetings and divides the honors with Washington county in the number and strength of the Loyal Legions. Three Unions have headquarters, one a reading room, one a library. It is interesting to note that the spirit of our national superintendent of Peace and Arbitration pervades the county to the extent that the Unions here are no longer admonishing us to "Watch and *fight* and pray," but more peacefully to "Watch and work and pray."

In Knox county the outlook is encouraging. Two new Y branches have been organized and are doing good work. The tried and true of former years stand as firmly as ever and the newly interested have brought in fresh enthusiasm. Two Unions have headquarters, sixty-five public meetings are reported. The suggestion comes from this county that we all make a great effort to help secure a Reformatory for Women; also that the departments of Temperance Instruction and Social Purity receive more attention.

The condition of Lincoln county is satisfactory considering the financial stress, which has its effect upon our work. No new Unions have been formed, but those already established hold their own. Throughout the county organization the spirit of harmony rules. Three Unions have headquarters; nine public meetings have been held and the Temple assisted. From this county we are exhorted to "work vigorously to aid the department of Non-alcoholics in Medicine."

An excellent report comes from Oxford county. Several Unions have taken up Flower Mission, Sunday School and charitable work with marked success. Fourteen public meetings have been held. This good suggestion comes from one Union, that "each local pay from its treasury the expenses of delegates to county and state conventions."

In Penobscot county there is a good degree of activity in all the fourteen Unions and much interest is manifested. Work among the children occupies an important place. Four Unions have headquarters; thirty public meetings are reported exclusive of the work of our State organizer. One of the workers sends this message: "Tell the white-ribbon women to wear their badge every day."

A prosperous and profitable year's work is the record of Piscataquis county; eleven departments have been carried on, the department of Narcotics receiving special attention. A temperance rally in which the W. C. T. U. had an important place was held on the Piscataquis Valley camp-ground. All those who had a part in the program, with the exception of one, were home workers. A good number of public meetings have been held.

Although as a county Sagadahoc has not gained greatly in membership, yet in many respects the workers are ready to declare that the past year has been their best. There has been a growing interest and advancement along all lines of work. The largest Legion in the State is in this county.

In Somerset county there is an awakening in many branches of work and the general condition is prosperous. Gospel temperance meetings receive a great deal of attention and are doing much good. Work among the children is made a special duty, and the next to the largest Legion is in Somerset county.

There are seven Unions in Waldo county and in the aggregate they have accomplished excellent work. In all, sixteen departments are carried on, particular attention being given to Evangelistic, including charitable work, social purity and flower mission. The Temple has been helped by the filling of wheels and medal contests held.

In Washington county substantial results have come from the working of twenty-two different departments. The number of Unions is fourteen; three have headquarters, eight have Loyal Legions, large in membership. A good deal of attention has been given to medal contests. Particular mention must be made of the effort of Unions to have the liquor laws enforced.

York county holds its own and the outlook is favorable. Some of the Unions are very strong and earnest. Three have headquarters; two a library; thirty-six public meetings are reported. Two Unions have done some aggressive work in the enforcement of law and in recommending a candidate for the office of high sheriff. One of the workers offers as a suggestion, "Let all local Unions invite ladies not members to attend the meetings of the Union; many are outside because they are not invited to come in."

From this very imperfect review of work you can perhaps estimate the amount accomplished. It is impossible to do the Unions

justice. Each report and letter that has come to me is eloquent with the hopes, the plans, the fulfillment or failure of the women who are working for God and home. All the counties held conventions which were most successful. Several also held semi-annual conferences. On most of these occasions our beloved state president was able to be present; she also presided at the summer meetings at Old Orchard, Fryeburg, Ocean Park, and Greenacre. The best speakers have visited our state among them Mesdames Hunt, Stevenson, Bullock, Parrish, Fessenden, Rice and Gleason, also Misses Kearney and Slack. Mrs. Stevens has spoken many times in each county. Now another year opens before you, dear comrades, you do not know what you will be called upon to do, but if you go forward with faith and courage doing the duty which lies nearest, God will take care of the rest.

#### SUMMARY.

Number of members in State W. C. T. U., about 5,000.

Number of honorary members, 209.

Number of members in Y Union, about 250; honorary 95.

Number of members in Loyal Temperance Legion about 4,000.

Number of Unions having local headquarters, 31.

Number of Unions having a library, 3; reading room. 5; restaurant, 3.

Number of public lectures and gospel temperance meetings given this year, 544.

The total abstinence pledge has been circulated at public meetings to a small extent. Number of signatures reported, 906.

A number of Unions have petitioned for the right of School or Municipal Suffrage.

Red Letter Days have been observed by 42 Unions.

Medal Contests held, 30.

Several Unions have brought W. C. T. U. work before religious, educational, medical or Sunday-school conventions held in their respective towns.

Special lines of work taken up: Juvenile, Flower Mission, Evangelistic and Franchise.

Progress may be seen in nearly all lines of W. C. T. U. work.

Unions have assisted the W. T. P. A. to a small extent.

For the Temple about \$350 has been contributed.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH L. CRAM.



## Treasurer's Report

FOR 1895-6.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Bal. on hand from last year,	\$296 31	Expenses '95 convention,	\$189 25
Receipts from last convention,	111 81	National dues,	490 00
"    "    State dues,	1,461 80	Appropriation for State work,	200 00
"    "    L. T. L. dues,	13 65	President's postage,	200 00
"    "    sale of Minutes,	12 02	Corresponding secretary's bill,	21 60
"    "    collections at summer meetings,	43 58	Recording secretary's bill,	3 85
Birthday offering, Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill,	20 00	Treasurer's bill,	20 00
F. W. offering, Mrs. Emily Stevens,	1 00	State Supt.'s appropriation,	205 00
"    "    counties,	51 22	Expense summer meetings,	83 23
Maine's percentage from National for gain in membership,	18 59	Stationery and printing,	38 73
Rental from Headquarters,	1,152 84	Expense of Minutes,	152 68
Balance from Star acct.,	1 11	Running expenses of H'dq't's,	742 23
		Taxes and interest,	541 44
		Gift to Japan work,	10 00
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			\$2,898 01
		Balance,	285 92
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			\$3,183 93

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

DUES BY COUNTIES.—Androscoggin, \$106 00. Aroostook, \$183.60. Cumberland, \$282.30. Franklin, \$55.80. Hancock, \$50.85. Kennebec, \$120.75. Knox, \$120.60. Lincoln, \$57.90. Oxford, \$59.50. Penobscot, \$91.55. Piscataquis, \$34.60. Sagadahoc, \$26.70. Somerset, \$54.40. Waldo, \$31.70. Washington, \$102.10. York, \$84.45. At large, \$2.00.

I have examined the accounts with vouchers and find them correct.

ALMIRA F. GINN, *Auditor.*

## Report of State Missionary.

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Summary of work done by Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans of Cary, state organizer and missionary: Amount of time spent in work during the year, three months; miles traveled, 1,400; afternoon addresses, 31; public evening addresses, 51; letters written, 126. Organized four Unions, one Y. W. C. T. U. and two L. T. L.'s Members added 60.

Respectfully submitted.

JENNIE E. SEAMANS.

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## Work Among Foreigners.

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The event of the year, as far as this department is concerned, has been Miss Kate Lunden's visit to Maine. In June she went to Aroostook county, speaking at the county convention, and from there proceeding to New Sweden. Through the efforts of the state president, Miss Lunden had secured a letter of introduction to "His Children in the Woods," from Hon. W. W. Thomas, Jr., the founder of the colony. This, in addition to the exertions of the Caribou women, prepared the way for Miss Lunden's enthusiastic reception.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, superintendent of Aroostook county, writes, that at the first meeting there were over 400 present, and at the second, at least 600. The three ministers of the place were in attendance, and the interest manifested was earnest and extreme. As a result, Miss Lunden organized a Union of about 60 members, some of these being honoraries.

Mrs. P. O. Juhlin is president of the Union and shows much zeal in the work. She says that they have taken up the departments of

Temperance Instruction in Schools, and Flower Mission. They hold gospel temperance meetings and circulate temperance literature. Mrs. Juhlin is not confining her efforts to her own town, as I hear from Mrs. Spaulding that she spoke at one of the Aroostook camp-meetings this year, receiving great applause.

Cumberland county reports through its superintendent, Mrs. Moors: Miss Lunden visited Portland, speaking to some of the Swedes there and inducing 9 of them to join the Portland Union. A good quantity of department literature has been circulated. In Bridgton, all the foreigners speak the English language and attend church. Stroudwater has but two foreign families. The children in one of these are members of the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Franklin county reports through its superintendent, Mrs. Kyes: The superintendent has spoken of the department's nature and possibilities at county convention and also at Farmington. She has emphasized the national holidays with the children at North Jay, and has made an effort to have the latter attend children's meetings. Farmington, as in the past, has done some Sunday-school work among the foreign children and is talking of an evening school.

Kennebec reports through its superintendent, Mrs. Pearson: Department literature has been circulated among the French and English at North Vassalboro.

Knox reports through its superintendent, Mrs. Crockett: Department literature in their own language has been distributed among the Finns in Vinalhaven.

Piscataquis reports through its superintendent Mrs. Getchell: The work has been continued on the same plan as last year. Work has been done in Brownville, Greenville, Foxcroft and Monson. Literature in Swedish, French, Polish and Welsh has been distributed. A large quantity of juvenile literature has been circulated among the children. Homes have been visited and mothers instructed in the use of simple domestic remedies in the case of illness. The use of alcohol and opiates has been condemned. She hopes that a Swedish Union may be organized at Monson.

Androscoggin and York have no reports to make. Other counties not mentioned have no acting superintendent, either because there is no call for the work or because no one will serve.

I know of some places and believe that there are many such, where much effort has been put forth without accomplishing the

desired results and therefore this goes unreported. However, I am sure that such endeavor will, sometime, somewhere, count largely on the side that "makes for righteousness."

I want to recommend that active interest in this department shall increase the coming year.

Whether our foreign population shall be a help or a hindrance to our nation depends upon whether the saloon, or the school and church plays the principal part in our foreigners' life-drama. Let us try to do our part in the discouragement of the one and the encouragement of the other in the solution of this present problem.

GERTRUDE STEVENS LEAVITT.

## Young Woman's Branch.

On account of my ill health which has continued the entire year my own work has been somewhat retarded, but "our girls" have kept the banner flying, and I am glad to tell you the Young Woman's Branch is growing.

The three weeks' visit of Miss Parrish in November brought courage, enthusiasm and an increase of nearly one hundred young men and women.

Aroostook county has a faithful worker in its superintendent, Miss Annie Smith. As a result of the last state convention a Y was organized at Houlton which has now about eighteen members. Their specialty has been Flower Mission. Cary Y appointed superintendents for six departments. Though discouragements came they plan to commence anew. Weston and Fort Fairfield Y's have not reported.

Though the Westbrook Y, we are sorry to say, has disbanded, Miss Jackman superintendent of Cumberland county reports an awakening interest through her county in our Branch. Three Unions have responded to her request and appointed local Branch superin-

tendents, and a Branch of ten members was formed at Casco by Miss Bagley.

The L. M. N. Stevens Y of Brooklin is still at work carrying on four departments of work.

The Somerset Y of Oak Grove Seminary, Vassalboro, has filled six Temple wheels and distributed much literature. Mrs. Estes preceptress of this seminary, newly appointed Y superintendent for Kennebec county, writes: "It has been our chief object to so work with our pupils that they shall go out from the school as thorough temperance men and women." The Somerset Y at Kent's Hill plans for one public meeting each term, consisting of essays, addresses, question box, etc.

Miss Parrish organized two Y's in Knox county, at Camden and Vinalhaven, of over thirty members each. "Our work has been chiefly along social and literary lines," writes Mrs. Littlefield, county superintendent. Wall pockets in different places have been well supplied, copies of the "Teachers' Scientific Temperance Journal" have been distributed, money has been sent toward the Willard Y settlement in Boston, have held several socials, receptions, and one lecture.

Miss Jennie Kimball, superintendent of Oxford county writes of the Hiram Branch: "Out of sixteen superintendents appointed for the year, eight are from the Branch."

Mrs. Louise Packard has been appointed local superintendent of Young Woman's Work in Bath.

At the M. C. I., Pittsfield, Miss Parrish organized a Somerset Y of much promise. Mrs. Stevens has given them a parliamentary drill and the president of the Union is soon to address them.

The work for Washington county has been put into the hands of the president of Jonesport Y, Miss Cora Smith. This Y has been steadily at work, as evidenced by the \$111 raised during the year. The correspondent writes: "It is almost wonderful to see what a change has taken place in public opinion since our Y was organized."

South Berwick Y, though very small at present is trying to get 100 Temple wheels filled, and has contributed 50 cents respectively toward the work in Italy, Spain and France, and \$1 respectively toward the Homes for Homeless Children, Y bed in Temperance Hospital, Y Organizer's Fund, and State Headquarters. Groveville Y still holds good interest and is making special study of parliamen-

tary usage, and has arranged to hold alternate gospel temperance meetings with the W's. They assisted in entertaining the county convention held at Groveville, and the young woman's hour, in charge of the efficient county superintendent, Miss Ricker, was called a success.

By the reciprocity plan, adopted by the Y's at national convention, Maine was requested to correspond with Chili. Accordingly a letter and literature has been sent by the state Y secretary. The Maine Y's have contributed \$7.50 toward the expenses of Miss Parrish on her missionary trip, \$5 of which was sent by Vinalhaven.

We are hoping much from the college Y work, and special effort is being made in this direction. Will not every local Union, where exists a High school or college, strengthen their borders by introducing the white ribbon there? Special literature has been prepared for this department, which can be had of the state Y secretary.

We feel that we are going forward. Let us raise the banner higher, remembering our state Y motto for '96: "Pray, plan, push and persevere."

LUBELLE B. PATRICK.

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## Loyal Temperance Legion.

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### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:*

I am glad to tell you that in the face of lack of interest on part of W. C. T. U. and indifference of mothers, this department is marching grandly on. I cannot give statistics, or details of work done, for I have not received them myself. Five counties reported year's work done, on postal cards; three send no report at all. A number of Legions have disbanded this year because of indifference of parents and the W.C.T.U. "This," writes one superintendent, "is the cause of so little work being done in our county;" and I would add, all other counties as well. "Johnnie, why don't you go home and get your mother to put a patch on your pants and sew up the holes in

your jacket," said a man to a little boy that he saw playing on the sidewalk, "you are awful ragged." "O, mother hain't got no time to tend to me," said Johnnie, "*she* is over to the vestry sewing for the heathen." This seems to be the way with many of our members.

Time, money, and energy are given to reclaim the drunkard, forgetting, that "an ounce of prevention is worth a *ton* of cure," and so the children are neglected, and after a while they take their places as candidates for the "Keeley Institute,"

"For, the child of the rich and child of the poor  
Pass to their wreck through the dram-shop's door."

If there is a Union here represented that has no Loyal Legion, please read Article II, Local Constitution and see what they pledged themselves to do when they became members of the W. C. T. U.

Androscoggin—Mrs. Ward, superintendent: Reports two Legions, both in flourishing condition; hopes to add many new ones the coming year.

Aroostook—Mrs. Jennie Seamans, superintendent: Reports eight active L. T. L.'s, two organized the past year. Mrs. Seamans writes: "The difficulty in this work is to find women who will interest themselves for the children." No one can be found in many places for superintendents and teachers.

Cumberland—Miss Mary Bickford, superintendent: Legions reported last year three, this year twelve; making a gain of nine. The past year they are reported as not only helping themselves, but others; the aged and feeble and those who are ill, are remembered by them.

Franklin—No superintendent: Two Legions have disbanded for lack of leader; no new Legions formed. At North Jay they have a Children's Band, that works along the line of the L. T. L.; cannot find a leader for regular meetings, but are kept together by the president of W. C. T. U. All honor to the president of North Jay Union.

Knox—Mrs. H. Cobb, superintendent: Reports no new Legions. Some have disbanded for lack of interest on the part of the parents and W. C. T. U. The old companies of Warren and Spruce Head are "Still Holding the Fort" and are doing good work.

Lincoln—No superintendent: Three new Legions have been organized the past year; two by Mrs. Emma Potter of Waldoboro and one by Mrs. Baker of Cooper's Mills. The company at Waldo-

boro has a class nearly ready to graduate ; have paid six dollars for state and national dues, and are always ready to assist the poor and needy ; for a number of years past they have furnished the poor families of the town with a Thanksgiving dinner. This Legion has a faithful and efficient superintendent.

Oxford—Miss Belle Dutton, superintendent : This county has several companies, but no detailed report given of work done.

Penobscot—Mrs. A. I. Abbott, superintendent : This county has sixteen Unions, reports three Legions.

Piscataquis—No superintendent reported. Nine Unions, three Legions reported ; work not given in detail.

Sagadahoc—No superintendent : Three companies.

Waldo—No superintendent : Two companies reported.

Somerset—Mrs. Caro Folsom, superintendent : Eleven Unions, six L. T. L's ; three have a membership of over one hundred each. The Annie C. Bagley L. T. L. at Pittsfield have raised \$42 the past year ; contributed to Homes for Homeless Children, Temperance Hospital, Chicago ; seven dollars given for charity at home ; paid \$12.30 for state and national dues ; made and sent a quilt to State Headquarters, Portland ; and have done other good work. This is the only Legion in the county that reported work done.

Hancock—Sends no report.

Kennebec—Mrs. Jennie Packard, superintendent : The superintendent heads her report with, "Hurrah ! Hurrah ! we'll sing the Jubilee," as she has a perfect right to do, for she has made Kennebec the "banner county" for L. T. L. work. She has this year organized five L. T. L's and two Bands of Mercy ; made all arrangements for L. T. L. convention held at Augusta last May (and it was a success), and reports prospects good for more work and increased membership the coming year. Her own Legion at East Winthrop has held Medal Contests, collection amounting to \$20 ; three dollars given to charity ; three to Girl's Home. Good Will Farm ; four to department Homes for Homeless Children ; two to children's room in Temperance Hospital, and paid \$3 for state and national dues, and are now filling Temple wheels. They have a book case and books which cost them \$8.

Washington—Mrs. C. A. Ricker, superintendent : Nineteen Unions in this county ; six have L. T. L's ; one company organized last February with three members has increased to one hundred.



Calais has a large evening school in connection with its L. T. L., and much good is accomplished by it. Cherryfield has held five Medal Contests, and used proceeds to help others, filling Temple wheels, giving \$5 to W. C. T. U., etc. Pembroke L. T. L. (Willard) has paid \$3.80 for state and national dues; another L. T. L. in the county has been reported as "being a great help in our town."

York county—Miss May Sawyer, superintendent: This county has six companies. The one at Groveville helped entertain the county convention most acceptably. Special mention should be made of Old Orchard L. T. L. as doing good work. One new company organized this year at Kittery by state superintendent.

Amount paid for state and national dues, \$26.30: H. J. Bailey L. T. L., East Winthrop, \$3.20; Pembroke (Willard) L. T. L., \$3.80; Emma Trowbridge Potter L. T. L., Waldoboro, \$6; West Lebanon L. T. L., \$1; Annie C. Bagley L. T. L., Pittsfield, \$12.30. Unions visited by state superintendent, ten; Legions organized seven.

Dear sisters, the children are loyal to the W. C. T. U., will *you* not be loyal to them? They are in your ranks to *stay*—more are anxious to come in. Will you help them?

"'Laborers wanted.' The ripening grain  
 Waits to welcome the reaper's cry;  
 The Lord of the harvest calls again;  
 Who among us shall first reply,  
 Who is wanted, Lord? Is it I?  
 The Master calls, but the servants wait;  
 Fields gleam white 'neath a cloudless sky—  
 Will none seize sickle before too late,  
 Ere the winter's winds comes sweeping by?  
 Who is delaying? Is it I?"

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE C. BAGLEY.

## Temperance Instruction.

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This department is well organized, having sixteen county, and two hundred and twenty-six local superintendents. One hundred and twenty-four superintendents have written me since the first of June.

The superintendents report a gain during the year; some report most encouraging results of temperance teaching, in the lives of pupils, and in more cleanly homes. Do not narrow your interest in education to teaching the harmfulness of certain poisons, for we are interested in everything which goes to make up school-life, course of study, discipline, school-room, outbuildings, etc.

We believe the child contains great possibilities, for good or evil, both to himself and to the community, and, from a scientific standpoint, we will teach him personal hygiene—the religion of the body, which cannot be separated from the religion of the soul. We believe in schools which develop both mind and body, in such a manner, that the pupil will attain his highest good. When this is done the interests of church and state are secure.

Again I urge you to visit the school nearest your own home, have the teacher know you are her friend, and willing to help her make good citizens of the children in your community. Next to the parent, the teacher is the most potent factor in the development of character. I say without fear of contradiction, that the school-room exerts a larger influence than the church, upon the lives of individuals; and upon the life of this nation.

Do not make the mistake of thinking the small boy is going to be somebody by and by. He is somebody *now*; and just now between the ages of ten and fifteen years, when ideals and habits are forming, is more important than any other period of his life. Here let me say, that ninety-five out of every one hundred children leave school before fifteen years of age; and if we would raise the standard of citizenship, more wisdom and money must be expended in the lower grade schools.

Does the State need better citizens? Then educate them, not to follow appetite and passion, but to control appetite and passion.

For seven years it has been my privilege and honor to be your superintendent of this department; but I decline a re-appointment; and the care of this work will pass into other hands. I thank you personally for the aid and encouragement you have given me; and I feel sure you will give the same support to the new superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. F. FRENCH.

## Sunday School Work.

Oxford county: My report this year will be very brief for lack of reports, rather than work done, I hope. Of our sixteen counties, but nine have sent any report at all, and only six of these furnish any statistics.

Androscoggin sends a full and encouraging report. Aroostook the same; in this county there have been more lectures, temperance talks, etc., than ever before or than in any other county. Cannot other county superintendents try to have more of these the coming year.

Cumberland sends a good report from its country towns. Portland does not report as we have hoped it would, but work is done there, and the county superintendent will press the work till reports will yet be sent us. Let us hope another year we shall have them.

From Kennebec we hear work has been done but what lines have been taken up, is not mentioned.

Knox reports from a part of its Unions.

Lincoln sends much the same as Kennebec.

Oxford reports as much or more interest than usual, working on the same lines.

Penobscot sends no details.

Sagadahoc sends a good and encouraging report.

From Franklin, Hancock, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, Washington and York, no report.

With nothing from some of our largest cities and towns, the statistics, if compiled must fall far below last year's, which were very good ; for this reason I have decided to omit them.

There is a superintendent in each county whose address I have and with whom I have communicated. Will not such of these be sure to have a report to present at the next county convention, and immediately after send the same to the state superintendent?

It is important that the county superintendent attend the Sunday School conventions as they are held and have our work brought to their notice in some way.

The effort which was made or begun last year to secure the endorsement of the fourth Sunday in November as world wide Temperance Sunday, has been quite successful. It was endorsed by the International Sunday School convention which met in Boston, and by the General Conference of the M. E. Church. The national superintendent is very earnest in her desire that an especial effort be made this year to observe it. The word of God is our guide ; let us teach the children its truths along the line of total abstinence, it is of paramount importance.

May God's blessing attend us as we go forth to labor and pray and wait another year.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. G. STICKNEY.

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## Temperance Literature.

### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :*

It is with feelings of *gratification* I bring my report before you. Not gratified or satisfied with my *own* work, but of that of those counties who have such superintendents as are faithful to report work done, and for those Unions who have taken up this very important department of work of our Woman's Christian Temperance Union. More counties have sent reports this year than any former year, but we are sorry to miss any, especially those who have reported so well *some* years. Still there remains much to be done,

and we look for our gains to those Unions recently organized, and it is very gratifying to know they have *this* department among others.

#### ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

Mrs. Lizzie C. Pulsifer reports: Auburn Union has distributed 8,000 pages of literature, beside 2,000 periodicals. Wall pockets in R. R. stations have been kept filled; also a large amount circulated at State Fair at Lewiston. A large amount distributed at county jail.

Turner: Literature distributed in the neighborhood, also placed in W. C. T. U. boxes in post office.

Mechanic Falls: Has placed boxes in R.R. station and other places.

Greene: Has mailed literature to nearly everybody in town, and placed books in Sunday Schools. Kept box filled at R. R. station.

So. Durham: Has this year introduced the Young Crusader into the Sunday Schools; have a box at R. R. station; have distributed 450 pages of literature at a temperance meeting and elsewhere.

Livermore Falls: Nothing definite reported.

Androscoggin county is awake to the importance of free distribution of literature as a means of educating the masses.

#### AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

An excellent report from Mrs. Seamans shows what personal effort can accomplish. Much literature has been distributed throughout the county. Boxes have been filled in R. R. stations, post offices and other places. Some Unions collect and circulate religious papers, putting them into homes where they could not otherwise have them. Temperance Day at a camp-meeting many copies of Signal and leaflets on different departments of work were given away.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Miss Eliza J. Jordan, superintendent, reports: Bridgton Union, which has been organized during the past year, has distributed 2500 pages of literature. They have purchased a copy of "A Great Mother" and other books for the foundation of a loan library.

Bolster's Mills, another new Union, has distributed quite an amount of literature.

Cumberland Mills: Several copies of Union Signal taken and a copy sent to the leading clergymen. 600 pages of literature distributed in Sunday Schools and temperance meetings. A large

pledge has been provided for a hall where temperance meetings are held.

Deering Union: One copy of Union Signal and several of the Star are taken. A wall pocket is kept supplied with literature at Morrill's Corner. Five copies of the School Physiology Journal have been placed in the hands of the teachers.

Gray: This Union has given a large number of papers and magazines to families, and sent leaflets to individuals. A wall pocket in a barber shop has been kept filled. 100 pledge cards and 111 leaflets have been purchased; one copy of Signal, 9 of the Star are taken.

Harrison: Reports 314 pages of literature distributed, beside 3 packages of the Star. Four copies of the Star taken and one of Union Signal, the latter being circulated among members.

Newhall: Three copies of Union Signal, 5 of Star, 10 of Young Crusader and several copies of other temperance papers are taken. They have purchased a copy of "A Great Mother" and "Glimpses of Fifty Years." One dollar expended for literature. One family supplied weekly with temperance papers. A wall pocket is kept supplied at R. R. station.

New Gloucester: This Union takes 12 copies of Union Signal and a copy sent to clergymen, 10 copies of Star taken, and 10 of Physiology Journal are taken for teachers; 13 copies of Monthly Responsive Reading taken; 15 copies of Water Lily and Temperance Banner taken. Three wall pockets in R. R. stations are kept well supplied.

North Gorham: Reports a good number of leaflets circulated.

Otisfield: Has distributed 1,200 pages of literature.

Portland Union: Reports 15,840 pages of literature placed in box at Union Station. Various religious and temperance papers have been distributed. In connection with the Flower Mission beside the text cards good literature has been given out; papers and magazines have been generally distributed among sailors and at the county jail. Fifty or more copies of Union Signal and 45 of Star in the East are taken.

Steep Falls: More than 500 pages of literature have been distributed. Several books have been purchased and circulated. Wall pockets at R. R. stations are kept supplied with good temperance reading matter; two copies of Signal and one of Star taken.

Westbrook : Has supplied literature for R. R. stations, for homes where the need of it was known, for lumbermen, sailors and reading rooms to the amount of 18,764 pages.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Miss E. M. Niles, superintendent, reports: More than 15,000 pages of literature distributed during the year; 50 copies of *Star* in the East and 15 copies of *Union Signal* taken. Some copies of "A Great Mother" and *Mother's Friend* have been circulated. also papers, books and magazines have been sent to Farmington jail each week. Reading has been furnished the sick. A bible has been placed in the wall pocket at the R.R. station. Literature was distributed at the County Fair held at Farmington. Legal temperance literature sent to the public schools, copies of cigarette law sent to merchants and others. Literature placed in post office boxes.

Hancock county—No report.

#### KENNEBEC COUNTY.

A good report comes from South China Union, Mrs. Lydia A. Fry, superintendent: Nine dollars have been expended for literature for the different departments of work—Sunday School pledge cards, Flower Mission cards, Responsive Readings and leaflets. 1,568 pages of literature have been distributed by four members of the Union, 4 *Union Signals* and 4 copies of the *Star* taken.

Center Sidney: Has distributed 1,468 pages of literature. Two *Union Signals*, 2 *Stars*, 1 *Young Woman* and 1 *Crusader* taken. \$3.50 expended for literature.

#### KNOX COUNTY.

Mrs. S. C. Brastow, superintendent, reports: Camden Union takes 6 *Physiology Journals* for their teachers, keep wall pockets supplied at steamboat landing room and electric car station. 1,240 pages of literature have been distributed, 3 *Union Signals* and 7 copies of *Star* taken.

Rockland Union: Has collected three barrels of papers for distribution by the Y. M. C. A. at the lime kilns, vessels and jail. Fifty copies of a paper containing temperance sermons distributed. Copies of *Cigarette Law* and *Impure Literature* have been circulated. Eight copies of *School Journal*, 15 of *Union Signal*, and 12 of *Star* are taken. "Do Everything," "Teaching Truth," and other books bought and loaned.

Rockport: Has a wall pocket supplied with literature at the electric car station. Since March the superintendent has distributed 15,760 pages of literature, most of which was placed on board of vessels leaving that port. 1,000 pages distributed by one member of the Union also.

Union: Has furnished literature for the County Fair, also kept their station boxes filled. Have sent about 400 religious and temperance papers to the prison during the year.

Spruce Head Union: Keeps 3 wall pockets supplied; have bought 1,300 pages of literature most of which has been distributed. Four copies of Union Signal, 4 of Star, 20 of Anti-tobacco Gem, 1 of Bible Readings, are taken. They have purchased a copy of the life of Mrs. Mary A. Woodbridge which they read in their meetings.

Thomaston: Has no superintendent, but one member from each of the churches does what she can in this department. Many papers are sent to the prison, and a wall pocket is kept supplied.

Vinalhaven reports: We have kept paper racks in two boats and in one waiting room which have been supplied with copies of the Union Signal. About 3,000 pages of literature distributed. Four copies of Union Signal, and 11 of Young Woman are taken.

Warren: 600 pages of literature distributed, also 100 leaflets for Mothers' meetings. The box at R. R. station is supplied.

Lincoln county—No report.

Oxford county—No report.

#### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

Mrs. Marian A. Blethen, superintendent, reports: The Dover and Foxcroft Unions have distributed 4,000 pages of literature, also many papers. Have kept 2 W. C. T. U. boxes supplied with tracts and leaflets. Temperance leaflets have been placed in three grocery stores to be sent to customers. Leaflets have been sent to individuals as needed. Cigarette Law has been posted; two copies of School Physiology Journal sent to teachers, also Narcotic leaflets sent to some teachers. The county superintendent has distributed 6,000 pages of literature including foreign and juvenile. \$4.00 has been expended.

Milo: Eight copies of Star, 2 of Signal, are taken; 12 copies of Bible Readings are used in the Union, 6 copies of Physiology Journal distributed among school teachers. Many hundred pages of



literature have been scattered freely, also Temperance Instruction and Cigarette Laws.

The faithful president of Greenville Union has procured subscribers to the Star, circulated much literature and sent valuable reading matter to the lumbermen. This Union has sent one man to the Keeley Cure at Deering.

Atkinson Union has done good work in this department.

Penobscot county—No report.

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

Bath Union reported by Mrs. H. N. Jackson: 2,275 pages of literature has been placed in the W. C. T. U. boxes at R. R. stations. 100 pages given to the Seamen's Reading Room, 352 pages to the Y. M. C. A. Reading Room. Copies of Star, New York Voice, and Portland Herald have been circulated.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY.

Mrs. F. H. Brown, superintendent, reports: Shawmut Union, 2 copies of Union Signal, 5 of Star and 8 of Young Crusader taken. Superintendents have distributed quite a large amount of literature. 902 pages of leaflets, books, papers and magazines sent to camps

Hartland: Union Signal and Star taken.

Pittsfield: Ten copies of Union Signal, 8 of Star taken. \$10 expended for literature.

North Anson: One Union Signal, 2 copies of Star taken. Considerable literature distributed.

Ripley: Has kept wall pockets in the store and post office filled.

Fairfield: Three copies of Union Signal, 4 of Star, 5 of School Physiology Journal and 8 of Young Crusader taken. Responsive Readings used in meetings; 300 leaflets distributed in Junior work; 200 pages on Narcotics circulated.

#### WALDO COUNTY.

North Searsmont, reported by Miss Miller: Twenty copies each of Union Signal and Star taken and one copy of Woman's Journal. Miscellaneous papers circulated. One department gave 1,500 pages and others will raise the amount to 3,000 pages. \$10 has been spent for leaflets which have been distributed.

From the county superintendent there is a very interesting and effecting letter telling of the work accomplished, and one can hardly

realize such a need of evangelistic work here in our own State. The house to house visitation reveals many things a white-ribboner would never otherwise know. To find homes without bibles, and finding one with the sacred word locked up for safe keeping, are strange experiences to us who have such blessed privileges of reading and studying God's messages of love and promise to us—but oftentimes neglected for want of interest and pressure of cares; and to think of our sisters hungering for reading matter, while in many homes are the papers and magazines often unopened.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Mrs. E. H. Sprague, county superintendent, reports: Jonesport Union, 40 copies Temperance Banner, 6 of Union Signal, 6 of Star are taken. Leaflets have been distributed. The Jonesport Y's have distributed 22 magazines, 21 papers and many leaflets. Have subscribed and paid for 4 copies of Young Woman, 2 of Signal and 2 of Star. Have conducted 5 Medal Contests and have on hand some literature.

Millbridge Union: Reports 12 copies of Star and 8 of Signal taken. Have distributed in public meetings, schools and private families more than 1,000 pages of literature. Have kept wall pocket at post office filled and sent many leaflets to mothers.

Eastport reports 18 copies of Star and 8 of Union Signal taken.

Willard Union, Pembroke: Ten copies of Signal and several of Star taken; have distributed temperance literature.

Pembroke Union: Several copies of Signal and Star taken and have distributed literature.

Calais Union: 968 magazines, leaflets and papers have been distributed; 6 Parliamentary Rules, 6 Model Unions; nearly 2,000 pages of literature have been distributed at R. R station and boats and a quantity given to Milltown and Red Beach Unions, just organized. Four copies of Signal by members, 5 for the clergymen, and 1 copy for public library are taken, also 12 copies of Star; 20 copies of the Constitution have been distributed; \$9.35 has been expended for literature.

Aggregate pages of literature distributed, not including papers or leaflets, 101,863. Number of Union Signals taken 191, number of Stars 247. When we consider the hundreds of subscribers' names upon our Star list this report is not very flattering.

It is with feelings of happiness and a little pride that I am able to report this department free from debt and a nice little sum in the treasury, and I know the spirit of the Doxology finds an echo in your hearts that the literature department is upon a good financial basis.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN J. FERNALD.

## Influencing the Press.

### *Madam President and Co-workers:*

William T. Stead, editor of the *Review of Reviews*, thus describes his ideal of the press: "Informed by omniscience, directed by providence, wielding omnipotence." This is a high standard, and the superintendent who even approaches it must indeed seek wisdom from them 'in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,' must keep closely in touch with the great movements of the day and must never lose sight of the far-reaching influence of the printed word.

Good work has been done in this department in every county, though from Oxford and Hancock I have received no definite reports. Our two new county superintendents, Mrs. White of Penobscot and Miss Reed of Cumberland, send the fullest and best reports that have ever reached me from their respective counties. The Saturday issue of the *Bangor Daily Commercial* still runs the W. C. T. U. column, headed by a dainty bow of white ribbon and now edited by Mrs. White. Mrs. Cole of Portland has done splendid work on the Portland dailies.

Kennebec leads in number of columns published, (500). Somerset in thorough organization. Piscataquis, through Mrs. Martin, reports editors very courteous and the outlook brighter than at any previous time. Mrs. Tarbell of Aroostook, in addition to work in her own county won a prize offered by the editor of the *Turf, Farm and Home* of Waterville for best essay, and has since contributed articles bearing upon our work to the household department.

Miss Loring of Knox county, for many years an invalid, was this year able to read her own report at Camden and has served our cause by effective story writing as well as in other ways.

Miss Kimball's report shows that excellent work has been done in York, notably through her column at Kennebunk.

In Sagadahoc the usual amount has been published in the Bath papers.

We have as Franklin's county superintendent Mrs. Kyes of the *Farmington Chronicle*, and most of the reporting during the year has been done through the W. C. T. U. column in that paper.

Mrs. Drisko, wife of the editor of the *Machias Union*, who has charge of the work in Washington county, does not feel quite as well satisfied as usual, but reports good work from five Unions and 90 columns, largely in the *Machias Union*.

And now Waldo! We have heard and talked much of Belfast hospitality since last Monday, and now I am going to let you into the secret. Almost a year ago, Miss Emily Miller my county superintendent, and Mrs. Fernald the local, went systematically to work to prepare the way for us through the medium of the Belfast papers. And you behold the result for yourselves.

In all about 1700 columns, three-fourths perhaps being original matter, have been published in Maine newspapers during the year through the efforts of our faithful corps of superintendents, making the money value of the gift we have received from Maine editors, reckoned at ten cents a line, \$17,000—a gift surely well worth mentioning. I know of but two Unions, Gardiner and Sanford, which have had to pay for space except for advertising purposes, and the charge at Gardiner was for a standing card. Number of press superintendents 91, number of papers giving regular space about 50, publishing occasional articles 120.

As state superintendent, I have written many letters to county and local workers, suggesting what seem to me the best methods and urging the necessity of each superintendent being provided with suitable helps, chief among which is this pamphlet, "Points for Press Workers," (price 5 cents per copy), which no superintendent should be without. During the last state convention, at the request of the *Lewiston Journal*, I sent that paper about 3,000 words in telegraphic reports, which were the more needed as no daily was published in Houlton. Brief reports were also sent two of the

church papers, *Zion's Advocate* and the *Christian Mirror*, which were as usual kindly received and printed. By request of the daily above mentioned, I furnished an outline sketch of this session for last Saturday's issue and have called the attention of the editors of several other leading dailies to the interesting nature of these meetings. Have also communicated with the Boston manager of the United Press, hoping thus to secure more extended reports.

MARY L. FRENCH.

## Narcotics.

### *Madam President, Sisters and Friends:*

I bring today my ninth annual report for the department of Narcotics. The reports for the year past are full of encouragement, and I wish we had space for them all, but for brevity's sake will give only the principal items, which may serve as suggestions for another year's work. Very much literature has gone on its mission of enlightenment, nearly all the Unions having done something this way. Thousands of copies of the Anti-cigarette law have been posted in public places, given to tobacco dealers, and otherwise circulated. In Portland alone Mrs. G. F. French has distributed 1,000 copies, and has brought to justice one man who violated the law, the court finding him guilty. The principal of a Grammar school in this city says there is not one-tenth as much cigarette smoking among the boys as two years ago.

Many public addresses have been given, also chalk talks. Many men have given up the tobacco habit, *some* through personal work, others because of sermons preached; one had been a slave to the weed 26 years another 40 years. One Union distributes monthly in the public schools 266 copies of the Gem. One superintendent has loaned 100 pages of literature—thinks it more likely to be read than when given. Another puts leaflets in Sunday School books, and still another in post office boxes. One who is both county and local

superintendent sent the law to every teacher asking them to give a talk to the pupils on the effects of cigarette smoking. She has also left a copy of the law with each of the 40 dealers in town. Another writes letters to young men enclosing the leaflet, "Does It Pay to Use Tobacco," and one put into the hands of every boy in the public schools an envelope containing the tract, "The Tobacco Habit and Its Effects on School Work."

In some places the Sunday Schools, and in others the public schools are visited and many pledges obtained. One town reports no saloon or cigar store. One superintendent cannot find a boy in town who uses tobacco.

In East Corinth, Kenduskeag, Pittsfield and Skowhegan, all the cigarette dealers signed an agreement to sell no more cigarettes. In Greenville all but *one* signed an agreement to sell no more for one year. At East Corinth the ladies bought the stock on hand and cremated it. In Skowhegan three men have been saved from the tobacco habit by Divine power. One had used it for years, had a serious heart trouble, also weak lungs with distressing cough. He gave himself to God, his desire for tobacco disappeared, and with it his cough, lung, and heart trouble; in six months he has gained 50 pounds. Let us advertise the *Divine cure* for evil habits.

Let us utter a warning against the use of morphine, chloral, cocaine, antipyrine and *all other drugs*, except in cases of extreme necessity. I recommend the Narcotic Medal Contests, both oratorical and essay work. Write for instructions to Miss Margaret Hunter, Cherryfield, Maine. Especially let us teach the children.

I. S. WENTWORTH.

## Work Among Railroad Employees.

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### *Madam President and Sisters :*

As I come before you with this, my third annual report, I wish to say first that I have been very much strengthened and encouraged during the year that is past by the promptness with which my call for superintendents has been met. I think I have sent out but two cards which today remain unanswered. I would say also that I have received nothing but kindness and courtesy as I have been trying to do personal work among railroad employees ; found them in almost every case eager for the reading matter which we distribute. There is a very marked difference since the first year of my work.

Androscoggin county : Reports good work done in Lewiston, Auburn and Greene. Several thousand pages of literature distributed, also religious newspapers, copies of Union Signal and Star in the East, besides much personal work.

Aroostook county : Through its faithful and efficient superintendent, Mrs. Ralph Seeley, has done most excellent work ; especially in personal work has she excelled. She has secured after considerable effort full and free permission to distribute her literature among all the employees she can reach on the C. P. R. R., and Bangor and Aroostook, coming from the superintendents in both cases. Nine *new* weekly temperance and religious papers every week have been distributed besides a large amount of leaflets and papers not kept an exact account of. She has spent \$6.10 for her personal work.

Kennebec county—Miss Brainard, superintendent : Reports no work done except in keeping wall pockets filled at stations. Hope to hear from them next year.

Lincoln county ! Through its superintendent has distributed literature and kept boxes at stations filled.

Piscataquis county—Miss Laura Clement, superintendent : Good work done at Dover, Foxcroft, Greenville ; Shirley also taking steps for work.

Sagadahoc county—Mrs. Addie Robbins, superintendent : Reports the observance of March 1st as Railway Men's Day at Bath ;

also literature kept in boxes at stations. Also good work done at Richmond.

Somerset county: No report.

Washington county: With only its 20 miles of railroad is doing good work by distributing literature, and doing personal work both at Calais and Princeton.

York county—Mrs. Smith of Cornish, superintendent: Writes she is about to leave the State for her old home in Georgia; hopes York county will speedily appoint her successor.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN THOMAS.

## Work Among Lumbermen and Quarrymen.

*Madam President and Members of this Convention:*

In making up my report for 1896, I am glad to find the work much better organized. There yet remains much to be done. I regret to say that four counties have neither sent their reports nor answered my letter asking for same—yet I know some work has been done. I feel this work to be a great opportunity for educating the men in the lumber camps in Temperance principles, and from the many grateful letters received we know that our efforts are appreciated.

My dear comrades, let us make a greater effort this coming winter. We hope the time will speedily come when every camp will be cared for weekly by some W. C. T. Union. Let the letters received give us new courage to do more work. Let us realize that this is not only an important branch of white ribbon work, but of God's work also—in this work we may fulfill the command, "Feed my Sheep."

A new suggestion is that each comfort bag contain some pledge cards which the men be asked to sign and return to the Unions sending them.

Oxford county has taken up the work since last convention and sends a good report.



We wish especially to thank Rev. Mr. York a missionary of Oxford county, Rev. Mr. Whittier, State Congregational missionary, and Rev. Mr. Parker of Ashland, for the help they have given to this work. We are so glad that interest in this work is growing. This is the seed time and we know if the seeding be well done, an abundant harvest will be gathered bye and bye.

Aroostook—Mrs. Sophia Howe, county superintendent, Ashland: Ashland, 12,000 pages. Amity, 2,000 to six camps. Danforth sent several pounds beside furnishing families of lumbermen with good reading. Rev. Mr. Parker of Ashland sent much good reading to camps beside distributing a box of reading from Massachusetts, also a box from the Junior Y. P. S. C. E. of First church, Bangor.

Rev. Chas. Whittier, Congregational missionary, distributed a large amount of reading, visited two camps, spent one Sunday in the camp and preached to the men. *All* gladly listened and were grateful for the reading matter.

Cumberland county—Mrs. S. W. McLellan, South Windham, county superintendent: Brighton, new Union, sent 2,652 pages of literature with extra leaflets to different camps. Cumberland Mills, 3,000 pages to camps. Deering, ten packages, average weight 3 3-4 pounds, amount of postage \$1.50. Gray, good work, pages not reported. Newhall, camp supplied throughout the season; 5 comfort bags sent to camps; literature sent to amount of 3,906 pages. North Gorham, distributed one year each of Youth's Companion, Woman's Tribune, Portland Transcript. North Windham, supplied one camp, 1,000 pages. Otisfield, furnished two camps 500 pages. Portland, supplied two camps weekly, 1,400 pages, sent box of magazines to Mrs. Rogers at Greenville. South Brighton, reports not much work done; will do better another year. South Windham, one camp supplied, 6,000 pages. West Gorham, supplied one camp and one family, 1,383 pages. Windham Center, five camps supplied regularly weekly; one Union Signal was sent regularly by the foreman from the camp to his home and the wife has now subscribed; estimate of pages sent 1,875. Yarmouthville, sent to camp H. J. Bailey 12 pounds of literature at different times; received a letter from them expressing thanks. But two Unions report not receiving replies to their letters.

Knox county—Mrs. Frank Conant, Camden, superintendent: 22,000 pages.

Franklin county—Mrs. G. L. Kempton, Rangeley, superintendent: Much work has been done in the county.

Hancock county—Mrs. Clark, South West Harbor: Much work has been done.

Oxford county: Norway, sent literature and 8 comfort bags. West Paris, sent 4 large bags. Brownfield, sent a box containing 11 comfort bags, magazines and papers; one large bag was sent to superintendent of sailors. Andover, this Union is so near camps that they send what they can directly to camps. Bethel, Mrs. F. L. Chandler will receive anything Unions may send, and forward to Rev. S. S. York, who has been very helpful in distributing literature.

Penobscot county—Mrs. N. L. Perkins, Bangor: Orono, 1,000 pages; received letter of thanks. Hampden, sent to five camps 15 pounds. Stillwater, sent 40 pounds of papers and magazines. Kenduskeag, supplied two camps.

Piscataquis county — Mrs. Frances L. Rogers, Greenville: Greenville, received and distributed 1 box from Portland, 2 from Miss Tilton, Kittery, 1 from Mrs. Harvey, Orono, 1 barrel papers and comfort bags from Worcester, Mass. Atkinson, furnished papers to four camps. Dover, supplied all camps in their vicinity. Guilford, supplied several camps. Milo, has done her share but has not reported.

Somerset county—Mrs. Flora A. Clarke, North New Portland.

Sagadahoc county—Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Bath.

Washington county—Mrs. G. H. Condell, Calais: Only three Unions reported. Calais, papers 1,636, magazines 504, leaflets 333, books 52; sent 16 comfort bags. Cherryfield, reports 6,237 pages, Youth's Companion 10 copies. Jonesport, sent to camps 670 papers and magazines. This county superintendent received calls from men from the camps who personally thanked her, also two letters.

York county—Mrs. M. A. Snow: Reported no work done save to send to Unions literature to distribute.

Respectfully submitted,

ADDIE L. HARVEY.

## Sabbath Observance.

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*Dear Sisters of the Convention :*

My report will be brief this year owing, partly, to my not being able to do any work in this department since last November. Piscataquis, Kennebec, Knox, Cumberland, and several other counties have done good work. Lectures have been given ; thousands of pages of literature distributed. Sunday newspapers stopped, and many poor children gathered into the Sabbath Schools.

One sister, Mrs. Hubbard of Stetson, writes me that she has taken a little orphan boy into her home and into the Sabbath School. May the dear Lord bless her abundantly for this noble deed.

Mrs. V. F. Cox, Tabor, N. J., associate superintendent of the national department of this work, has given one address in Bangor and two in Gardiner. She was prevented from visiting Piscataquis and Aroostook counties, as she planned to do, on account of the bad roads that prevailed at that time.

I regret very much that I have not been able to do more, and as I shall not be situated so that it will be possible for me to do more the ensuing year, I beg the convention to release me and appoint some one that can keep the work moving.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. A. ROLLINS.

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## Purity.

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*Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :*

In presenting my first report on the department of Purity I regret that it is so meagre, eight counties only having reported.

I am sure, however, that work has been done in some of the other counties which has not been reported. The need of this department is apparent everywhere. Like the evil of intemperance the social evil is widespread and ruinous in its effects. Those who

engage in this work need tact, sanctified common sense, and a large measure of the spirit of Him who could separate the sinner from the sin, and love the one while rebuking the other.

**Aroostook county:** Reports 18 superintendents of this department. Three thousand pages of literature have been distributed. The leaflet "Safety for School Children," has been given nearly every teacher in the county. Mothers' meetings have been held in many Unions, one, the Houlton Union having such a meeting every month with an efficient superintendent. Sermons on the subject have been preached and personal work done.

**Franklin county:** Three Unions report work done. The Philanthropist and Purity leaflets have been circulated. The New Crusade, Dr. Mary Wood Allen's excellent magazine, is taken by one Union, mothers' meetings held, and literature distributed.

**Kennebec county:** Reports 5 superintendents in this department; 2,000 pages of literature distributed, and some promise cards signed. Three sermons have been preached on the subject; books have been loaned, articles written for the press, the subject discussed in the regular meetings of the Union, and 6 mothers' meetings held.

**Knox county:** Reports 9 superintendents in county. Mothers' meetings have been held, literature distributed, and 175 promise cards circulated. Mrs. Taylor of Rockland has given much time to the work, seven addresses having been given, schools visited, mothers talked with on the importance of the subject, women and girls visited in the station-house and jail, and other work not reportable.

**Oxford county:** Reports work done in four Unions, mothers' meetings held, and pledge cards circulated; reading matter placed in one reading room. The county superintendent has written 34 letters and cards to the local Unions, hoping to arouse a deeper interest.

**Penobscot:** Reports letters written, literature circulated, laws posted, and an effort made to arouse a deeper interest in the work.

**Sagadahoc:** The superintendent reports that a girl of 13 has been rescued from a home of vice and placed in the Temporary Home and the most encouraging reports have been received from her. A very able address was given by Rev. Sarah K. Taylor, well calculated to arouse thought on this important subject. Effort has been made to secure separate recesses in the schools, but without

success. Some of the advertisements of the druggists are worthy of our positive condemnation.

Waldo county: Reports work done in seven Unions, mothers' meetings held, the subject discussed at the regular meetings, and readings given from the New Crusade and other leaflets by the national superintendent. Books have been circulated, teachers conferred with, and a deeper interest manifested in the subject than ever before.

Mrs. Swett, police matron of Auburn, sends a very interesting report of her work, which if time would permit, would be listened to with much pleasure. A summary of her work shows 2,000 calls made, occupation found for 50 girls, and 1,000 volumes of reading matter distributed.

With a deeper realization of the importance of this department, let us try to do more in the year to come for whatsoever things are pure.

JENNIE E. SEAMANS.

## Purity in Literature and Art.

### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:*

But 5 county superintendents have reported to me in this department.

Aroostook county: Reports 8 superintendents in the county; 4,000 pages of literature distributed; reading rooms visited, and books examined; objectionable advertising matter removed from bill-boards; barber shops and tobacco stores visited; the co-operation of postmasters secured in being watchful that nothing objectionable is passing through their offices; jail visited, sermons preached; boys pledged not to sell vile papers on the streets, etc. A general advance of interest is reported all along the line in this department.

Cumberland county: The superintendent reports that owing to ill health she has been able to do but little during the year. Unions have been written to in regard to the importance of appointing local superintendents. Work has been done in some directions as opportunity offered.

**Sagadahoc county :** Superintendent reports having at the request of the national superintendent sent a copy of a resolution adopted by the National Editorial Association, asking all editors to omit from their columns, scandals, details of crime, etc., to each editor in her county. She also sent a copy of the "Plan of Work" to one pastor asking him to preach on the subject ; which he did.

**Waldo county :** Reports work done in different directions ; letters written, literature circulated, including copies of the law relating to this department.

**Washington county :** Reports work done by four Unions, with others asking for information in regard to the department. Literature has been circulated ; the department leaflets read in Union meetings ; mothers talked with in regard to being watchful over the books and papers which their children read ; an L. T. L. instructed in the importance of being pure in all things ; immodest advertising pictures removed from stores, etc.

As parents, guardians, teachers, we cannot be too careful in regard to this department of work, for this evil is wide spread and the youth of our land are being contaminated in very many cases.

JENNIE E. SEAMANS.

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## Department of Mercy.

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### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention :*

The plan of work and aim of the department of Mercy is. First : To secure a more widespread knowledge of existing laws against cruelty to children and to animals, and a better enforcement of them. Second : To secure in Public Schools, Sunday Schools, in Loyal Temperance Legions, Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavors, etc., the formation of Bands of Mercy. Third : To secure the co-operation of ministers of the gospel, by requesting them to preach upon the universal duty of mercy and consideration towards all God's creatures. Fourth : 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 entire abolition. Fifth: To discourage any practice, custom, or fashion which involves the infliction of unnecessary suffering on any living creature.

The object of this department and plan of work, I have endeavored to bring before every individual possible; and have earnestly tried to have the work of this department taken up in every Union, and we feel that this year has been spent in "getting ready" rather than active work in other directions. Five counties have appointed superintendents: Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford and Washington. The reports have been quite satisfactory, but regret they cannot be definitely reported. One superintendent reports law against cruelty has been published in newspapers, and posted in conspicuous places. A large amount of literature has been sent out, a good proportion of which showed the character of vivisection. "Black Beauty" is in almost every town school; also in many country schools.

Three articles against vivisection have been written for the press, and effort in conversation has been made against this terrible evil, but no lecture as yet.

Seven Bands of Mercy have been formed this year, the number of pledged members not given. Very earnest effort has been made to secure the co-operation of teachers in Sunday and day schools, and much interest is manifested. Several ministers of the Gospel have been requested to preach against scientific and other forms of cruelty. Many names secured on the appeal to woman, not to wear birds or aigrette plumes.

In conclusion, I wish to urge the adoption of this department in every local Union. I need not tell you, my dear sisters, of the need for humane education in our state, in our country.

The vast increase of crime in spite of a splendid school system shows it; and our own shocked and suffering sensibilities as we walk the streets of our cities and towns and witness the unnecessary torture put upon our dumb creatures shows it still more plainly.

The more humane teaching the W. C. T. U. gives the children of our country, the fewer criminals we shall have in the future. And not forgetting to maintain an active crusade against that most horrible of all kinds of physical torture, vivisection, "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."

LUELLA M. LITTLEFIELD.

## Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

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Another year has passed and we are again privileged to present our annual report of the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children. In presenting this report it is well to state at the outset that our efficient state superintendent, Miss Harriet A. Leavitt, who had held the office two years with such encouraging and satisfactory results, resigned, (much to the regret of the Union which fully appreciated her noble self-sacrificing work) and a new superintendent was appointed. It is also desirable to mention the fact that the report of this department is always more or less incomplete. Much of the work is purely local and never reaches the ear of the state superintendent. So far more has been accomplished than is included in this report. Twenty-three little children who were without homes of their own, one year ago, are now in excellent private families. Some of them have been adopted already and favorable reports are coming in from all and we trust these children are permanently provided for.

One little girl, not quite three years old, was placed in a home last November, but before the new year was a month old God took her. She was a winsome little creature and lived long enough to bring a new love and light into a childless home. Two children have been cared for in temporary homes for several months. Six children have been boarded during the year at the expense of the department. All of the children who were in boarding homes one year ago are now in permanent free homes with the exception of one boy whose delicate constitution has made it thus far impossible to secure for him a free home. Three children have been transferred. Four children have been sent to the Temporary Home at Portland. Two have been removed from that institution to permanent free homes.

One of our charges was removed from the Bangor Children's Home and another received there till a permanent home could be secured for him. Four girls have been sent to the Industrial School. Three children have received hospital treatment. One of these



children is still at the hospital and we present him as our problem of today. He has reached his ninth year and has outgrown two institutions, was returned from a third because of a defect which, while it need not impair his future usefulness, mars his looks. He is bright, happy and active, with a remarkable ear for music and a sweet voice. Only this defect keeps him from a home. Isn't some one large hearted enough to recognize the wholeness of the soul, and give this little fellow a home until he can care for himself?

Many of the Unions have done much by way of clothing and helping needy children in their homes. This work is done quietly, but should be duly emphasized. It is a cardinal principle of our department not to break up a worthy family because of poverty alone, nor to relieve a parent of the care of a child if that parent can by a little help and advice be made to care for the child himself, but to be truly and wisely charitable and help others to help themselves. The Sunday School has written one thousand letters and received eight hundred and thirty.

The State of Maine is not among the largest or most wealthy states of the Union, but it abounds in comfortable homes, and is famous for its good men and women. The hard times have closed the doors of some of those homes so closely that there are still little children out in the cold. In the better days, that must in the order of Providence soon come, let us think on these things and write on our own hearts a resolve to do all we as individuals can do to save these little ones from perishing.

On the following page will be found the financial statement of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE M. ANTHOINE.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM SEPT. 30, '95 TO SEPT. 30, '96.

## EXPENDITURES.

Travelling expenses,	\$ 18 60
Postage,	20 37
Board of children,	257 00
Clothing for children,	39 95
Telegrams,	60
Office supplies,	8 75
Printing,	18 25
Assistance in the work,	45 00
Expressage,	50
Medical attendance for children,	32 75
Burial expenses,	30 00
Temporary home,	50 00
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Total expenses,	\$521 77

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in treasury,	\$221 44
Cash received of Dexter Union,	20 80
“ “ Auburn Union,	31 00
“ “ Spruce Head Union,	1 00
“ “ South Berwick Y's,	50
“ “ Winthrop L. T. L.,	4 00
“ “ Town of Winthrop,	50 00
“ “ Gifts from individuals,	126 50
“ “ State Aid,	500 00
“ “ Free Street Baptist S. S., of Portland,	6 34
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Total receipts,	\$961 58
Balance in treasury,	\$439 81
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## Evangelistic Work.

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### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:*

In reporting this year the work done by our counties, I feel it due them to say they have had but little help from your superintendent, who has been absent some months of the year from the state seeking health and rest.

Androscoggin, which has had so much good work reported in the past, claims to have done very little the last year in this special department. We hope she may "renew her strength" another year.

Aroostook county, as usual, sends an excellent report. Whereas last year only 8 Unions sent reports, this year 14 reported, 11 of which state "spiritual interest good," "much Christian work done." Its superintendent complains, as we all must, of the lack of definite statistics, although one Union tells among other cheering things of the conversion of two members who were not Christians when they joined but received their first help in Christian life in the Union meetings. In one church the pastor gives one Sabbath evening service every month to the W. C. T. U., and in this way alone much has been done to bring the indifferent under religious influences. Of mothers' meetings, which are a prominent feature of her report, she says: "Much is being done by stirring up the minds of busy mothers to the importance of the right training of their children, that otherwise in the press of many cares might be overlooked or even unthought of; these meetings are especially helpful to young mothers. One Union gives the first week of every month to these meetings. Invitations to attend are sent out to as many mothers as possible who do not belong; in this way thoughts are being aroused and seed sown that shall bring forth an abundant harvest in the near future, for it is written, 'My word shall not return unto Me void.' Sometimes in these meetings gray-haired mothers, and even grandmothers, will say with tear-wet faces and broken voices, 'If I had only known these things before when my children were young—but they were not talked of then—how much better I might have trained

my children for useful lives. God helping me I will do all I can to help young mothers find the good I missed.' " This is what mothers' meetings are doing for the young mothers of to-day. I would like to quote from this county report still more largely, as one can read between the lines the burning devotion that makes the work of this superintendent so effective.

Cumberland county, has a new superintendent appointed last year, who has taken up the work with great earnestness. Reports many Unions who are faithful in calling on the sick and dying, the sorrowful and bereaved, while visits at homes situated at a distance from churches have been used to feed hungry souls; meetings at almshouses and jails, but no statistics.

Kennebec county sends the following report: Number of lectures given, 14; number of sermons, 5; pages of literature distributed, 1,464; gospel temperance meetings held in nearly all Unions; much personal work done; noontide hour of prayer observed by individuals. All business meetings open with devotional exercises; close with earnest purpose to do more to build up Christ's kingdom the coming year.

Knox county: The usual report of "some" work done in jails, gospel meetings, and Bible readings held, etc.

Oxford county, through its newly appointed superintendent, has corresponded with all her local Unions, and will no doubt, with the earnest thought she has given to the work, have more to report another year.

Piscataquis county also sends its first report through a new superintendent, who will get things well in hand by another year, when we shall doubtless receive cheering words from her.

Somerset county sends a most inspiring report of work accomplished and plans for systematic work in the future; has got into communication with all her local Unions; one church and Sabbath school are sustained by the W. C. T. U. in this county, while the sick, the poor and sorrowful are visited; clothing and comforts for the poor and needy; tracts and loving visits for the bereaved; one Union has used several hundred pages of tracts and other literature. She proposes to visit each of her local Unions the coming months. May God move all our hearts to "go and do likewise."

York county, as usual, has a most thrilling report of work done, not only in its local Unions generally, but especially in the cities of

Biddeford and Saco, where that most devoted missionary, Mrs. H. P. Bradbury has labored so successfully among the destitute, the fallen, and those thrown out of employment by the closing of the mills, not only, but in connection with ministers and others who were aroused to a high degree of interest in the work of the York County Enforcement League, which seemed at one time, she says, "to be a God-send among us," but, she adds, "something was wanted on the citizens' side." (O for the power of a consecrated ballot in the hands of woman.)

This ends the reports by counties. I have myself held more than 25 meetings in the interest of the W. C. T. U., distributed several hundred pages of literature, organized one Union, and written about 200 letters, beside postals and papers sent, and in other ways have tried to inspire the hearts of women with love for the work.

With most earnest purpose to get in touch with at least each county superintendent the coming year and to do more and better work for our blessed cause, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW.

## Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.

It has been my privilege to visit our State Prison every three months of the year. With our present warden the poor unfortunate men and women have the best of care granted them. The necessity of a Reformatory Prison is more forcibly fixed in my mind at each visit I make. There are young men and boys who have taken their first steps downward, forced to associate with hardened criminals and are instructed in sin, intemperance and other evils, by desperate men. There are good men, young and old, who have fallen the first time, have confessed their wrong, and are leading a good life. If any favors are shown them, there is great feeling among the other and bad class of men. What can be done? It has been suggested that we appoint a committee to make a personal canvass

among our leading business men, trying to show the urgent need ; it might have more effect than our past efforts. Looking at this matter from a financial point, could we not show them that the cost is less in preventing crime than in supporting criminals?

In a religious way services are held every Sunday morning. Mr. Plumer has charge of the men's department, and kind sisters of the W. C. T. U. meet with the women in their neat, nice rooms over the guard-room, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Religious reading is taken in for the inmates. Flower Sunday is always observed and from the Unions in the county each man and woman is given a beautiful bunch of flowers with the white ribbon text card attached ; many are the expressions of joy and thankfulness by the convicts. Mr. Plumer, the chaplain of the prison, held an evening school for a time, which was a good step towards reform, but I think it has been discontinued for some time. Sunday afternoon a Bible class is held with the women by the chaplain. Many of the convicts can neither read nor write. A most excellent discourse was given them by Rev. F. M. Preble of Camden on Prison Day, July 12 ; special music with large attendance. Thanksgiving and Christmas delicacies were sent in to the women.

Cumberland county : Reports religious services held at the jail every Sunday forenoon, the fifth Sunday always conducted by the W. C. T. U ; reading matter freely distributed among the convicts. The commitments to the jail ending April 1 were 2,059 men and 204 women ; total 2,263 ; many of them put in for a night for safe keeping who do not receive sentences. Almshouse and hospital also visited with helpful results. The superintendent urges the necessity of a graded prison, which should be also reformatory. May God hasten the day when men and women of our land shall no longer judge the unfortunate ones, but show the blessed spirit of our Divine Master whom we serve, by giving with our prayers, the kind, helping hand, back to virtue, temperance and the right.

Knox county : Reports of jail work, meetings have been held part of the time, and large quantity of religious reading matter has been provided for the inmates.

Piscataquis county : Reports no work done in this department as the jail is in Bangor which is also for the use of this county.

Waldo county : Reports no superintendent. The jail in Belfast is always visited on Flower Mission Day.

St. Albans: Reports they do not take up the Prison Work as Somerset county jail is at Skowhegan and the N. P. Union do all that can be done.

Franklin county: Writes that the work done in this department is by Mrs. Scales of Farmington. She is very faithful to visit the jail with a variety of reading matter and good words. The Almshouse Work consists in seeing that no children are allowed to grow up in that institution.

Lincoln county: No superintendent.

Oxford county: Superintendent reports absence—will now take up the work and hopes to accomplish much. Services held in jail by the several pastors of the village and also Norway, but not under the auspices of our Union.

Washington county: Reports there have been 84 prisoners in our jail the last year, 37 of them brought directly by liquors. The superintendent writes: "Our way of working is to have service for prayer, Bible readings, and singing, every other Sunday, taking in religious reading, and giving each convict, who will promise to read it, a Testament; we take to them school books and slates, and urge them to study and improve their minds; there has been but one woman in our jail this year. We also visit our almshouse, and through the aid of Miss Leavitt of Portland have sent one little boy from the almshouse to a home.

Androscoggin county: The work in our jail has been blest with good results the past year. Meetings every Sabbath in the year; seven thorough conversions. One man has gone out as a Temperance lecturer and one also as an evangelist; often they come to our service in the jail and join us in trying to save souls. The largest number of convicts at one time the past year was 172, smallest 41, women 13. There were four months that no women came in; only two there now." The superintendent writes: "We aim at the soul, knowing that a *saved* man or woman is every whit whole, a new being in Christ Jesus."

Waldo, Sagadahoc, Penobscot and York counties: No superintendents.

Kennebec county: Excellent work always done by superintendent, visiting the jail, holding meetings, providing religious reading, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

LOTTIE CHASE KNAPP.

## Reformatory Prison for Women.

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It is difficult to discuss the treatment of the criminal classes without considering the two factors, the community and the individual. In the past the community has demanded that the offender against the law should be punished—often the more the better. The world is growing wiser. It is finding out that the community is best protected by the reformation of the individual—that the world is helped by “turning one sinner from the error of his ways.” It is found, too, that it is better to prevent crime than to punish it. This it is seeking to do by means of education, by prohibition of the wrong, by creating a purer atmosphere, thus giving to communities a more beautiful public life.

The State of Maine needs a Reformatory Prison for Women. Ample provision has been made for criminal men, but nothing has been done for bad women. There are fourteen jails for men—not one for women. It is the testimony of every jailer with whom we have been able to converse that there is not a jail in the State that is a fit place for bad men and women under the same roof. Miss Johnson, superintendent of the Reformatory for Women at Sherburn, Mass., says there is not a roof in the world under which there is fit place for bad men and women together.

As the county jails are arranged it is impossible to keep them apart. The cells or rooms of the women can be reached in most cases only by passing the cells of the men. Most of the work in the jails is done by the prisoners. They often have the keys to the cells and have easy access to those of the women.

The women are shut up in large cells often four or more together without reference to age or the nature of their crime. Cigarette smoking is a prevailing habit with most criminal women. It is not unusual in visiting their rooms to find them filled with the fumes of tobacco smoke.

There should be industrial system in connection with every jail in the State. Work, real sweat of the brow, is a good reformer. The women at the Sherburn Prison work the entire day without speaking.



Only half an hour at noon is allowed them for talking with each other. When pleasant this is spent in the open air. They are always accompanied by some one of the officers, all of whom are women.

Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Beedy, and Mrs. Taylor have spoken in various places in the State, hoping to arouse an interest in the subject. A petition is to be presented to the Legislature this winter asking for the establishment of a Reformatory Prison for Women, and all women interested are earnestly requested to use all the influence they may possess in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
HELEN COFFIN BEEDY,  
CLARA M. FARWELL.

## Flower Mission Work.

### *Madam President and Members of the Convention:*

This year much work has been done, and although all reports have not been sent in I feel that there has been an increase in this department. Many thousand bouquets have been given out, the sick and poor visited and much literature distributed. The different counties report as follows:

Aroostook: Much work has been done. 360 bouquets have been distributed; flowers were carried to the jail twice during the summer; the almshouse has been visited and fruit and flowers carried; the sick and poor have been helped; much literature has been distributed.

Knox: The Warren Union has visited the "shut-in" and done much in this work. Camden, Rockland, Union, Vinalhaven and Friendship, have sent bouquets to the sick. Spruce Head, bouquets have been furnished for the chapel and sick. All the Unions have sent flowers for Flower Mission Day at the prison; delicacies have been carried to the women in the prison Thanksgiving and

Christmas; literature has been distributed from time to time; services have been held by the Thomaston Union every Sunday with the women.

Lincoln: Damariscotta and Newcastle Unions have done a little work in this department; 70 bouquets have been distributed and delicacies carried to the poor and sick.

Oxford: West Paris Union has done much work; the poor and sick have been visited and flowers carried; Flower Mission Day was observed. Hiram, the almshouse was visited at Christmas and services held. Brownfield, more work has been done than ever before; Flower Mission Day was observed. Norway Union, reports a good work done this year; the poor, sick and "shut-ins" have been visited; 102 bouquets with text cards and white ribbon have been sent, 25 pieces for funerals; 20 bouquets with white ribbon and card attached sent to new babies; Prison Day was observed in all the churches, and flowers were sent to the sick.

Penobscot: Much work has been done by all of the Unions. The poor and sick have been visited and flowers sent.

Somerset: New Portland Union has sent 50 bouquets, kept the churches decorated through the summer. St. Albans, furnished 200 bouquets for the sick and funerals. Ripley, reports 32 bouquets sent to the sick and for funerals. Madison Union, has made 200 calls on sick, and distributed 125 bouquets.

Waldo: Belfast Union has distributed 35 bouquets during the year. Swanville, decorated the soldiers' graves on Memorial Day and furnished bouquets for the churches. Searsmont, has distributed 20 bouquets. Waldo, has sent 50 bouquets with text cards attached to the sick and afflicted; a standing bouquet has been kept in one of the schools in the town with the intention of teaching the love of flowers to the children; funeral pieces have been furnished.

Washington: There has been a great increase of work in the Flower Mission Department. Nearly all the Unions have taken up this work. Cherryfield, observed Flower Mission Day by sending flowers to the sick and "shut ins;" through the year bouquets with text cards attached were sent to the poor and sick. Machias, observed Flower Mission Day by carrying flowers to the almshouse, also visited the jail; flowers and literature have been distributed during the year to all sick and "shut-ins." Millbridge, distributed over 100 bouquets to the sick, aged and "shut-ins," also furnished

12 funeral pieces; clothing and food was given to the poor and needy; Flower Mission Day was observed. Pembroke, reports having carried on Flower Mission Work during the year; Flower Mission Day was observed by carrying flowers, fruit and jellies to the sick and "shut-ins." Calais, reports the almshouse visited every Saturday with flowers; Prison Day was observed and 17 bouquets carried to the sick and poor.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH E. LIBBY.

## State and County Fairs.

### *Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:*

In presenting this, my third annual report, I am glad to state that there has been marked improvement all along the line. I think we are beginning to realize in this department that the *local* Union is the foundation upon which rest the county, state and national.

Reports have been received from eleven county superintendents; work has been done on twenty-four fair grounds; 13,000 pages of literature in leaflet form, 500 copies of the Union Signal, 400 copies of the Star, 200 copies the Young Crusader, beside much miscellaneous literature, have been distributed.

Androscoggin county—Mrs. French, superintendent: Reports the work of the Auburn Union at the State Fair as being more satisfactory in its results than ever before. Their restaurant was made pleasant and attractive, refreshments served, Poland Spring water freely dispensed, and thousands of pages of good literature distributed, Mechanic Falls Union furnishing a part. One very objectionable side show, consisting of "dancing girls," was brought upon the grounds, and advertised "No ladies or boys under 16 years of age admitted." After being on exhibition two days, by strong appeals to the president of the Agricultural Board, the superintendent succeeded in having it removed. Thus by eternal vigilance only can we ever hope to rid our fair grounds of these plague spots.

**Aroostook county :** The excellent work done on the fair ground at Presque Isle in 1895 and so promptly reported by their superintendent, Mrs. Forbes, was embodied in last year's report; the work done this year will appear in its proper place in the report of 1897.

**Cumberland county—Mrs. Webb, superintendent:** Reports that good progress has been made this year in this department. Their county tent was erected four days at the County Fair at Gorham, three at Gray, and two at Windham; 4,000 sheets of literature were distributed.

**Franklin county—Mrs. Reynolds, superintendent:** The W. C. T. U. work done at the County Fair at Farmington ought to be imitated at every Fair in Maine. The W. C. T. U. has headquarters there, arranged like a tastefully decorated room, with flowers, screens, easy chairs, baskets of fruit, temperance literature, mottoes, etc. All guests are invited to register. The noontide hour of prayer was fittingly observed, and Mrs. Beedy at this time gave a talk to mothers. Sweet singers of the county lent their voices to the occasion, new members were secured, and everybody who came in touch with the work must admit that it had an uplifting effect.

**Hancock :** No report.

**Kennebec county :** Here the superintendent, Mrs. Leslie, has commenced a good work. Two Unions report the distribution of literature.

**Knox county—Mrs. Robbins, superintendent:** Reports literature distributed on the fair ground at Union. Also literature furnished for distribution at Washington.

**Lincoln :** No report.

**Oxford—Mrs. Holden, superintendent:** Reports the distribution of 1,242 pages of literature at the County Fairs in the eastern division of Oxford county.

**Penobscot county—Reported by Mrs. Horton :** Ladies of Stetson Union distributed literature at the County Fair held at Exeter; literature furnished by Dexter Union. Also at the Grange Fair in Dexter a table was well supplied with our literature, which was freely distributed.

**Piscataquis county :** Less work was done in this department than formerly. No Fair being held on the central fair grounds, literature was distributed on the fair grounds at Monson, Parkman and Milo.

Somerset county: Mrs. Stafford, the newly appointed county superintendent, is earnestly trying to forward the work in her county. Will the local Unions please appoint superintendents, and they report promptly the work done? Literature was distributed on the fair grounds at Madison, North Anson and Hartland.

Sagadahoc county—Miss Carey, superintendent: Reports good work done at the County Fair held at Topsham.

That a good influence has been exerted by the faithful work done in this county for several years, I think we may infer from the following item, published in the *Bath Daily Times* one day of the Fair: "The seventy odd gallons of pure spring water that were drank at the *Times'* Headquarters on the Sagadahoc county fair grounds, in spite of the cold, are good evidence of the temperance character of the attendance at the Fair."

Washington, Waldo and York: No report.

In closing, let me leave with you these words for the success of our work from our national superintendent of this department:

"God speed the day when from every place where the people have gathered, for any purpose whatever, there shall be borne into every home, a precious burden of truth that shall bring the healing of the nation."

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH N. OAKES.

## Legislation and Petition.

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### *Madam President, Sisters and Friends of the Convention:*

One more year has passed since we met "in the Garden of Maine" to review the work of the different departments. As the Legislature has not been in session no real legislative work has been done, but the white ribbon army has not been idle. One has said of Maine, "The old Pine Tree State has stood as erect as her own monarchs of the forest, and has pressed her work as steadfastly and resistlessly as the wind which makes music in their branches." Our State has good laws upon its statute books against liquor selling in any form and against keeping disorderly and disreputable houses. The laws should be enforced.

Androscoggin county: Has a superintendent, and all petitions are circulated; suffrage petition sent to every Union. One Union petitioned for the doing away of the liquor agency in the town and it was removed. Petition for police matron in Auburn and Lewiston.

Aroostook: No superintendent. Has done good work in the past and is ready for work in the future.

Cumberland and Franklin: For the first time failed to send reports.

Hancock—Mrs. A. F. Greely: Writes that the political parties have neither ears nor eyes for anything but gold and silver, and there is no use in petitioning under these circumstances.

Kennebec—Mrs. H. J. Bailey, superintendent: Reports some legislative work done by way of trying to enforce the laws in regard to the selling of intoxicants and against the sale of cigarettes to children. Suffrage petitions are now being circulated in the county.

Knox—Mrs. A. E. Bradford, superintendent: Writes that in Rockland a petition was circulated asking that those victualers who had broken their licenses should not be granted new licenses. The petition was refused. One member of this Union has signed more than two hundred warrants during the past year.

Oxford—E. M. Chandler, superintendent: Reports no work done in petitions.

Penobscot—Mrs. E. R. Horton: Writes only two Unions report having circulated petitions.

Somerset: Reports every Union ready and willing to help in all legislative work that will benefit our cause.

Sagadahoc: Has only circulated the suffrage petition.

Waldo—Miss Miller: Writes that Belfast and Searsmont Unions circulated the petition against military drill in schools and secured some hundred names.

York—Mrs. E. J. Crowell, superintendent: Reports the petition to abolish military drill in public schools circulated.

No reports from five counties.

Our national superintendent of Legislative Work and Petition. Mrs. Ellis, states that we must labor to have women appointed as factory inspectors, as physicians in hospitals and insane asylums, as trustees in all state institutions, and as police matrons in cities, and strive *to educate the people* along the lines of desired legislation. Hold meetings, have good lecturers, distribute literature on the subject you desire bringing prominently before them, and so educate public sentiment that legislators may be made to realize that their constituency demand these reforms. To this end, it is very desirable that women should understand the laws in their respective states pertaining *to* women and children; such as marriage, divorce, custody of children, property, franchise, age of consent, labor, etc., etc. These should be culled from the great mass of verbiage, and in concise form scattered broadcast. This would do more to awaken an interest in the subject of Equal Rights than any other course we could pursue. The local Unions should make these laws a study, familiarizing themselves with the good and the bad laws of their States, that they could point out to the voters in their own immediate circle, as well as in the larger circle, what they desire to have remedied.

Dear superintendents and co-workers, may

"God send us many friends, brave and true-hearted,  
Fighting our battles with courage and love;  
In this great strife may we never be parted,  
Till in Thy kingdom we all meet above."

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. LAMB.

## Franchise.

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### *Madam President and Ladies:*

In submitting my report of what used to be called the *unpopular* branch of our work, I am glad to say with confidence that there has been a marked gain in Franchise sentiment, within the past two years all over the State. Three years ago but four Unions reported to the state superintendent on this question. Today I have reports from every county but one in the State, as well as thirty-six reports from local Unions, while a large number of new Unions not yet fairly on their feet on this question will be ready to report next year.

Androscoggin county—Mrs. L. C. Lamb, superintendent: Reports municipal suffrage petitions, literature, and cards, have been sent to every Union in the county. The news from Greene by Mrs. Thomas is that the petitions and literature have been freely circulated and welcomed. Mrs. Wilder of Turner says: "Suffrage petitions circulated; after strenuous efforts the town agency has been removed; addresses on Franchise have been given at the Grange and have been warmly approved. Livermore Falls Union is alive, and prepared to do aggressive work; many believe in temperance work who do not touch the Franchise question; we must agitate and educate. Auburn, Mechanic Falls, Lisbon Falls and South Durham, for the first time since the connection with the county work of the present superintendent, sent no report.

Aroostook county—Mrs. DeWitt, writes: "Preceding our county convention in June, a large number of our Unions reported, and *all* were more or less interested in the question of Equal Rights. We have had no Suffrage lecturer the last year, but one of our Unions had a home talent Suffrage meeting, where the question was discussed *pro* and *con*, before a good audience. A vote was taken and a large majority of the young men voted for Equal Rights. I have held one meeting with Mapleton Union in the interest of Franchise alone, and I think all present may be said to have been friendly to it. There is no doubt but a large majority in our county are favorable to woman's enfranchisement; petitions for it are readily signed and there is no lack of enthusiasm."



Hancock county: With her usual promptness, Mrs. Ann F. Greely writes: "We have had no lectures on Franchise the past year, but the people very generally are in full sympathy with the cause, so much so, that our Woman's Club always devotes one session to the discussion, and we seldom meet without referring in some way to the reform. We circulate a great deal of Franchise literature as well as Temperance, and much good work has been done in this way that could not have been done by lectures. I certainly do not know a woman or a man who would refuse to sign our petitions, and I have thought that the disgraceful attitude of our political parties may hasten the day of woman's enfranchisement, as they may give it to us to secure our votes. On general principles, I have no doubt of the final triumph of Temperance and Suffrage, and I think you can safely report that the cause is steadily gaining in Eastern Maine.

Kennebec county: Franchise superintendent of this county, Mrs. Kate C. Pishon, deplors the lack of *new* Franchise literature, and might have been discouraged at the set back given us at Augusta, but for the steady advance she sees in public sentiment, and the worth of education on this line among the people. She has circulated numerous petitions, sometimes with personal instructions, and has secured a column in the *Kennebec Journal* for Franchise clippings, which are well appreciated. Mrs. Pishon made a full report at her county convention of all her work, which was in all respects interesting and encouraging.

Knox county: Reports encouragingly through its superintendent that she has sent petitions to every Union in the county with request that they be signed and returned to Headquarters before the first of January and she thinks it will be done. Her local Union is strong on the question of Franchise and is gaining. The gain in the county has been surprising within the last four years, so much so, that a speedy end of disenfranchisement is looked for.

Penobscot county—Mrs. E. R. Norton, writes: "I was unable to do any work last year, and resigned at our last county convention, and it was decided to drop that department from our work in favor of the many other departments. I asked for reports of Franchise work and found it had not been taken up in any Union. Your petitions, etc., received, and if I can find anyone willing to circulate them will do so; but this is a kind of work our people take up reluctantly, although they are favorable to Suffrage."

**Waldo county**—Miss E. F. Miller, superintendent, reports thus : “I feel as if I had done nothing, as an individual ; I talk about equality, but do not argue ; I give facts, some leaflets, items for the county papers ; also give out one copy of the *Woman’s Journal* in the Belfast Union. The majority is favorable to Suffrage. In the smaller Unions there are few, or no answers to my questions, still, there are no serious differences of opinion, and sentiment on the whole, favorable.”

**Piscataquis county** : This county, as usual, is wide awake on the Franchise question. It is freely discussed in meetings, literature and petitions well circulated, and the sentiment points to as good a showing as its record has made in past years ; and that has been a proud one, worthy of the activity that secured it.

**Somerset county** : From Mrs. A. L. Vining the good news comes that her county has a Franchise superintendent in nearly every Union, though not much aggressive work has been done this year ; but the advance made, has come through the free circulation of literature, and talks and discussions in Unions. She finds more literature is needed, and hopes superintendents will supply themselves at conventions.

**Oxford county**—Mrs. Ellen L. Pierce, superintendent : Writes that the enfranchisement of women has been a favorite topic of discourse at all public meetings, Miss Kearney speaking most eloquently on the subject. That public sentiment is increasing there, is evidenced she thinks, by some Unions taking up the Franchise work for the first time, this year.

**Washington county**—Mrs. Bernard Rogers : Reports that all the leading Unions in her county have taken up Franchise work and are making progress. Calais Union has distributed much literature and public sentiment has advanced. Eastport Union has circulated petitions with good results ; at literary clubs the subject has received a full share of attention, discussions having brought out strong points in its favor. In Pembroke, the Franchise sentiment is steadily advancing among persons of both sexes ; some of the new members-elect of the Legislature have been interviewed as to their standing on the Franchise question with favorable results. Mrs. Leighton writes that 400 leaflets have been distributed in Eastport and that there seems to be a growing interest in the subject.

Lincoln county—Mrs. Helen M. Daggett: Reports that in June last she wrote to every Union in her county in relation to her county work, to which each responded. She adds. "A woman's club, with women against women as contestants, which resulted in favor of woman's rights, was but a repetition of those held for years in our academy with a negative decision." She also says that the Franchise work is increasing in the county and earnestly prays that she may be able to do more and better work.

York county: From West Lebanon, Burton and Biddeford, reports come that there is an increasing interest in favor of Woman's Franchise often publicly expressed. The most encouraging phase of it is, that women who have always stood aloof on this question, show that they are beginning to think that Woman's Suffrage is reasonable, desirable, and sure to come. Club women not organized for Suffrage, come out quite strong for the equality of the sexes, are doing more thinking than ever before, and some men, are giving the subject a good deal of attention. Education on this subject is gaining everywhere, since our leaders have done so much in this line.

Cumberland county: Work goes steadily on, every Union heard from still remaining firm in its adherence to Franchise work. Suffrage sentiment has been ably presented in this district, as in fact it has been in every county in the State, within the year. Opposition is fast fading away, and remonstrances are giving place to adherents. I have sent to the county superintendents and local Unions, 108 cards, 246 petitions, 98 pamphlets, 700 pages leaflets, 58 letters, and many copies of the Union Signal, Woman's Journal, etc., which have been kindly donated for the purpose. Have received 36 reports from local Unions which have not yet learned the necessity of reporting to county superintendents instead of to the state; and I wish here to emphasize a suggestion made some time since, that a more systematic line of work between local and county superintendents would help us *all* very much. The Stroudwater Union has had a gain of 27 members, and has organized a Loyal Temperance Legion of 33 members, all of whom we hope to make Equal Rights men and women. This sentiment however, is so well established in our town, that we are not called upon to do much Franchise work, and our standing in our Union when last put to vote was solid for Equal Rights. Our county superintendent was not appointed until

last May, which has somewhat retarded the work of local reporters and consequently the State report of this county work, but Mrs. Hunt will take up the work very soon, and will give to it its much needed efficiency.

Franklin county: Last but not least, as we learned through Mrs. Beedy's unfinished history of last evening, reports but little work done there for Suffrage since last May, when a satisfactory showing was made at the county convention. Like other believers in Equal Suffrage, the W. C. T. U. ladies all speak judicious words in its favor, as they have opportunity, and their column in the newspaper does what it can to enlighten the public on this question.

To those of you who are weary of the struggle for our enfranchisement, as we all may be at times, there are assurances that we are not to be left alone to carry on the warfare; there are unconscious allies in our field. As a noted writer has said: "Every institution of learning that admits the sex, every one who employs a woman thus helping her to independence, every invention that relieves her from drudgery, all these are clearing a path to the ballot box for women the world over. Women's clubs, whatever their proclaimed objects, and whether they realize the fact or not, are political training schools for citizenship."

Now, I ask, is this vast body of women, trained in the best methods of citizenship, to be resisted, when, as their very teaching indicates they come to claim their political heritage? For, every educated woman, be she suffragist or anti-suffragist, wants good government for her town, city and nation; and when she studies the relationship of individuals to citizenship, is it unnatural or unwise that she should wish to have a voice in the choice of those in public office by whom she and her children are to be governed? Let those of us, and those *not* of us, who falter in their decision as to what is *right* to do in this matter, safely rest on the authority of one of the greatest and wisest men of modern times, whose name is idolized in his own country and revered by every civilized nation on the face of the globe, who declared in his great-hearted yet simple words: "I go for *all* sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens, by no means excluding women." We, whose noblest ally he *was*, like to call him simply Abraham Lincoln the would-be emancipator of women as well as of the slave.

LOUISE TITCOMB.

## Peace and Arbitration.

### *Madam President and Ladies of the Convention:*

Before giving the reports by counties, I will allude to what the state department has done. A letter was sent to every county Union, requesting all who had not appointed a county superintendent of Peace to do so. Circular letters and literature were sent to clergymen throughout the State asking them to preach a sermon on Peace Sunday. Many did so and several wrote for more literature. Letters and petitions were sent to every Union in the State, desiring each to secure signatures to the petition against the introduction of the military drill in the public schools. When our representatives at Washington received these memorials by the hundreds I think they must have come to the conclusion that the Maine W. C. T. U. is alive, even if it never pretends to be in fighting trim. A memorial signed by the state executive committee and the peace superintendent was sent to Washington, urging the government to settle the little trouble between England and the United States without warfare. We have not yet learned that war has been declared between these two great nations; nor have we yet received a telegram stating that perpetual peace has been declared through our efforts. The state department of Peace has circulated, either by mail or at conventions several hundred pages of literature. The press has been made use of, and the state superintendent has spoken before one county convention.

Sagadahoc county: Reports the usual amount of work accomplished. Popham Beach Union has distributed literature and sent Peace resolutions to Congress. Bath Union has circulated the petition against the military drill; preachers have given talks in the interest of Peace before their sermons; one clergyman has promised to preach on the subject. Several copies of *The Acorn* have been taken, and children of one class have written letters to this paper as a literary exercise. One pastor makes it a rule to pray for Peace each Sabbath.

Interest in the cause is on the increase in Somerset county. Several Unions observed Peace Sunday. Three Peace sermons were preached, one at North Anson and two at Madison. The

topic has been discussed at clubs and elsewhere and essays in its interest written. Literature has been distributed.

Waldo county: Has recently taken up the work and Mrs. Jones of Belfast appointed county superintendent. Considerable literature has been distributed in the Sunday Schools.

Kennebec county: Winthrop Union reports 1,280 pages of literature distributed, and about 25 copies of *The Acorn* taken. Peace Sunday was observed; two Peace sermons have been preached and allusions to the subject made in others; one Peace article has been read in a union meeting. A petition against the military drill in the schools has been circulated. Peace lessons have been taught in the L. T. L.

In Piscataquis county there is one Union—that at Greenville—which is so interested in the cause that they have sent me two reports. At this place Peace Sunday has been observed and one Peace sermon preached.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.

## Work Among Soldiers and Sailors.

In giving this year's report of the department of Soldiers and Sailors the superintendent labors under difficulties, being unable to procure from all the counties that take up the work, full reports.

Cumberland county leads all others. Our former beloved superintendent of this department, Mrs. F. C. Johnston of Portland, reports the distribution of twelve barrels of choice literature placed on board vessels outward bound, and sent to life-saving stations, etc., and loan libraries are kept on board those going to foreign ports. Two barrels from Kennebunkport were sent to Portland. From South China one barrel of choice literature, magazines and reviews and illustrated papers went to Tremont for the fishing fleets, the islands and families, as needed and appreciated.

Washington county: Has sent barrels of literature from her largest ports, but no formal report has been received.

It has been well said that "the history of women is the history of nations," and it would seem that the Christian women of Maine should awake to a new interest in her sailors and fishermen, "toilers

of the sea," who farm the pastures of the deep, that the remotest dwellers of the ends of the earth may "not lack of the abundance of the seas and the treasures of the sands."

When we consider that among the civilized nations alone of the earth, four millions of men "go down to the sea in ships and do business in the great waters," and our "hundred harbored Maine" with her innumerable islands, her "still shut bays and windy capes," her "inlets locked and still," ranks among the foremost of maritime states, with her territory standing as it does just where the "American East Coast turns toward Europe and has as historians affirm been "affected in a high degree by all the migrations, voyages, discoveries and conquests that have been the connecting links of commerce, navigation and intercourse, between the east and the west," then the command of the ancient prophet on Carmel comes to us with a new and deeper meaning. "Go up now and look toward the sea" its broad billowy fields "white with the harvest."

The nobleness of soul, the fearlessness and magnanimity, the self sacrifice and broad sympathies of the sailor who faces death always to earn his daily bread, so *hardly* earned for his beloved, and to swell the coffers of the rich and great—are not such characteristics worthy of being exalted more and more in remembrance and enlisted in the cause of God and Home and Every Land?

Help and kindly token of interest in the sailor is help in the broadest sense to humanity. The sailor is peculiarly liable to the great temptation of the drink curse, and its kindred vices. Without the sailor the "bands of ribbon white" could never have met around the world.

May not our inland sisters be mindful that though "shut-ins" from the "beauty and the mystery of the sea" and its commercial associations, they too have the same interests and duties though in remoter degree, as they who dwell upon its borders, and that they can and will gladly help when the "cry of the mariner" goes up from the ships that whiten the deep, the farthest isles, the crowded ports of the world, and turn more to the work of uplifting the sailor, and so hastening the time when "the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord," until the millennium dawn when "there shall be no more sea."

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN WILDER NEAL.

## Star in the East.

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In the minutes of the last convention you will find this statement : It was the unanimous opinion of the executive committee that the Star in the East must be continued as essential to the development of the W. C. T. U. and that every member of every local Union needs this paper. Local officers and superintendents can hardly feel qualified to serve unless they are regular readers of the state paper.

That this was, and still is, the honest opinion of the executive committee is apparent from the fact that every member save one, a county president, is and has been all the year a subscriber to the paper. Six of the state superintendents and thirty presidents of local Unions as recorded in the last minutes do not subscribe.

Every Union in Androscoggin and Cumberland counties have one or more copies. Fort Fairfield has the largest list of subscribers, twenty-six, with twenty-one Union Signals taken. This is leaving out of consideration Portland, with which it seems hardly fair to compare the Unions in smaller towns. Acting upon the declaration of the executive committee, that the Star is essential to the development of the work, your business manager has in various ways sought to increase its circulation. Every Union has been asked, and some more than once, to appoint an agent. But few have responded. Packages of the current number have always been sent to new Unions as soon as organized, and usually a second package with each paper marked, "please subscribe."

There have been twelve regular issues of the paper under the direct editorial charge of the general officers of the State.

Your business manager felt that the space for needed reading matter was already too small to allow room for advertisements, and that with the small circulation of the paper, solicitation for the same was equivalent to asking for donations to the work. It was a question then unsolved whether it could be made self-sustaining without this resource, but we are glad to report that it has been a success, and we hope as satisfactory to the subscribers.

There have been received 1,093 subscriptions to the Star and 181 to the Union Signal ; shall this number be double this year?



The executive committee said "every member of every local Union needs this paper." This means every delegate in this convention and all of the constituency whom you are here to represent. Will each one of you who has not already done so, subscribe today?

In closing, may I be allowed to give a few hints for the next year, which if carried out will ensure a complete success to our official organ: Let every Union appoint an agent. Let this agent solicit a subscription from every member, not forgetting to urge the claims of the Union Signal. Let every subscriber to the Signal take it through the Star; it is better for you and better for the Star. Let all agents forward the subscriptions promptly, or let the business manager know that she is attending to the matter. Let every subscriber remit promptly when her paper is marked, please renew. A receipt for subscription is always sent to the person sending the money, and a reference to this will decide the question of expiration of subscription. Let all communications for the paper be sent to the editor. Finally, all subscribe.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

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CORNELIA M. DOW,  
*Business Manager.*

# 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 paying a 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, 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 committee 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.

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### 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———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.

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#### 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 County 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.

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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 Employees. 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 victualer, 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.

## 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
1894,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AUBURN
1895,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	HOULTON
1896,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BELFAST





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### **Pledge of the National W. C. T. U.**

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"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."

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### **✻ ✻ Purity Pledge. ✻ ✻**

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"I SOLEMNLY promise, by the help of God, to hold the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women, and to use my utmost efforts to obey the command, 'Keep thyself pure'; to discountenance all coarse language and impurity in dress, in literature and art; to lend a helping hand alike to men and women, giving the penitent of both sexes an equal chance to reform so far as my assistance and influence can do this."

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## Plan of Work.

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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.**

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FOR 1897-8.

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*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. L. J. Purrington, Calais.

*County Treasurer*—Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Eastport.

Addison	Mrs. O. F. Crowley	Mrs. M. L. Plummer
Calais	" E. H. Vose	" C. B. Collins
Cherryfield	Miss Margaret C. Hunter	" Frances S. Nickels
Danforth	Mrs. D. H. Powell	" L. A. Smart
E. Machias	" J. R. Talbot	Miss Eliza W. Harris
Eastport	" E. A. Holmes	Mrs. H. P. Adams
Harrington	" Sophia A. Strout	Miss L. A. Ramsdel
Jonesport	" Elizabeth R. Peaseley	Mrs. Clara Farnsworth (West Jonesport)
Machias	" William Longfellow	" Warren Hill
Millbridge	" A. W. Chalmers	" Effie J. Sawyer
Milltown		
Willard Union		
Pembroke	" John Dudley	Miss Cora Mae Wright
Pembroke Union	" L. J. Frost	Mrs. Belle Wilder
Princeton	" Angus Hall	" W. Mercier

## YORK COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford.

*County Treasurer*—Mrs. L. W. Ricker, So. Berwick.

Biddeford	Mrs. Emily Dudley	Mrs. Sarah L. Cram
Cornish	" Ann D. Webb	" Nellie N. Plummer
Groveville	" M. E. Sawyer	" J. O. Harmon
Groveville Y.	Miss Lubelle Patrick	Miss Mae Sawyer
Kennebunk	" Anna O. Kimball	Mrs. R. W. Lord
Kittery	Mrs. M. E. Tilton	" Etta M. Keene
Old Orchard	" A. C. Dawley	" L. H. Moody
Sanford		" Frank Albee
So. Berwick	" E. L. Goodwin	Miss Ella Ricker
Springvale	" Howard Frost	Mrs. Wm. Fernald
West Lebanon	" E. J. Cowell	" E. L. Closson

## List of Delegates.

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### STATE GENERAL OFFICERS—5

*President*—Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. Sarah L. Cram.

*Recording Secretary*—Miss Clara M. Farwell.

*Assistant Recording Secretary*—Miss Estelle M. Brainard.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston.

### STATE VICE PRESIDENTS—10

ANDROSCOGGIN—Mrs. A. J. Denison, Auburn.

FRANKLIN—Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington.

KENNEBEC—Miss Estelle M. Brainard, China.

KNOX—Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland.

LINCOLN—Miss A. F. Ginn, Damariscotta.

PENOBSCOT—Mrs. Evelyn Harvey, Kenduskeag.

PISCATAQUIS—Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft.

SAGadahoc—Mrs. Helen M. Delano, Bath.

SOMERSET—Mrs. Frances M. Chandler, St. Albans.

WALDO—Miss Emily F. Miller, No. Searsmont.

### STATE SUPERINTENDENTS—21

Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Amity.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Stroudwater.

Miss Lubelle Patrick, Groveville.

Miss Annie C. Bagley, Norway.

Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, Harrison.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, E. Brownfield.

Miss Mary Bishop, Portland.

Miss Mary L. French, Auburn.

Miss Belle Downes, Houlton.

Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft.

Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Livermore Falls.

Miss Louise Titcomb, Stroudwater.

Miss Alice M. Douglas, Bath.

Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Skowhegan.

Miss Margaret C. Hunter, Cherryfield.

Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center,

Mrs. Lottie Chase Knapp, Portland.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center.

Miss Jennie M. Anthoine, Portland.

Mrs. Helen A. Thomas, Greene.

Mrs. Alice B. Bigelow, Auburn.

### ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY—20

AUBURN—Mrs. Nellie Fellows, Mrs. Lena M. Oliver, Mrs. L. C. Pulsifer, Mrs. Augusta Maloon, Mrs. Raymond Toothaker, Mrs. Ruth Bray, Mrs. H. A. Torsey, Mrs. Abbie C. Peaslee.

GREENE—Mrs. R. J. Mower, Mrs. Charlotte Pierce, Mrs. Emily Munson, Mrs. Clark.

LEWISTON—Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Mrs. E. K. Smith, Mrs. Vesta Evans.

TURNER—Mrs. A. N. Jones, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. H. L. Irish, Mrs. Lizzie Chase, Mrs. Sarah Bird.

#### AROOSTOOK COUNTY—5

CARIBOU—Dorothea Holmden.  
FORT FAIRFIELD—Mrs. Clara E. Cottle.

HOULTON—Mrs. Henrietta Ebbett, Miss Belle Downes.

MARS HILL—Mrs. Lizzie York.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY—36

BRIDGTON—Mrs. D. B. Holt.

BRUNSWICK—Mrs. Ellen Wyman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Annie Towne.

CUMBERLAND MILLS—Pres., Mrs. S. E. Morrell; Mrs. L. E. Graham, Mrs. H. E. Cotton, Mrs. L. M. Steves.

HARRISON—Pres., Mrs. Lillian Cole; Lucy A. Hawkes.

NEWHALL—Pres., Sarah W. McLellan; Mrs. Hanson.

N. GORHAM—Mrs. A. M. Wescott.

PEAKS ISLAND—Pres., Mrs. N. B. Sterling; Mrs. Violet Wheatley.

PORTLAND—Mrs. Hobbs, Mrs. Cammett, Mrs. McClinlock, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. French, Mrs. Norton, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Hanson.

SOUTH WINDHAM—Pres., Mrs. M. M. Bodge; Mrs. M. A. Edwards.

STEEP FALLS—Mrs. Donnell.

STROUDWATER—Pres., Miss Louise Titcomb; Miss Harriet Leavitt, Miss A. F. Quimby.

WESTBROOK—Mrs. M. K. Center, Mrs. P. L. Chandler, Miss Hattie Jordan.

WINDHAM CENTER—Pres., Lucy A. Snow; Mrs. M. K. Varney, Mrs. Ellen F. Webb.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY—5

FARMINGTON—Mrs. Ella Clark.

NORTH JAY—Mrs. C. M. Keyes, Mrs. Meserve.

STRONG—Mrs. Basle.

WILTON—Mrs. Packard.

#### HANCOCK COUNTY—2

S. W. HARBOR—Miss Mary A. Carroll.

S. DEER ISLE—Mrs. L. May Robbins.

#### KENNEBEC COUNTY—14

AUGUSTA—Pres., Mrs. Olive A. Holway; Mrs. H. K. Libby, Mrs. Ann E. Williamson.

CHINA—Mrs. Annie Woodsum.

GARDINER—Miss Frances Mitchell  
HALLOWELL—Mrs. W. H. Perry, Mrs. Geo. F. Wingate.

MONMOUTH—Mrs. Helen M. Haynes  
SIDNEY—Mrs. Lucy Wyman, Mrs. A. S. Driscoll.

W. GARDINER—Miss N. M. Plimpton.

WINTHROP—Mrs. Jennie A. Packard, Miss Alice Clough, Mrs. Ellen Bailey.

#### KNOX COUNTY—27

CAMDEN—Miss Carrie F. Barrows, Miss Theresa F. Aran, Miss Emma A. Porter.

CAMDEN Y.—Miss Aedna Upton, Miss Lena Alden, Miss Lizzie Conant.

FRIENDSHIP—Mrs. S. B. Thompson, Mrs. K. A. Jameson, Mrs. S. R. White, Mrs. E. K. Taylor.

ROCKLAND—Mrs. G. M. Brainard, Mrs. Lizzie Young Butler, Mrs. Al-

zira L. Crie, Mrs. M. F. Hawley.

SPRUCE HEAD—Mrs. N. P. Hall.

UNION—Mrs. A. E. Bradford, Mrs. S. G. Hills, Mrs. H. M. Robbins, Mrs. M. R. Drake, Mrs. E. Butler, Mrs. H. M. Cummings.

WARREN—Pres., Mrs. Mary Newbert; Mrs. Maria Mallett, Mrs. Emily C. Davis, Mrs. S. A. Brown, Mrs. L. E. Ladd, Mrs. J. A. Teague.

#### LINCOLN COUNTY—20

BREMEN—Mrs. E. S. Perkins, Mrs. W. A. Meservey.

DAMARISCOTTA—Miss A. F. Ginn, Mrs. Sarah E. Frye, Mrs. Lucinda Thompson.

DRESDEN MILLS—Mrs. Ann Trott, Mrs. Joanna Price.

JEFFERSON—Mrs. E. A. Bond, Mrs. H. R. C. Avery, Amanda Bryant, Emma Hall, Susan Tukey.

NEW HARBOR—Mrs. Emma Morelan, Mrs. H. E. Doliver.

ROUND POND—Mrs. M. E. Palmer, Mrs. Grace Sprowl.

WALDOBORO—Mrs. D. W. Potter, Mrs. H. M. Daggett, Mrs. S. A. Trowbridge, Mrs. Luella Winchenbaugh.

#### OXFORD COUNTY—2

BETHEL—Miss Anna Cross, Miss Isabel Shirley.

#### PENOBSCOT COUNTY—11

BANGOR—Miss Mary Crosby, Mrs. H. E. Foss, Mrs. L. L. Varney, Mrs. Granville Newcomb.

BANGOR CRUSADE—Mrs. E. C. Waldron, Mrs. Nan Leonard.

CHARLESTON—Mrs. S. J. Johnson.  
DEXTER—Mrs. A. J. Merrill, Mrs. E. R. Horton.

KENDUSKEAG—Mrs. J. A. Tucker.  
ORONO—Mrs. A. M. Abbott.

#### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY—4

DOVER—Mrs. Frances Smith.

FOXCROFT—Mrs. Mary A. Brown, Mrs. C. E. Jeffers.

GREENVILLE—Mrs. Frances Rogers

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY—5

BATH—Mrs. Hattie Closson, Mrs. Ella M. Baker, Mrs. S. P. Hemingway.

POPHAM BEACH—Mrs. Sarah Perkins, Miss Kate Spinney.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY—10

MADISON—Mrs. Stella F. Voss.

NORTH ANSON—Mrs. Martha F. Bunker.

PITTSFIELD—Mrs. Eunice R. Lewis, Mrs. Flora E. Sturtevant, Mrs. Eva P. Bryant, Miss Bessie Kimball, Mrs. F. M. Chandler.

RIPLEY—Mrs. E. G. Neal.

OLON—Mrs. O. A. Chapman, Mrs. Lillie E. Merrill.

#### WALDO COUNTY—14

BELFAST—Mrs. S. W. Bicknell, Mrs. M. A. Hills, Mrs. H. W. Walker, Mrs. C. G. Cotterill, Mrs. A. E. Clarke, Miss E. F. Miller, Mrs. S. G. Bicknell, Mrs. Ella Thurston.

NORTHPORT—Mrs. A. H. Batchelder, Mrs. L. A. Rhodes.

WALDO—Mrs. Addie L. Dinsmore  
WINTERPORT—Mrs. L. A. Littlefield, Mrs. E. M. Littlefield, Miss Effie M. Littlefield.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY—6

CALAIS—Mrs. Vose.

CHERRYFIELD—Mrs. Chas. Nichols, Mrs. Abbie Nash.

EASTPORT—Mrs. E. A. Holmes.

MILLBRIDGE—Mrs. Johnson.

PEMBROKE—Mrs. John Douglas.

GROVEVILLE Y. — Miss Mary E. Sawyer.

OLD ORCHARD—Mrs. J. G. Harvey, Mrs. A. C. Dawley, Mrs. French.

W. LEBANON—Miss Amelia Shapleigh, Mrs. E. L. Closson.

## YORK COUNTY—7

GROVEVILLE—Mrs. M. A. Moulton.



## MINUTES.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 27, 7-30 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the state president. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Johnston.

At the roll call all the counties were represented except Oxford. Aroostook, Cumberland and Hancock were represented by the vice presidents, at large.

Mrs. Dennison and Miss Nickerson were requested to attend to the seating of the delegates.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 28, A. M.

Called to order by state president. Prayer by Mrs. Johnston.

*Voted:* To recommend that the departments of Purity and Purity in Literature and Art be merged into one department, under the head of Purity.

*Voted:* To recommend to amend Section 2 of Article 2 of the State By-Laws, by striking out "visiting members from its own auxiliary", and inserting "visiting members from the Unions in the County."

The following apportionment of the counties for the delegates to the World's Convention was recommended:

Cumberland, York and Somerset, one; Aroostook, Piscataquis and Penobscot, one; Franklin, Washington, Hancock, Lincoln and Oxford, one; Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Androscoggin and Knox, one.

*Voted:* To appoint a committee to see what the Woman's Christian Temperance Union can do toward the better enforcement of the prohibitory law.

Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. Beedy, and Mrs. Horton were named as the committee.

Mrs. Harvey, Miss Miller and Miss Ginn to act as a committee to



consider the subject matter of the *Star in the East* with especial reference to the obituary notices.

Committee rose to meet at 1-30 P. M., Sept. 28.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 28, A. M.

The Twenty-third Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in the Winter Street Congregational Church, Bath, Sept. 28, 29, 30, 1897.

The church was made cheerful and inviting with a profusion of cut flowers most tastefully arranged. On either side the platform hung the state banner and those of "Star in the East" and "Homes for Homeless Children". In the rear shone our national motto, while suspended from the galleries were the sixteen county banners. The American and English flags formed a beautiful drapery for the organ.

A devotional meeting was held at 9-30, led by Mrs. Lucy Snow in her own earnest way.

At 10-30 the convention was called to order by the state president, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens.

After singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," led by Miss Sarah M. Hall, the Crusade Psalm was read responsively, led by the general officers, and Mrs. R. C. Hall offered prayer.

Roll-call showed that all the general officers were present and a large number of the vice presidents and superintendents.

The president appointed the following committees:

Courtesies, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre; Mrs. Southworth, Miss Cary, Bath.

Credentials, Mrs. Cram, Biddeford; Mrs. French, Portland; Mrs. Blanchard, Lewiston.

*Voted:* That the committee on resolutions consist of one member from each county.

The minutes of executive were read and after corrections accepted.

Miss Weeks and Miss Varney were introduced as pages.

The programs were accepted subject to such changes as the convention may make.

*Voted:* That the address of state president and report of corresponding secretary be transposed in place on program.

The convention was pleased to welcome as special guest of honor Miss Agnes Slack, secretary of the World's W. C. T. U.

Miss Slack responded in words of hearty and cordial appreciation of the women of Maine, and of the recent visit of our state president to England.

Mrs. Abbie Gay Dustin, a former resident of Maine, was present on platform and was introduced to the convention. Mrs. Dustin is president of the 17th district of Nebraska which includes nine counties. She is also state superintendent of Relief Work. Mrs. Dustin spoke feelingly of the aid given by Maine to the Nebraska sufferers.

A beautiful bouquet of carnations was presented to the state president by Mrs. Blanchard for which Mrs. Stevens returned thanks.

Report of corresponding secretary was read and accepted.

The new Superintendent of Literature, Miss Mary Bishop, gave her report which was accepted.

At noontide after a few moments of silent devotion, prayer was voiced by Miss Slack.

Report of Press Work given by Miss Mary French.

*Voted:* That the following telegrams of love and greeting be sent; to Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill, Portland, First Thess. 1 Chap. 2 verse; also messages of love and sympathy to Miss Dow and Mrs. Spaulding.

As Sept. 28 is the birthday of our national and world's president, Miss Frances Willard, voted that a telegram of love and congratulations be conveyed to her from this convention.

After singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds", the meeting adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING, Tues. 1-30, P. M.

Mrs. Stevens was in the chair.

The following recommendation was made by the committee on the enforcement of the prohibitory law: "That we inform our-

selves as to the enforcement of the Prohibitory Law in our communities and if non-enforced, choose a legal committee from our Unions who shall wait upon the municipal officers and learn from them what they consider to be their duty in regard to this law. If further steps are necessary that we petition the county attorney and other county officers to enforce this law. That we will also petition the Governor and other State officials to execute the law" The results of these efforts shall be forwarded to the general officers of the W. C. T. U. to become a part of the Temperance Archives of our state. These committees not to cease their labors until victory crowns the work.

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CONVENTION, Tuesday P. M.

Called to order by Mrs. Stevens. After singing "My Faith Looks up to Thee," Miss Trott led in prayer. Minutes of morning meeting read and approved.

The secretary read minutes of executive meeting.

*Voted:* To defer action on these minutes until morning meeting.

Mrs. Beedy read the telegrams ordered to be sent by the convention.

To our National and World's President:

"Loving greetings with congratulations on your birthday. Read Third John 1-2."

To Mrs. L. J. Spaulding:

"Greetings! We miss you. Read Second Kings 4-26."

To Hon. Neal Dow and his co-worker, Miss Cornelia M. Dow:

"Greeting! Read Gen. 18:18-18."

To Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill:

"I Thess. 1-2."

The annual address of the state president was a grand review of the year's work and was as always, full of interest, inspiring and helpful.

On motion of Miss Brainerd it was accepted with a rising vote of thanks, and the recommendations were referred to the Executive Committee.

The state treasurer, Mrs. Johnston, read her report for the year, which was accepted.

Report of "Star in the East" was also read. On motion of Mrs. French, the report was accepted with a rising vote of thanks to the business manager.

Deacon Henry Woodward of Winthrop was introduced, and spoke strongly in favor of prohibition and woman's suffrage.

The president appointed as committee in charge of Memorial Service, Mrs. C. M. Kyes.

Moved that each county delegation appoint some one of its number who shall speak a few words in memory of those who have passed away.

The following telegram from Miss Willard was gladly received by the convention: "Am well and grateful. Third John 4:4, 5, 14."

Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Superintendent of Legislation and Petitions, gave her report.

Miss Hall sweetly sang the solo "Thou Mayst not Join the Reapers."

After miscellaneous business and announcements the meeting closed by singing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and benediction by Mrs. Snow.

#### CONVENTION, Tuesday Evening.

The meeting opened with singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Rev. Mr. Miller of Bath offered prayer. A solo by Miss Hall was followed by addresses of welcome from Mayor Bibber, Rev. Mr. Folsom and Mrs. A. M. Purinton. Response by Miss Margaret Hunter.

Solo "If I were a Voice," Miss Hall.

Addresses by Mrs. Shapleigh, Mrs. Beedy and Miss Leavitt.

Collection, introduction of Mrs. and Miss Lile, singing and benediction.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING, Wed. A. M., Sept. 29.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Harmon.

Miss Agnes E. Slack was made a member of the Executive Committee.

The committee on "Star in the East" reported as follows:

1st. Recommended that letters be sent from County Presidents once in three months, not to exceed one column. These letters being subject matter culled from letters from the local Unions.

2d. That short obituary notices of deceased members, when sent either active or honorary, be inserted in Star in the East, not exceeding twenty lines.

3d. We suggest that each issue shall contain a monthly letter from one of the general officers as adding to the interest with which it will be read by our members.

4th. We recommend a question column.

The secretary was requested to notify each county president of the dates for which she is expected to write.

Mrs. Dennison, Mrs. Spaulding, Miss Dow, Mrs. Beedy and Mrs. Hobbs for "Star" of January, April, July and October. Miss Brainerd, Mrs. Hall, Miss Ginn, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Harvey for "Star" of February, May, August, November. Mrs. Delano, Miss Miller, Mrs. Ricker and Mrs. Harmon, March, June, September, December.

The committee rose to meet at 1.30 p. m.

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#### CONVENTION, Wed. A. M.

Devotional meeting conducted by Mrs. Hobbs of Portland. State president in the chair.

Singing "He Leadeth Me". The secretary read the minutes of the morning meeting which were approved.

Minutes of Wednesday executive meeting, after amendment, were approved.

Minutes of Tuesday afternoon executive meeting were taken from table and after amendment, were approved.

*Voted:* That the apportionment into counties of the delegates to national convention made by last convention be approved.

Miss Effie Littlefield, secretary of Winterport Union, was in-

troduced to the convention and stirred all our hearts with her glowing words.

A letter was read from Anna Sargent Hunt to the state president expressive of loving interest and sympathy in the work and joy at once more being a member with us. Recording secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Hunt, expressing the thankfulness of the convention upon her return to us. Miss Crosby expressly desired to send her love, in which all the delegates wished to join.

An invitation to visit the Y. M. C. A. Building, where the W. C. T. U. have head-quarters was received. The invitation was accepted by a rising vote, and Miss Slack was requested to express our thanks to Mr. Mussey.

Mrs. French moved that the treasurer's report of 1897-98 be closed Sept. 15.

Action was deferred on this.

Department of Homes for Homeless Children was reported by Miss Jennie M. Anthoine, followed by financial report on same department. Voted to accept the same.

Miss Hall sang the Lullaby Song very effectively.

Mrs. Seamans gave report on Purity department.

Rev. Mr. Pratt of Turner was introduced and responded.

The time for the Memorial Service having arrived, a stand of beautiful white flowers was brought to the platform and Miss Hall sang "Who are these that are Arrayed in White Robes".

Mrs. Kyes read the names of our promoted comrades.

Dr. Mary Bates Stevens, Turner

Mrs. Julia F. Young, Auburn

Mrs. Ellen Read, Auburn

Mrs. Minnie Reed Whittier, Amity

Mrs. B. Brown, Blaine

Mrs. Deborah Howard

John S. Spaulding, Caribou

Mrs. Malinda R. Small, Fort Fairfield

Mr. J. B. Robbins, Fort Fairfield

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Carmen, Carmen

Mrs. Bernice Larabee, Cumberland Mills

Mrs. Annie Rodgers, Windham Centre  
 Mrs. Sarah Fellows, Windham Centre  
 Mrs. Kate Shaw, Windham Centre  
 Mrs. Wyer, Portland  
 Mrs. Annie C. Hawley, Portland  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, Portland  
 Mrs. A. J. Fisher, Portland  
 Mr. J. P. Willey, Portland  
 Mrs. Clara Winter, South Windham  
 Mrs. F. L. Milliken, So. Windham  
 Mrs. Annie Bailey, Westbrook  
 Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Harrison  
 Mrs. Caroline Winslow, Strong  
 Mrs. Abbie Blanchard, Stratton  
 Dr. Elias C. Neal, Southwest Harbor  
 Henry Rhodes, Bucksport Seminary  
 Faarah Abond, Winthrop  
 Edwin R. Packard, Winthrop  
 Moses W. Pinkham, West Gardiner  
 Miss Mary Ford, Augusta  
 Mrs. Augustus Blackman, Augusta  
 Mrs. Geo. Haskell, Augusta  
 Hartwell A. Jenkins, Augusta  
 Mrs. McCurdy, Gardiner  
 Mrs. Susan M. Frye, Rockland  
 Miss Helen A. Butler, Rockland  
 Miss Mary Eells, Camden  
 Mr. Edwin L. Thompson, Union  
 Mr. Samuel Whitcomb, Thomaston  
 Mrs. Ellen C. Weeks, East Jefferson  
 Miss Harriet Demuth, Waldoboro  
 Miss Adalade Overlock, Waldoboro  
 Miss Cornelia French, Bethel  
 Mrs. Mary Straw, Guildford  
 Mr. Parkman, Greenville  
 Mrs. Sarah Moulton, Stillwater  
 Mrs. A. L. Abbott, Plymouth

Mrs. Elmina F. Harvey, Kenduskeag  
 Mr. A. F. Bradbury, Dexter  
 Mrs. Emma J. Perkins, Popham Beach  
 Mrs. Lydia Stevens, Madison  
 Mrs. Deborah Judkins, Pittsfield  
 Mrs. Kendall, Fairfield  
 Mr. Rand, Ripley  
 Mrs. Jane Estey, Calais  
 Mrs. E. B. Rideout, Calais  
 Mrs. Henrietta McNutt, Calais  
 Mr. W. H. Wolf, Calais  
 Mrs. Eliza Porter, Pembroke  
 Mrs. Sarah Marshall, Pembroke  
 Mrs. Susan C. Moore, Cherryfield  
 Mrs. Celia Farnsworth, Cherryfield  
 Mrs. Lizzie White, Northport  
 Mrs. Mary Limeherner, Belfast  
 Mrs. Flora Nash, Belfast  
 Mrs. Atkinson, Liberty  
 Mrs. Pike, South Berwick  
 Mrs. Harley, Old Orchard

Members from each county spoke in their memory, after which Mrs. Johnston offered a heartfelt prayer and the memorial service closed by singing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye".

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#### EXECUTIVE MEETING, 1.30 Wed., Sept. 29.

The meeting was called to order by the president. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Chandler.

The following recommendations were made:

1st. That we have a superintendent for the Memorial Service who shall be preparing for the service during the year.

2d. That strenuous efforts be made by each local Union to be represented in the state convention, and that the expense if necessary be borne by the local Union, and that a report of the convention be made to each Union within two months after the convention.



3d. That a department be created in the interest of the *Union Signal* and *Star in the East* to be known as the Department of State and National Papers.

The committee rose to meet at 9.45 Sept. 30.

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Wed. P. M. 2.30.

The state president called the convention to order. Accepted minutes of morning as read by secretary. The secretary read minutes of afternoon executive meeting.

On motion of Mrs. French ordered that, the recommendations of executive committee be considered seriatim.

At this point the waving of handkerchiefs announced the entrance of Mrs. Helen M. Barker of Chicago, National Treasurer. Mrs. Barker spoke a few words in acknowledgement.

After earnest discussion of the recommendations, they were adopted with much enthusiasm, and Mrs. Barker offered prayer.

Mrs. Johnston gave notice that at the next convention she or some one in her place would move that Article III of the constitution shall be amended so as to read "one delegate for every forty paying members" instead of "one delegate for twenty-five paying members" as now.

Rev. Mr. Atchley, pastor of the Baptist church in Bath, was presented to the convention and cordially responded.

Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, chairman of credential committee, reported.

Accepted report with proviso that the committee be authorized to make corrections.

Department of Suffrage reported by Miss Louise Titcomb.

At the Y hour seven young ladies, headed by Miss Patrick, came to the platform. The report of Y Branch was given by Miss Patrick.

She then introduced Miss Annie Lile of England, who gave a most stirring address.

Miss Patrick brought a letter from Miss Clara Parish, seventh round the world missionary, and proposed a loving greeting to her away in Japan. This was ordered.

Miss Littlefield was called to the platform, and kindly responded.

The hour closed with singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Foreign Work reported by Miss Gertrude Stevens Leavitt.

Rev. Mrs. Taylor who has done so much work for the Armenians was called to the platform, and she with others told much that was interesting and encouraging of the Maine refugees.

Mrs. Seamans, state missionary, gave a full report of organization and lecture tours during the past year.

Report of Juvenile Work, Miss Annie Bagley. Miss Hall sang the state song of the L. T. L., the audience joining in the chorus.

An invitation was received to visit Soldiers and Sailors Home, also the Old Ladies' Home.

Secretary was authorized to acknowledge invitations with thanks.

A letter was read from Miss Dow, thanking the convention for the kind message sent and asking delegates to renewedly pledge themselves to the work in our various fields throughout the year.

The corresponding secretary was instructed to acknowledge Miss Dow's letter.

Rev. Mrs. Taylor pronounced the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Wed. Evening.

Music.

Scripture reading and prayer by Miss Isabel Shirley.

An eloquent address was delivered by Mrs. Helen M. Barker.

Music, collection and benediction.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING, Thurs., Sept. 30 A. M.

President in the chair.

*Voted:* To authorize the state treasurer to expend an amount not exceeding \$75, in organizing and missionary work.

Committee on Appropriations, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Mrs. I. J. McLellan and Mrs. Evelyn Harvey.

The committee rose to meet at 1.30 P. M.

#### CONVENTION, Thurs. A. M.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

Mrs. Stevens called the convention to order. Minutes of Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning executive meeting were read and adopted.

A call coming from the floor for the voice of Mrs. Lisle by daylight, she very cordially responded, referring to the fine weather we are favored with during convention as "Queen's weather."

The state treasurer spoke of the "Free Will Offerings" for national work given by Unions, also paid a tribute to the work done by the state president in soliciting money to pay for headquarters.

Reports of Departments of Peace and Arbitration, Sunday School Works and Physical Culture, Hygiene and Heredity were given.

A song composed by Miss Mary Crosby was now rendered by Miss Hall.

Report of W. C. T. U. Medal Contests, by Miss Margaret Hunter.

Miss S. Lily Troycross of Philadelphia was introduced.

Report of Work for Lumbermen by Mrs. Alice Bigelow of Auburn.

Report of Flower Mission by Miss Belle Downes.

The time for the election of officers having arrived, Miss Estelle M. Brainerd was called to the chair. Prayer was offered by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney.

The chair announced tellers as follows: Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Bryant, Miss Littlefield, Miss Miller, Mrs. Holway, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Norton.

The informal vote showing a unanimous nomination, it was ordered that the informal be made the formal vote and that the secretary cast the ballot of the convention for Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens as president.

The enthusiasm with which she was received on return to the chair was indicative of the love and appreciation which has for the twentieth time elected her to the highest office within our gift.

Mrs. Stevens responded in earnest, loving words, accepting the trust.

The "Song of the White Ribbon," composed by Miss Mary Averill, was sung by Miss Hall.

Mrs. Sarah L. Cram was elected corresponding secretary by ballot.

The time being limited, it was ordered that the remaining officers be elected by acclamation. The old board was nominated and elected as follows:

Recording secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell; assistant recording secretary, Miss Estelle M. Brainard; treasurer, Mrs. Adelaide Johnston.

The following delegates and alternates to the national convention were elected: Aroostook, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; alternate, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Fort Fairfield; Knox, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Warren; Rev. S. K. Taylor, Rockland; Washington, Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Eastport, Miss S. W. Smiley, Bath.

Androscoggin and Waldo, Mrs. A. J. Dennison, Auburn; Mrs. G. S. Winslow, Belfast.

Penobscot and Piscataquis, Miss Mary Crosby, Bangor; Mrs. G. E. Jeffards, Foxcroft.

Cumberland, Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland; Mrs. J. E. McDowell, Portland.

York and Somerset, Miss Ella Clark, Kennebunk; Mrs. Myra M. Patrick.

Kennebec and Franklin, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beede, Farmington; Miss Estelle M. Brainard, China.

Hancock, Lincoln and Oxford, Miss Annie Cross, Miss Juliette Nickerson, Bar Harbor.

Y. delegate, Miss Theresa Aran, Camden; alternate Miss Etta Littlefield, Winterport.

World's delegates:

Cumberland, York and Somerset, Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt, alternate Miss Harriet Leavitt.

Aroostook, Piscataquis and Penobscot, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Miss Mary Crosby.

Franklin, Washington, Hancock, Somerset and Oxford, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beede, Miss Margaret Hunter.

Androscoggin, Knox, Kennebec, Sagadahoc and Waldo, Miss Clara Farwell.

Adjourned.

## EXECUTIVE MEETING, Thurs. P. M.

Opened with prayer by Mrs. Harvey.

The report of the Committee on Appropriations was presented as follows:

State Work, \$200; President's Postage, \$200; Postage bill of Secretaries, Treasurer and Superintendent of Memorial Services as presented; Scientific Temperance Teaching, \$25; L. T. L., \$25; Evangelistic Work, \$5; with the privilege of presenting the bill to the treasurer not to exceed \$10 additional if she expends the same. Narcotics, \$15; Young Women's Work, \$25; Other Supts. \$5.

In order that Miss Farwell may attend the national and world's conventions, the executive committee requested Miss Mary French, press superintendent, to edit and print the minutes of this convention.

Nominations for state superintendents were made.

Miss Farwell was requested to express to Mrs. S. W. Smith of Rockland, detained at home by illness, the sympathy and regrets of the convention.

The committee rose.

## CONVENTION, Thursday, P. M.

Singing.

Prayer by Rev. S. K. Taylor. Minutes of the morning meeting read and approved. Minutes of executive meeting of Thursday P. M. read and accepted.

Report of Fairs by Mrs. Edith N. Oakes.

Evangelistic Work reported by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

Mrs. McDowell rose to a question of privilege and asked that a rousing vote of thanks be given to Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Hanson through whose faithful efforts our headquarters are now free from debt and really our own. This motion was carried, including all who had assisted in this matter. The doxology was then sung.

Report of Reformatory Prison. Remarks were made by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Beedy, showing most convincingly the need of a Reformatory Prison for Women.

Work among Railroad Employees was reported by Mrs. Helen

Thomas; Sabbath Observance by Miss Frances Moody of Bath.

Miss Emily Ames, a Maine girl, teaching in Jackson, Miss., was presented and told of good temperance work done in her school.

Mr. Tobias, a young colored student in Brown University, spoke on the needs of his race in the South.

The secretary read the list of superintendents for the ensuing year, as nominated by executive committee, which was confirmed.

The convention was now rested and enthused by the singing of the L. T. L. song composed by Miss Isabel Shirley and generously printed and given the county presidents for distribution by Mrs. Jennie Packard, superintendent of L. T. L. work for Kennebec county.

Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, chairman of the resolutions committee, presented a list of resolutions, which, after amendments and additions, were adopted as follows:

*Preamble:* We, members of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in this, our 23rd annual convention, realizing our dependence upon God, desire to render unto Him thanksgiving and praise for the many blessings and mercies of the year, to renew our vows of loyalty to our motto and pledge, to reaffirm our unfaltering faith in the righteousness of our prohibitory law and to devise plans for its more vigorous enforcement, and to go forward with renewed courage and faithfulness in the various departments of our work, depending upon our Heavenly Father for strength and guidance both in the sowing and in the reaping.

*Whereas,* The non-enforcement of the Prohibitory Law in some localities of our State in bringing the criticism of the world upon us as having the will of the people set aside: Therefore, resolved, that we as a body of Christian women will faithfully carry out the plan of action as recommended by the Executive Committee and endorsed by the convention, and printed at length on the State Minutes, to wit: "That we will inform ourselves as to the enforcement of the Prohibitory Law in our communities and if non-enforced, we will choose a legal committee from our Unions who shall wait upon the municipal officers and learn from them what they consider to be their duty in regard to this law. If further steps are necessary, we will petition the county attorney and other county officers to enforce this law. We will also petition the Governor and other state officials to execute the laws. The results of these efforts shall be forwarded to the general officers of the W. C. T. U. to become a part of the Temperance Archives of our State. These committees not to cease their labors until victory crowns the work."

*Resolved,* That we congratulate our auxiliaries on the diligent and successful work reported in the various departments, and urge upon all a

careful attention to the National plans and methods and the perfect work of patience in carrying on these different branches of the work.

*Resolved*, That while we did rejoice over the submission of an Anglo-American treaty and we much appreciate the courtesy of our mother-land in taking the initiatory step in this matter, we exceedingly regret the persistency of our Senate in refusing to ratify this treaty, and the more so, since, by so doing, they neglected to voice the sentiments of the people they were elected to represent, which were made known to them by press and pulpit and by numerous petitions and letters from every part of the country, not heeding the fact that those who did vote for the ratification represented the majority of the people coming from the most densely populated portions of the land.

*Resolved*, That while we heartily approve of athletic training which will promote physical culture in our schools, we deprecate the use of arms and implements of war, because it tends to foster in the boys a spirit contrary to that of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

*Resolved*, That we honor the farmers of Maine who, with a telling unanimity, have spurned the proposal to raise barley for a brewery, and we pray that all those men who have to do with the education of our youth may rise from the low level of money worship to the high plane of simple integrity.

*Resolved*, That we again greet our English sister, Miss Agnes E. Slack, with pleasure and sincere thanks for her helpful presence at our annual meeting; and as we gladly make acquaintance with two other of our English White-ribboners, Mrs. Lile and Miss Annie Lile, the Atlantic does not seem as broad and deep between Maine and the English channel as we used to think it was, and we hope soon to see a host of these women of both our countries passing and repassing on the pontoons of our Christian fellowship, much to our mutual aid and comfort.

*Resolved*, That we declare our utter condemnation of all indecent exhibitions, and pledge ourselves to exert our influence upon agricultural boards and those having in charge the letting of halls and other places of amusement, to the end that they refuse admission to whatever is a menace to public morals and a disgrace to our Christian community.

*Resolved*, That as our rural districts are becoming rapidly depleted of the charming and useful native song birds, by their slaughter in accordance with the dictates of fashion, we, as a society, utterly condemn the use of such as ornaments, and promise to do our utmost to discourage such use.

We consider that no woman is qualified to be a leader of other White-ribboners, or can fairly keep up with the march of the work, who is not a regular reader of the National and State papers; and we recommend that if either the president or the secretary of any local Union is unable to subscribe for the Union Signal, the society shall pay her subscription out of the treasury, for the value of the price is sure to be returned many times over in the resulting added breadth and power of these leading women.

*Resolved*, That we believe the ballot in the hands of women will be a

potent factor for righteousness in annulling the liquor traffic and in establishing for men and women a single standard of purity.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, *Chairman Committee.*

After singing the meeting adjourned.

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EXECUTIVE MEETING, Thurs. Evening.

Meeting called to order by the president. All unfinished business was referred to the general officers.

An invitation to hold the next state convention in Bangor was received and accepted with thanks.

The committee rose.

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CONVENTION, Thurs. Evening.

Thursday evening's programme opened with singing by Miss Hall, "White Ribbon Vibrations."

The scripture was read and prayer offered by Miss Isabel Shirley.

A solo was rendered by Miss Hall.

Miss Agnes Slack of England, Secretary of the World's W. C. T. U., then delivered an eloquent address.

The congregation joined in singing "The Tie That Binds."

The collection speech was made by Miss Effie Littlefield. Mrs. Lile and Miss Annie Lile made brief remarks.

Mrs. Stevens read the following vote of thanks which was adopted by the convention by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, that we extend most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the Bath Union and to all other friends who have so kindly received us into their homes and so generously provided for our comfort and pleasure in every way; to the Winter Street church for the use of their house of worship; to the press for their reports of the proceedings of the convention; to the committee on decorations for all they have done to make the place of our meeting beautiful and attractive; to the entertainment committee for their care and labor; to the pages for their readiness to do our bidding; to the railroads and steamboats for reduced rates and to all the local committees and individuals who have in any way helped to make this convention so pleasant and profitable.

An impromptu verse on wearing the white ribbon read by Miss Crosby of Bangor was greeted with applause.

The twenty-third annual convention of the Maine W. C. T. U., was declared adjourned after singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again" and the benediction by Rev. O. W. Folsom.



## President's Address.

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### *Beloved Comrades:*

It is scarcely twelve months since we sang at the close of the Belfast Convention "God be with you till we meet again" and then went our several ways to serve God and home and every land in accordance with the information there gained, the work planned, the faith deepened, the love broadened. Before we had reached our homes an appeal came to us from our National President, then in Marseilles, France, to receive and care for some of the persecuted Armenian Christian refugees. Relying upon your generosity and your loyalty to God and humanity and in conformity with my habit of twenty years to always respond affirmatively to calls from our National leader, I cabled to her—*Yes*, send them to us. I did it with heartiness, for I knew these refugees stood for our ideas, that they loved the Gospel of our Lord, and have laid their lives upon the altar for Christ. For fifteen centuries the Armenians amid incessant persecution have clung to the Christian faith; and have suffered massacres such as no Christian people have ever suffered before. We could not have been true to the word Christian that stands out so prominently in our name, and have done otherwise than we did, and God has greatly blessed us in the doing. I never can forget those busy days of preparation—the kind response of the people of Portland—the readiness with which you sent gifts of money, clothes, provisions, and kind words of approval and encouragement. I would like to make mention of scores of touching incidents, connected with their coming and care. I can not refrain from alluding to the assistance given by Dr. and Rev. Mrs. Taylor of Rockland. Their spirit of patience and love and generous activity was so like that of the Master whom they unselfishly serve and in whose name they work to alleviate humanity's needs, and the same spirit which they have was manifested by hundreds who gave of their time, their money, their home comforts to help them. And they have proved worthy of all we have bestowed upon them.

During the early winter months we worked untiringly with petitions, those great agitators and educators. We did not get all of the Legislature we asked, but we have good reason for gratitude after all, when we remember the enactment of the law against the sale of cigarettes, the advance step taken toward the protection of girls, the \$1000 granted to assist in carrying on our department of Homes for Homeless Children and the readiness with which upon an appeal was passed a law prohibiting exhibitions by Kinetoscope or other ways of any prize fighting in Maine.

I am always as glad to record our victories as I am sorry to speak of our defeats.

Our attempt to secure a Reformatory for women failed, but some day we shall succeed in this effort. And we did not get the ballot! But as surely as daylight follows darkness, it is coming. *How soon*, depends somewhat upon our faithfulness and insistence. The agitation of the question is making sentiment which is sure to hasten the time when the women of Maine will be enfranchised and no longer classed with idiots, paupers and criminals. So let us go on, good natured as sunshine, steadfast as the everlasting hills, always believing that the "mills of God" are evermore grinding.

I am leaving to the superintendent of this department the presentation of this important question. In fact I am refraining this morning from presenting at length any phase of department work, preferring to leave this to the various superintendents.

At the last national convention I was appointed fraternal delegate to the annual convention of the B. W. T. A. which was to meet in London in June. In considering the possibility of attending, I decided that I could not feel easy to do so unless the debt on our state headquarters, 150 Free street, Portland, could first be liquidated. I felt this more deeply because of a conditional promise by Hon. W. W. Thomas, (deceased), to give us \$1000 for this purpose providing the other \$6500 was raised before May 1, 1897. I presume every white ribboner in Maine knows that our effort was successful and the headquarters was entirely paid for May 1, 1897, and I imagine our treasurer is planning for a jubilee in connection with her report.

After a winter and early spring spent uninterruptedly in work for the Maine W. C. T. U., I went south for a few weeks; visiting Georgia and South Carolina and speaking nearly every night in the interest of the W. C. T. U. My experiences there in ante bellum homes, with women of the *old* south and women of the *new* south alike anxious with us to put down the dark blighting slavery of drink, were interesting and profitable to me and I hope helpful to them and the people of their communities.

The question of Prohibition is advancing rapidly in some sections of the south, much depends upon the action of the colored voters, and our great hope in this direction lies in the fact that W. C. T. Unions among the colored women are increasing. I spoke often for them feeling that I could in no better way serve our cause. I found them to be in many instances intelligent and as desirous as were the white people to do what they could for total abstinence and prohibition.

While in Georgia in company with one of the state officers I visited a Georgia jail. I talked to the prisoners who stood behind the bars from the text—"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." All the time I was talking I noticed the sad intelligent face of a young man who listened with almost painful attention to every word I spoke. As I said good-bye to them he moved forward and tried to put his hand out through the bars to take my own, and he said in broken words—"Ah believe me, but for the drink I would not be here." I tried to speak to him words of comfort, but what *could* I say? As I went slowly and sadly down the stairs by the side of my southern white ribbon sister, I said to her, "please tell me of this young man." She replied—"He told you the truth. He belongs to a good family in our city. His weakness was love of drink, and one evening not long ago, while under its influence, he killed his friend. When they told him in the morning what he had done he was quite as much surprised as were the readers of the morning papers which recorded the dreadful tragedy"—and she mournfully added—"In a few days he is to be hanged for murder in the first degree."

I was in a license city and as we drove along its streets I pondered. Seeing all the while the tear stained handsome face of the young man condemned to death. I didn't think of his father or his mother or one perhaps nearer and dearer still than all others. I didn't even *ask* after his home friends, for I was thinking of those who voted for license as against prohibition, and I was sorry for every man who did it, for every minister who had not cried aloud against the evil; for every woman who by her example or her *indifference* had encouraged the sale of the murderous poison—for I know that God did not hold them guiltless. And I felt equally glad for good and true men, and white ribbon women, who could look up into the face of God and say “we have done, and will continue to do our utmost to make our city a pure city, our state a free state.”

Today, beloved, looking into your faces, I see there a gleam of satisfaction that you belong to the greatest organized force of women whose aim it is to put down intemperance; to promote total abstinence and prohibition. We in Maine have reason for continued thankfulness for the benefits prohibition has brought and still brings to us. At the same time we deplore its violation in some sections of our state. I commend the action of Dexter Union and such others as have taken steps to secure a better enforcement of the law, and I recommend that every Union in a locality where the law is violated, shall circulate petitions, hold public meetings, and take such other steps as will prove that the *good* people, the *best* people, believe in the law and desire to have it enforced, and take such further steps, if need be, as shall *lead to its enforcement*. I realize how much work this means, but I solemnly believe that the time has fully come when we should all unite and use our utmost endeavors to put down that state of lawlessness which exists in some parts of Maine. A righteous agitation will do immense good—evil doers or shirkers from duty delight in being let alone. The eyes of the whole world are looking towards Maine to see whether prohibition is a success or a failure. We know it is not a *failure*—that even in those communities where officials are unfaithful, and the people are cowardly and indifferent, and the law therefore is violated, it is better by far than

license. God forbid that we should ever for a moment, under any consideration, favor a proposition to license that which is wrong. I forbear to say all that is in my heart just now, but I recommend that the executive committee carefully consider the situation and formulate a plan of action for the Maine W. C. T. U. at this critical time.

And now concerning three months of this year I have spent in England. I attended the B. W. T. A. Convention in London as the only American delegate. This society is for Great Britain what the W. C. T. U. is for the United States, being affiliated with the World's W. C. T. U. in the same way. The British white ribboners are earnest, consecrated women, in many ways working under greater difficulties than we are. They are hampered and hedged in by the customs of centuries. Drinking is not so unpopular in England as it is in America; drunkenness is therefore more common, and the temperance worker in England has to possess more courage and a spirit of greater self sacrifice in order to do successful work. This has been beautifully illustrated by the great British leader Lady Henry Somerset who gives of herself and her money so freely and so constantly, and also by her official co-worker, Miss Agnes Slack. The latter besides being secretary of the British and the World's W. C. T. U. is a Poor Law Guardian. Poor Law Guardians are responsible for the care and the maintenance of all the dependent poor in their section of England. They are elected the same as are the members of parliament, by the popular vote of the people. They meet once in two weeks. At the Belper meeting early in June the question came up of the Jubilee dinner to the inmates of the poor house,—(several hundred in number). It was moved that they have the usual Christmas dinner which always includes beer. Miss Agnes Slack moved an amendment, that the beer be left out. This proposition was considered as preposterous and fanatical and of course was almost unanimously voted down; even clergymen voting to furnish the beer. I heard it said that it was a pity that so useful a member of the Board should lose her influence by attempting to introduce teetotalism. But Miss Slack assures me she shall try it again at Christmas time. I bring this up to show

the prejudice against which white ribboners are working in England. But I am thankful to give another side of the picture, showing that the good leaven is working after all. In all the non-conformist theological colleges nearly all the students are total abstainers. A few years ago teetotalers were exceptions. The Archbishop of Canterbury is a total abstainer, as are also most of the newly appointed Bishops, and it is said of late that the Queen has become a total abstainer. All this is quite in contrast with the sentiment which existed in the days of Haddon Hall, where to day may be seen an iron wrist ring, fastened to the wall of the dining room. Any guest who did not drink the proper amount of wine was fastened by this and had to stand before the guests as one who could not appreciate the good wine and the good cheer of the Lordly host.

Soon after my arrival in England a reception was given me in London by the United Kingdom Alliance, a society of men of which Sir Walford Lawson is president. It was a great privilege to meet him and to listen to his strong words in advocacy of total abstinence and prohibition. Other men of high position and political influence made addresses and I was greatly impressed with the strength of the organization and could but wish that we had in America a society of men of like influence and ability, working so constantly and giving so much to the cause. I accepted the honors conferred upon me and the many public courtesies shown me, for my comrades this side the big ocean—for you dear co-laborers, whose prayers have helped me, whose kind words and gifts have cheered me, and filled me with a great desire to serve you better and to live nearer the great heart of the Infinite.

This is the first year in our history that I have not attended the county conventions, but you have amply proven this year that their success was not at all dependent upon my presence. I hope every county has added to its membership and that this will be shown by the report of the state treasurer. I am hoping, too, that the Young Woman's Branch and the L. T. L. will show great advance, we so much need to have the young people, we need their members, their enthusiasm and their influence—we older ones are getting weary; although we have no intention of halting we do need to feel that our ranks are being reinforced.

I want to speak a word for our state paper, "Star in the East." It is for you to decide whether it shall continue. The only cost attached to the publication is the bill for printing and the postage. The other work, and it is a good deal, is free. Could we afford to pay for editorial service the paper no doubt could be made more valuable. But it seems to me that even as it is, it is a great help to us. I recommend that its interests be carefully discussed in executive committee and that a report from the committee come to this convention for action.

I want to urge that our special days be observed by all local Unions—such as Crusade Day, Membership Day, Miss Willard's birthday and Prohibition Rally Day, which is Neal Dow's birthday. Today is Miss Willard's birthday and before the day is gone I hope some proper recognition of this may be given. I am sure we can in no better way honor the World's Prohibition Hero, Neal Dow, and at the same time greatly advance the principle of prohibition than by always observing his birthday, March 20, by public temperance meetings, where prohibition shall be the theme. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and it appeals to us in relation to the prohibition law.

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The eyes of white ribboners all over the world, are just now turning towards the great World's W. C. T. U. Convention to be held in Toronto Canada, Oct. 23, 24, 25, 26, 1897, when delegates will be present from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the strongest delegation will be the 150 representatives from the U. S. A. National W. C. T. U.

Canada will be represented in strong force, and a good number of representatives are coming from the B. W. T. A. We fully expect the great meetings in connection with this convention will give a great stimulus to our work, not only in Canada but all over the world.

The Dominion W. C. T. U. have put forth every possible effort to bring about in every way the perfect success of this great international gathering. We would lift up our hearts to God at our Maine State Convention, and ask Him to abundantly bless all the great effort which is being brought to bear on this fourth biennial

convention of the World's W. C. T. U. On the last evening between one and two hundred speeches, not exceeding one minute each, will be made by the delegates. At a similar meeting in Exeter Hall, London, where the World's Convention met in 1895, a meeting of this kind was a striking success. We hope to send a representative delegation to Toronto from Maine.

You will be pleased to know that our great leader, Miss Willard, is much improved in health and expects to be able to preside at this convention and perform such other duties as rest upon her. Directly following the Worlds W. C. T. U. Convention comes the National Convention to be held in Buffalo, N. Y. I am very desirous that Maine shall have a full delegation at this convention and that various sections of the state be represented.

Some of you may be interested to know where the Polyglot Petition now is. It was presented to Queen Victoria last year in two magnificent volumes, with engrossed covers in delicate artistic coloring by the finest artists in London with every British name photographed, for Lady Somerset had said, "the petition shall go to the Queen of the British Empire in such a way that she will know what the white ribbon movement means."

The Great Petition is now in London at the B. W. T. A. headquarters and it will probably come over to the World's Convention in Canada. Its great size renders it an uncomfortable traveller, but it is now and will continue to be a very impressive speaker for prohibition.

I wonder how many of the 5000 members of the W. C. T. U. in Maine faithfully wear the white ribbon. One may have a plausible reason for not doing much active temperance work, for not being able to attend local meetings and conventions, for not speaking in public, and for not giving money to the cause, but she can find no *reasonable* excuse for not wearing our badge of white ribbon; so simple, so modest, so inexpressive, so meaningful. I know some seem to think if they wear it at the meetings or on public occasions the same as do our friends of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is sufficient. It *might* be, were our warfare ended as is theirs. A young lady just from England writes that while a week in New York she didn't see even one white ribbon,



although she longingly looked for it, and somehow I fear she might have had a similar experience in Maine. I feel so deeply the importance of showing our colors at all times that I am going to ask you here and now to resolve that you will every one, always wear our badge and do all you can to induce others to do the same.

I recently read in a leading paper over the signature of a reliable christian man this statement, "Fifty American periodicals excluded from Canada by its government as indecent, are circulated by millions in our country at a cost of millions of dollars to the tax payers, and of heart breaks and soul wrecks beyond reckoning. Seventeen of these are published in New York City and *thirteen in Maine!* Since the W. C. T. U. is supposed to represent the mother love and the mother interest of the state to some extent at least, it behoves us to be aroused to activity over such a statement as this—what step shall we take first? Will not the executive committee take this matter in hand? I so recommend.

The criticism has been often made of late that we sometimes fail to sufficiently emphasize the fact that we are a *total abstinence* society, we *are* fundamentally this. It is a basic principle, a constitutional requirement of our society. We never should allow other department work to over shadow this or crowd it out. At all public meetings we should reiterate what the white ribbon stands for, that we are distinctively a total abstinence society and our aim is to bring the whole world to this position as the only sure and safe place.

Miss Willard has given us a motto which I wish we might always take as our guide, "Never speak discouragingly of the work, nor disparagingly of the workers." I know how prone we all are when hindrances come, when the way seems to be rough and hard, when things go wrong according to our reckoning, to speak discouragingly, to wonder if our cause is really advancing. Where then is our faith in the righteousness of our reform—in the steadfastness of God? There come trying times, dark days in the history of all great reforms. This was notably true of the anti-slavery movement. Even Frederick Douglass, that great historic figure of hope, of prophecy, of fulfilment, had a moment of wavering when Sojourner Truth said to him "Frederick do you think

God is dead." Let *us* never doubt that God lives, that Christ is the Leader of every righteous reform; that He is *our* Leader to-day. May we so attune our hearts and adjust our ways that we may be

"Strong in Him whose cause is ours—  
In conflict with unholy powers  
And grasp the weapons He has given  
The love, the truth, the Light of Heaven."

"Let us never speak disparagingly of the workers." Let us believe in the better side of men and women. It is optimism which saves people. There are in the world today those who are successful, praised and beloved, because they had encouragement just at the time they needed it. There are others who have failed, because they were unkindly criticised at a time when they were trying to do good. Jesus saw goodness at its best; and he saw goodness wherever it existed. He saw it in John, in St. Peter, in Mary Magdalene. Let us believe in the goodness which is in humanity as Christ has set the example. Let us always be patient and kind—and especially let us be so with those "who are of the household of faith."

"If we knew whose feet were standing  
Close beside the Shining Stream,  
If we knew whose eyes were closing  
In the sleep that knows no dream  
We should be so kind and tender  
Lightly think and gently speak.  
Let us act as if we knew it—  
For the links so soon may break."

And this brings me to speak of the broken links in this year's otherwise bright chain. This year the Angel of Death has borne away from us many of our comrades. One of the saddened homes is that of a member of our executive committee. Mrs. Spaulding, long the president of Aroostook County. The noble beautiful son John has passed beyond human sight into the realm of even greater love and happiness.

I am thinking of another bright beautiful spirit relieved from earth life now radiantly happy in Heaven. Do some of you remember the lovely Syrian child who a few years ago spoke and sang for us at one of our state conventions? Beloved and cared

for by our national and world's superintendent of Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, it is not strange that she gratefully and naturally grew into our work. But God called her and she now sings the songs she loves and we love in a fairer country than this. My heart lingers tenderly over all the others of our young, middle aged, old, now allured to brighter worlds above. The names of all will be spoken tomorrow and I hope the convention will arrange for some one from each county to speak of those the "loved and lost awhile". I may not refrain from speaking of one who was a white ribboner from the beginning of the Crusade movement, Mrs. Martin of Cumberland county. Her devotion to our work was steadfast and beautiful and she left a money bequest to aid the work of her home Union. Often have I been encouraged and helped by her spirit of patience, and love and self sacrifice. My heart was deeply touched a few days since, when the president of the Augusta Union told me in brief the life story of one of its members—of her life of toil and thrift, of her recent death at the Maine General Hospital and the legacy she left to help carry on the local W. C. T. U. and of her regret that she couldn't leave her co-workers more—but the thousand dollars which she willed the Union is a precious monument to her loyalty and devotion to the cause which aims to make more like Heaven the dreary places of earth. Let us go forward with the work we have in hand inspired by the thought that God works in us "both to will and to do of His good pleasure," and that

"Eyes do regard us in eternity's stillness,  
And there is fullness, ye have to reward you,  
Hope and despair not."

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Entering upon our new year, let us go forward with fresh courage and renewed consecration.

"Pass on the word—be thine the voice to cheer,  
Clear let it ring aloft from slope to slope,  
Till all the vales and mountain tops shall hear  
The rallying call—to strive, to help, to hope!"

# TABULATED REPORT OF UNIONS.

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ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.	Auburn, yes	100	4	yes	2	no		majority		2	yes		
	Greene, no	25				no		yes			no		
	Lewiston, no	30				no		no	2		no	no	
	Livermore Falls, no					no		yes	1		yes	no	
	Mechanic Falls, So. Durham, Turner, no	22 40	10	yes	2	no		yes yes	7			yes	
AROOSTOOK COUNTY.	Amity, North, yes	22	2			yes	45	yes	5		yes	yes	5
	Ashland, yes	24	5			yes	40	yes	8		no	yes	
	Blaine, no	24	2						2				
	Bridgewater, no	26	6	yes	6	no		majority	1		no	no	
	Caribou, yes	46						yes	17	3	no	no	
	Easton, yes	33	8					yes	2		yes	yes	
	Fort Fairfield, yes	50	15	yes	2			yes	3	5	no	no	
	Fort Fairfield Y., yes	12						yes	1	1	no	no	
	Haynesville, yes	9	1		2	no		yes	4		no	no	
	Hodgdon, no	15	10		1	no		yes	2		no	yes	27
	Houlton, 68		12						3		no		
	Houlton Y., 20		9			no		no		1	no	yes	50
	Island Falls, 40												

Limestone,	no	17	10						yes	5			no	yes	11
Littleton,	yes	15	14						yes	5			no	yes	
Mapleton,	no	9							yes				yes	no	
Mars Hill,	no	41	30	yes					yes	9	1		no	yes	
New Limerick,	no	25	4	yes	3				yes	2			yes	yes	
New Sweden,	yes								yes	22			no	no	
Presque Isle,	no	55	5						yes	3	1		no	yes	55
Smyrna,	yes	14		yes	1				yes				no	yes	38
Washburn,	no	5							yes						
CUMBERLAND COUNTY.															
Bolater's Mills,	no	19	9	yes	11	yes			yes				yes	yes	15
Bridgton,	yes	46	8	yes	8	no			yes	7			no		
Brunswick,	yes								no						
Cape Elizabeth,															
Casco,	no	11	6			yes			no	7	4		no	yes	
Cumberland Mills,	no	53	6	yes	2	no			yes				no		
Deering,	no	9	2			no			yes				no		
E. Otisfield,	yes	10	3						yes						
Gray,															
Harrison,	yes	10				yes			yes	8	1		no		
New Gloucester,	no	60	23	yes	5	yes			yes	4	3		no		
Newhall,	no	20							yes	1			no		
No. Gorham,	no								no						
Otisfield,															
Peaks Island,	no	20	2			yes			yes	15	9		no	yes	
Portland,	yes	220	10			no			no				no	no	
South Bridgton,															
South Windham,	yes	11				yes			yes	2	1		no	no	
Steep Falls,	no	18				yes			yes	2			yes		
Stroudwater,	no	9				yes			yes	2			no	yes	
Westbrook,	no	38	3	yes	10					3			no	yes	
West Gorham,	no	25	10	yes	11				yes	7			yes	yes	
Windham Center,															
Yarmouth,	no	40				yes				1			no	no	

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FRANKLIN COUNTY.	Farmington,	no		yes	1				5	3	no		
	Kingfield,	40		yes	1	yes		yes	5	1	no	no	
	No. Jay,	19		yes	1	yes		yes	3	3	no		
	Stratton,	15		yes		no		yes	1		yes		
	Strong,	11	5			no		no					
	Wilton,	20											
HANCOCK COUNTY.	Bar Harbor,	no	4	yes	14	no		yes	4		no	yes	14
	Brooklin,	38											
	Brooklin Y.,	10	8					no	1	1	no	yes	
	Ellsworth,	25						no					
	Green's Landing,	18											
KENNEBEC COUNTY.	So. Deer Isle,	14	3	yes	4	no		yes	3	3	yes	yes	
	South West Harbor,	yes		yes	3			no	7		yes		
	Augusta,	75	10			yes		yes	41		yes	yes	6
	China,	31		yes	2	no	50	yes	3		yes	yes	
	Gardiner,	70	21	yes	60	yes	60	yes	20	2	no	yes	60
Cak Grove Seminary, Sidney,	Hallowell,	37	8	yes	6	no	14	yes	5		no	no	
	Monmouth,	20	3	yes		yes		yes	3		no	no	
	Oak Grove Seminary,	31	13	yes	12	no		no	1		no	no	
	Sidney,	34	15	yes	11	yes	12	yes	1	4	no	no	

So. China, Vassalboro, Waterville, Weeks Mills, West Gardiner, Winthrop Center,	no yes	21 27	5			no no	yes yes	5 2	2 2	no no	no no	200
Just Organized												
	no	22	11	yes	2	no	yes	3	1	yes	yes	
	no	65		yes	15	yes	3	1		yes	yes	
KNOX COUNTY.												
Camden,	no	25						6		no	no	
Camden Y.,	no	25	12					6		no	no	
Friendship,	no	15	3			no		10	1	no	no	
Rockland,	yes	90	6			no		3		no		
Rockport,	no	10						6		no		
Spruce Head,	yes	20	1			yes				no		
Thomaston,	no	26						23	1	yes	yes	
Union,	yes	50	5			no				no		
Vinalhaven,	no	19			2	yes				no		
Warren,	no	44	9	yes								
LINCOLN COUNTY.												
Bremen,	no	10	2			no				no		
Dresden Mills,	no	6				no				no		
Jefferson,	yes	10	1	yes	2	no		4	2	no		
Newca'le & Damarisco'ta,	yes	35	1			no		2		no		
New Harbor,	no	40	9			no				no		
Round Pond,	no	17		yes	1	no		4		no		
Waldoboro,	yes	52	5			yes				no		
OXFORD COUNTY.												
Andover,		10	2							no		
Bethel,	no	36	6			no		1	1	yes	no	
Brownfield,	no	16								no		
Fryeburg,	yes	18	1			no		1	1	no	no	
Hiram,												
Norway,	yes	20	5			no		5	6	no	no	
Rumford Falls,	no	10	20			no		5		yes	yes	
West Paris,	no	18	10			no		6		yes	yes	35

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PENOBSCOT COUNTY.	yes	30	40			no		yes	4		no	yes	
	no	75	17	yes	13	no		no	2		no	yes	
	yes	13	1	yes	7	yes	11	yes	3		no	no	
	no	33	8	yes	2	no		no	3	1	yes	no	
	no	40	1			no		yes	3		no	no	
	no	13	2		1	no		yes	6		yes	yes	
	no	15	3	yes	2	no		yes	7	2	no	yes	
	yes	22	3			no		yes			no	yes	
	yes	54	11	yes	3	no		yes	4		no	yes	
	yes	12		yes	2			yes	3		no	yes	
	yes	10	4					yes	2			yes	
	no	23	4			yes	35	yes	4	1	yes	yes	
	no	26	4	yes	4	no		no	1		no	no	
	no	12	1			no		yes				yes	
	no	22	4	yes	4	no		yes	10	1	no	no	
	no	4				no		yes		2			
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.	no	23	4			yes		yes	4			yes	
	no	26	4	yes	4	no		no	1		yes	no	
	no	12	1			no		yes				yes	
	no	22	4	yes	4	no		yes	10	1	no	no	
	no	4				no		yes		2			



SAGadahoc County.									
Bath,	no	62	8	yes	2	no	yes	1	no
Bowdoinham,	no	15				yes	yes	2	yes
Popham Beach,									
SOMERSET County.									
East St. Albans,	no	8	3	yes	1	no	yes	2	yes
Fairfield,	no	24				no	yes	5	no
Hartland,	no	10				no	no	1	no
Madison,	no	30				yes	50	4	no
No. Anson,	no	7	1			no	no	2	
No. New Portland,	no	16	3			yes	no	2	
Pittsfield,	no	30	3			no	yes	2	yes
Pittsfield Y.,	no	26	18			yes			
Ripley,	no	17	5			yes	yes	3	no
Shawmut,	no	6				yes	yes	3	yes
St. Albans,	no	11	1			no	yes	12	no
Solon,	no	25	1	yes	8	yes	20		yes
WALDO County.									
Belfast,	yes	42					yes		no
Liberty,	no	20				yes		3	no
Northport,	no	4		yes	1		20	2	yes
Searsmont,	no							1	no
Swanville,	no	11				no			no
Troy,	no	14	5			no	yes	2	no
Waldo,	yes	55	2			no	yes	4	no
Winterport,									no
WASHINGTON County.									
Addison,	yes	60	7	no	3	yes	110	1	no
Calais,	yes	25		yes		yes	50	1	no
Cherryfield,	no	28	6			yes	35	2	no
Danforth,									
East Machias,	no	30				yes	30	1	no
Eastport,									
Harrington,									

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UNIONS.	Jonesport, no	38		yes		no		no	1	1	yes		
	Millbridge, no	30	3			no		yes	3	4	yes	no	
	Machias, no	18	4			no		no			no		
	Milltown, no	Just Organized											
	Willard Union, Pembroke, yes	26	6					yes	7	2	no	no	
	West Pembroke, no	7						no	5		no		
	Princeton, no							no	1		no	no	
	YORK COUNTY.					no							
	Bideford, no	25						yes	4	1		yes	
	Cornish, no	8	4					yes	4			yes	
UNIONS.	Groveville Y., no	6	4					yes			no	yes	
	Kennebunk, no	23						no	6		yes	yes	
	Kittery, yes	15	8	yes				yes			yes	yes	
	Old Orchard, yes	20		yes		yes		yes	6	2	no	yes	
	Sanford, no	22	1			no	50	no			no	yes	
	So. Berwick, no	19						yes	4		no	yes	
	Springvale, no	22	5	yes	4	yes	9	no	2		no	no	
	West Lebanon, no												

## Treasurer's Report.

### RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand from last year, \$	285.92
Receipts from last convention,	58.02
Receipts from State Dues,	1,255.35
"    "    Member at Large,	.50
Receipts from sale of Minutes,	4.05
Collections from summer meetings,	28.71
Rental from headquarters,	915.39
A gift from Mrs. L. M. N. Howard,	100.00
A gift from Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill,	5.00
Amt. of donations above indebtedness on headquarters,	373.41
Loyal Temperance Legion,	9.00
Free Will Offering for National Work,	68.00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$3,101.35</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses of '96 convention,	\$132.40
National Dues,	418.45
Appropriation for State work,	200.00
President's Postage,	200.00
Corresponding Secretary's bill,	22.14
Recording Secretary's bill,	10.50
Treasurer's bill,	30.00
State Supt's appropriations,	190.93
Expense of summer meetings,	61.85
Expense of State Minutes,	135.35
Running expense of headquarters including taxes,	713.79
Furniture for headquarters,	67.00
Interest,	300.00
National Bannerette,	2.00
Deficit on Star,	20.87
Stationery and printing,	63.01
Free Will Offering to Nat'l Work,	63.00
<b>Bal. in Treasury,</b>	<b>\$2,636.29</b>
	<b>\$3,101.35</b>

### RECEIPTS BY COUNTIES. 1897-8.

Androscoggin, \$79.50. Areostock, \$159.20. Cumberland, \$231.30. Franklin, \$48.30. Hancock, \$44.40. Kennebec, \$143.40. Knox, \$94.35. Lincoln, \$51.60. Oxford, \$34.50. Penobscot, \$100.00. Piscataquis, \$29.90. Sagadahoc, \$30.60. Somerset, \$42.50. Waldo, \$32.30. Washington, \$76.30. York, \$56.70. Member at large, \$.50. Total, \$1,255.38.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMIRA F. GINN.

## Work Among Foreigners.

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From counties where work has been accomplished in this department the past year, I have the following reports,

Androscoggin: Temperance talks have been given at the Auburn Jail and some of the prisoners who are foreigners have been reached in this way. French testaments have been given away there. The Unions at Greene, Livermore Falls and Lewiston contributed in aid of Armenian fugitives. The superintendent has excellent plans for the coming year.

Aroostook: The Union at New Sweden is in good condition, and has held its business meetings once a month. Has lately had an inspiring gospel temperance meeting. The president, although far from well, is devoted to the work. She writes enthusiastically of our *Star in the East*. One of the teachers in the Normal School at Fort Kent has been doing good temperance work in the French School.

Cumberland: The superintendent in Portland Union has given the Scandinavian members a copy of the report of last World's convention, two copies of State Minutes, and has subscribed for the *Union Signal* and the *Star in the East*, these to be circulated in turn among the members. She has also prepared an illustrated lecture on the origin, progress and plans of the W. C. T. U. which she proposes to give in the interest of the work. She has delivered it once already for the benefit of the Swedish church in her city. A Christian Temperance Union has been organized among the refugee and resident Armenian men of Portland. Generous aid for the refugee Armenians has been given by the Unions at Portland, Yarmouth, Deering, Cumberland Mills, Bolster's Mills, Casco, Otisfield, East Otisfield and Bridgton.

Piscataquis: The work has continued on the same plans as heretofore. Literature has been distributed, the greater amount among the children. Families have been visited and encouraged to send the children to school regularly. In cases where there

was need garments were provided for children in order that they might be comfortably clad to attend school. There has been a marked improvement in the condition of many of the homes of our foreigners.

Washington: Literature has been distributed among some workmen on the railroad.

Relief for the Armenians has come from nearly every county, but this is hardly to be counted into the legitimate labor of this department. However, some of the work done in Penobscot county has been a little different from the rest and I think best to include in its entirety the report sent by the local superintendent at Bangor.

“At the close of the Belfast convention in 1896, I pledged Bangor to receive and care for two of the refugee Armenians from the massacre at Constantinople. After the long detention at Ellis Island, it was November before the two assigned reached Bangor and the National election was just past. With Miss Lettie E. Johnson, a returned missionary, for interpreter, we met our two young men on their arrival in a drenching rain-pour and took them to a boarding house. The next evening the victorious politicians celebrated their triumph and the city blazed with fire works, illuminations, flags, bon-fires and guns, which the whole population was abroad to see, filling the streets with an eager and jostling crowd. The ordeal by water had been severe, but that of fire was terrifying. Our two Armenians feared they were unwelcome guests, resented by the populace, and they cowered in their bed with trembling hearts, enjoying none of the glory, but dreading each moment that the next torch might fire their shelter and the next shot find their bodies. Such a fear, though natural enough to a persecuted race, was so unrelated to our peaceful New England life that we had forseen nothing of the sort, but the next morning our interpreter explained the politics of the country and quieted their fears. At the first Union meeting two weeks after their arrival, we invited the Armenian brothers in, and spoke our welcome to them, giving each a Bible with our request that they be loyal to our principle of total abstinence from intoxicating drink. Miss Johnson interpreted for us, sentence by sentence,

the epistle to the Armenians. It was an impressive and touching occasion to us and apparently not less so to them. The younger brother was then and has been always, very unhappy in the separation from the young wife whom he left behind, and has not ceased to importune for money to bring her over to America. The mother of the young men, and a younger brother, were also left behind bereft of the husband and father, who was massacred before their eyes; and to find employment and wages for our refugees and the needed aid to bring their family, was the immediate and continued task before us. We stated their case through the press and many kind friends responded with sympathy, and with work. From the neighboring village of Monroe a whole-souled Christian man appeared in the latter part of November, and offered a home and work for the winter to one of our refugees. The elder brother went with him to the farm, and after some weeks of mutual experience, good Mr. B. reports that Sarkis "does his work as faithfully as if he were doing it for himself," and Sarkis writes that Mr. B. "treats him like an own brother." Just before Christmas the good farmer took the younger brother, Simon, to spend the holidays, and soon found him a place to work for a neighbor. The Armenians are both skilled workmen in iron-founding, but it has been impossible to find an opening at their trade in this vicinity and farming has been the best alternative we could find. Their kind employer has become warmly attached to them as two "good boys." They heed his wishes and follow his example in keeping entirely clean from alcoholic drinks and tobacco, and we rejoice that they have thus early proved beyond all future doubting that practical and genuine Christianity can and does exist in American manhood. For this kind friend whom they have found not only weeps with their weeping but has divided his modest store to relieve their distress, as he would be done by, were he exiled from home and loved ones. He has hired and lent them money to bring their family to America, mortgaging property to do it.

Before the Armenians went to Monroe, Miss Johnson was a very efficient helper in finding employment for them and our chief medium of communication and was their kind and skilful teacher

of English in the evenings. The young men were, however, very apt at understanding signs and handy in almost all kinds of work. They made friends rapidly and earned their board after the first two weeks.

In the effort to raise money for their relief four Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor and one Sunday School co-operated with the W. C. T. U.. We did not think it wise to bring the family until the young men had learned English, and had become self-supporting. By spring the young wife's health compelled further delay and then the Turkish officials placed obstacles in the way of their leaving the country. But Aug. 19 they succeeded in getting passports and started for America. By a blunder of railway officials they were transported to Monroe, Michigan, instead of Maine, but there the railroad men did their best to atone and gave them free passage to the home where they were so eagerly awaited. Their wanderings ended and when the mother met the sons from whom she parted one year ago in scenes of terror, and the husband, his wife and the baby he had never seen, it was a sight well worth seeing. Thank God for a land of peace, and for such homes as they are in now.

Mr. B. has taught the young men a goodly amount of English, and farming methods and they have already begun to repay his loan. He expects to find places for the women to work, and intends to adopt the 13 year-old brother. I wish he was Sultan of Turkey!"

"The present time is an adjustment of all general life. It is the results that are left, and which form the material with which to inform the successive chapters of the future." Let us as white ribbon women consider what part the work for our foreigners has in this adjustment and do our best to act accordingly.

GERTRUDE STEVENS LEAVITT.

## Young Woman's Work.

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Lady Henry Somerset says "The infinite necessity of temperance work among young women cannot be estimated." Let us bring this thought home a little more closely and see why the majority of the young women in our communities are not earnest temperance workers.

Of our sixteen counties but ten have Y superintendents. If you wish the young people to help you, which, if they once *realize* what the white ribbon work means, they will be glad to do, let me beg you to appoint them a leader in each county who shall "stir them up" that your borders may be increased, your hands upheld and your young women uplifted. Miss Smith, superintendent of Aroostook, reports two Y's in her county. Houlton Y has been buying goods and making garments for poor families. The Frances Willard Ys of Fort Fairfield are doing good work. They have raised quite a sum of money the past year, keep up their socials and do what they can to help the cause along. Miss Smith adds "Necessarily the Ys of today will be the Ws of the future. Oh that we might have more young women fitting themselves for that position is my prayer."

Members of the Branch at Casco have conducted the L. T. L. in which they were much interested.

Gardiner Union has interested itself in our branch work with Miss Annie Collins, Superintendent.

The L. M. N. Stevens Y of Brooklin has taken up Literature, Flower Mission and Social Purity. They furnish flowers for funerals, keep wall-pockets on the steamers filled and have made a quilt for the Girl's Home at Good Will Farm. A sentiment worthy of a Y which bears the name of our beloved president comes from the secretary of this Y, "Let us all work harder and pray more earnestly," which if carried out could but bring a greater harvest. Shall we not, dear young women, make this the key note of our work for the coming year?



Kent's Hill Y reports itself in a struggling condition, but the president with good courage declares that they shall make the attempt to revive it.

Oak Grove Seminary, at Vassalboro, reports forty-four members. Franchise, Literature and Juvenile Work forming the ground work of their endeavors. The method adopted to maintain interest has proved very successful. The correspondent writes; "We divide our members into two companies, having a leader for each. One company finding entertainment for one night and the other the next. A committee was appointed to rank each article of the program and at the end of the school year the company having the lowest rank was to furnish a treat for the Union. The meetings are conducted strictly according to parliamentary law."

At the M. C. I., Pittsfield, the Y hold semi-monthly meetings with a very large attendance and a lively interest. Members have prepared sketches of noted temperance workers, they have had debates on temperance questions, talks on narcotics by the professors, and one by Rev. G. D. White of Pittsfield. They also keep the *Union Signal* and *Star* on tables in the reading room. These Somerset Ys are very fortunate in having earnest helpers in their teachers and may we not expect great things from these young men and women who go out from our college halls "ready armed, face to the foe?" with a thorough knowledge of this great evil and whose clear brains are fitted to be used of God for the overthrow of the liquor traffic?

The branch at Hiram is still the strong helper of the Ws, working in the departments of Mercy, L. T. L. and Flower Mission and nearly every family takes the *Star*.

The South Berwick Y has disbanded.

The Annie M. Cummings Y, of Groveville, has begun the fifth year of its existence with good interest. "We realize that to do the best work we must become familiar with white ribbon work in all its forms and have accordingly taken for study departments with which we are not familiar and look for good results. In union with the W aggressive work has been begun along the line of Purity in Art."

Camden Y reports a large membership, a very successful year with much interest manifested by the honoraries. At the semi-monthly meetings an instructive literary program is carried out. They have had a Washington Festival, a Dow evening, a Long-fellow evening and an "Evening in Japan;" proceeds given to the Clara Parrish fund.

At Jonesport is a large Y which has long outgrown the parlors of its members for a meeting place. Have done excellent work in the Literature department. Gen. Dow's birthday was observed in union with the W's and at close of exercises one hundred leaflets were distributed. This Y recognizes the value of music in temperance work, having purchased an organ for use in their meetings.

The plans for raising funds for our missionary, Miss Parrish, are in the hands of Miss Alice Moore of Camden, one of our earnest workers.

New superintendents have been appointed in Oxford, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Somerset counties.

At the time of county conventions the Y secretary sent a request to each county president that Young Woman's Work should in a special manner be brought before the conventions. Responses came in the appointment of superintendents of our Branch, papers on "Young Women and Temperance," by young women of their respective counties and promises of future help. If each young woman who now wears the white ribbon, (and older sisters as well), would interest *one* other young woman during the year what a different record would be given at the next ingathering of the sheaves. Will you not try?

LUBELLE B. PATRICK.

## Press Work and Reporter for Union Signal.

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"While the enemy brew beer, we brew public sentiment," so says Frances Willard. Among the most persistent of these latter brewers whom, by the way, the most stringent prohibitory law does not exclude from the state, are the faithful workers in our press department.

Number of County Superintendents reporting, fourteen; local press workers reported, ninety; papers publishing temperance matter, eighty-eight; containing W. C. T. U. columns, twenty-two; whole amount of temperance matter reported as published through the press department, about 1500 columns; money value of space given us by the editors of Maine (estimating one hundred lines to the column at ten cents per line), \$15,000.

As state superintendent, in addition to department correspondence, I have sent out one Associated Press dispatch, and written many articles and paragraphs of varying length for different papers, especially during and after the Belfast convention, and on the Armenian situation.

### ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

No county superintendent. Work has been done by the six local and the state superintendent.

### AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

Mrs. Anna Tarbell sends a model report. Local superintendents, ten; papers supplied with temperance matter, six; one weekly column, ninety columns published. Mrs. Tarbell has also contributed occasional articles to an agricultural paper in another county, whose young editor was an Aroostook boy.

### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Miss C. M. Record, Deering. Work is reported from Bridgton, Brunswick, Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland Mills, Deering and Westbrook. Frequent contributions are sent the Portland papers, including *Zion's Advocate* and *Christian Mirror*. Five strong

articles in defense of the prohibitory law and the duty of officials to enforce it, appeared in the issue nearest Gen. Neal Dow's birthday of as many local papers.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Mrs. H. F. Keyes, Farmington. The press work of this county is carried on chiefly through the column in the *Farmington Chronicle*.

#### HANCOCK COUNTY.

Mrs. Ann Greeley, Ellsworth. The secretary and local superintendent, Mrs. Mason of South West Harbor, writes that in addition to Mrs. Greeley's pointed articles on temperance, suffrage, etc., she has sent to the various state papers for which she is local reporter, accounts of temperance work done and public meetings held in her town, has contributed for the W. C. T. U. column in *Ellsworth American* and to her own new town paper, *The Island Breeze*. Mrs. Warren of South Deer Isle has written about one hundred seventy-five articles and items. The Ellsworth Union is frequently reported by the county papers.

#### KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Mrs. J. M. Wyman, Augusta. This county vies with Cumberland in the number of papers using temperance matter, and this year has, I think, surpassed all other counties in the amount published. Some superintendents supply temperance matter for papers outside the county where there is no Union; some in country Unions send items to city papers. Kennebec is not asleep in this department.

#### KNOX COUNTY.

Miss Cora J. Loring, Rockland. Of the five papers two have often printed general temperance news and original articles, including one on the Temple at Chicago; the others have notices of meetings in the regular town news. The press workers of the Warren, Union and Camden Unions are mentioned as having aided, the latter named contributing each week to the *Camden Herald*—ten articles in all. Articles from superintendents of other departments, and clippings from the *Union Signal* and other temper-

ance papers, copied and arranged by Miss Loring, have been accepted by the *Tribune*, *Courier Gazette* and *Daily Star*.

#### LINCOLN COUNTY.

No report.

#### OXFORD COUNTY.

The new superintendent, Mrs. Emma W. Chandler of Bethel, is evidently the right woman in the right place. She writes that the *Bethel News*, *Oxford Democrat* and *The Mirror* have given space to all reports sent and that the editors are very kind and courteous.

#### PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

The county superintendent, Mrs. White of Orono, is still ably conducting a column in the Saturday issue of the *Bangor Commercial*. She gives not only news of the Penobscot Unions, but makes many a good point for the cause in general. The *Dexter Gazette* also contains a column conducted by Mrs. Crockett.

#### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

Mrs. Sarah Martin of Foxcroft edits a weekly column in the *Piscataquis Observer*, the local superintendents contributing news items. The editor is extremely kind in granting extra space for special reports and in calling attention by editorial comments to articles of unusual interest.

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

Mrs. H. N. Jackson, chairman of the entertainment committee our hostess Union, despite the care of providing food and shelter for this her large family, found time to report twelve articles for the press.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY.

Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, Shawmut. The Hartland superintendent not only sends items to the local papers but contributes occasional articles to the *Turf, Farm and Home*. At Pittsfield they have a column in the *Pittsfield Advertiser*. The other Unions send items to their own town papers.

## WALDO COUNTY.

Miss Emily Miller, No. Searsmont. Previous to state and county conventions, items relating to them were published every week, also full reports of the same. The report of the state convention in the *Republican Journal* was so good that Miss Farwell used some of it for the minutes—the reporter being very friendly to us. Accounts of incidental work are often sent the Belfast papers and the new Union at Winterport contributes to its fortnightly paper, the *Winterport Advertiser*.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Our veteran superintendent, Mrs. E. C. Drisko of Machias, finds that there has been quite a gain in her county over last year. Her husband's paper, the *Machias Union*, the *Calais Advertiser* and the new Cherryfield paper each give the Union weekly columns beside full reports of local meetings and entertainments, while the *Eastport Sentinel* and *Machias Republican* give space for occasional items.

## YORK COUNTY.

Miss Anna Kimball of Kennebunk. For the first time in eighteen years, illness has prevented this faithful worker from conducting the column in the *Eastern Star* during a part of the year,—the oldest column in the state. Miss Ricker of South Berwick has supplied material for other county papers, also for some over the New Hampshire border. Biddeford has kept the public informed of its own meetings, and inserted items of interest in regard to other Unions.

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The state superintendent has in mind a plan which will be presented in due season through the *Star* as a special feature of the year's work. Meanwhile, let us all "keep pegging away at it."

AS STATE REPORTER TO THE UNION SIGNAL, I have sent four letters, all of which have been published, though one appeared in two installments. Please remember to send me more news, not extended reports of county conventions which are more suitable for publication in the *Star* and are somewhat dull reading for those in other states; but the bright things your members or Unions do,

special features of conventions, and anything bearing upon suffrage, the general advancement of woman, law enforcement, purity work, etc. An occasional incident or bit of experience will also be welcome.

MARY L. FRENCH.

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## Reformatory Prison for Women.

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As the years roll by, the imperative necessity of a Reformatory Prison for Women is realized more and more by those who would really help the poor unfortunate women found in almost every community, to live a better life.

Experience has proved that to send a woman to the county jail, or house of correction is to make her case more helpless. It was deemed wise to make another attempt to secure such a prison. Notice was given at the last state convention that a petition asking for such a prison would be presented to the Legislature at its next session. Such a petition was prepared and sent to the Unions throughout the state by which it was circulated, and thousands of signatures obtained. These petitions were presented to the Legislature and referred to the State Prison Committee. A hearing was appointed and Mrs. Stevens, with other members of the W. C. T. U., appeared before the committee and earnestly pleaded the urgent necessity of the case but the plea of the petitioners was rejected. No opposition was made, the only reason given being that the state could not afford to build and run a building especially for women.

We do not mean to be discouraged, some day we believe that justice and right will prevail and that woman pleading for woman will be heard and heeded.

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
CLARA M. FARWELL,  
HELEN COFFIN BEEDY, } *Committee.*

## Legislation and Petition.

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As we look back over a year of earnest work in every county in the state, we think of the many petitions representing much time and labor, that have been signed and sent various ways, to the Governor, the Legislature, the City Fathers and the Selectmen. These petitions ask for a better enforcement of the Prohibitory law; better protection for girls, restriction of the sale and manufacture of cigarettes; a Reformatory Prison for Women and for Woman's Suffrage. We have sent blank reports from the department of Legislation and Enforcement of law to every county superintendent or president for them to send to every Union in their county. We have received reports from nine counties only.

Aroostook no report.

Androscoggin.—The superintendent received reports from most of the Unions that they were doing aggressive work and were wide awake in the interests of temperance reform, and the cultivation of public sentiment. Five different petitions have been well circulated. Four sent to the Legislature and one to the Governor.

Cumberland.—Mrs. A. R. Jordan, superintendent, writes that she sent blank reports to every Union in the county but most failed to send a reply. That the laws are enforced well, when officers are true to their oath of office. Also she writes that the Union presented to the Legislature two petitions, (Equal Suffrage and the age of consent). The Unions have not taken up the study of existing law but hope to during the coming year.

Franklin and Hancock counties, no report.

Kennebec.—From this county Mrs. H. J. Bailey sends an excellent report. Woman's Suffrage petitions have been circulated in most of the Unions. Also for Reformatory Prison. In Hallowsell a long petition was sent to the city government asking for a better enforcement of the liquor law, and this was heeded. South China: laws have been observed and there is a growing interest in the work. Waterville: an effort has been made to suppress the sale



of intoxicating liquors and a change for the better has taken place. Kent's Hill: two petitions, one for anti-cigarettes, the other for the age of protection for girls. Vassalboro: nearly 200 names were procured on the anti-cigarette petition. China: four petitions circulated, two letters written to Representatives in the Legislature in regard to the cigarette bill. West Gardiner: three petitions reported, one about the Military Drills. The Unions have taken steps toward having the Sunday laws printed on cloth and placed in stores and other places.

Knox.—Mrs. A. E. Bradford, supernitendent. Reports come from Rockland, Rockport, Spruce Head, Vinalhaven and Union. In all the Unions, municipal suffrage, age of protection, reformatory prison for women and anti-cigarette petitions were sent to the Legislature. The prohibitory law is partially enforced there. Poorly in large places, better in small. Members of the Unions attended the several hearings at Augusta last winter. At Spruce Head they have one woman elected on the school board.

Oxford,—Mrs. E. W. Chandler, superintendent, writes that three petitions were sent to every Union in the county and were circulated, obtaining many signatures. East Hiram reports five petitions, four to the legislature and one to the Superintendent of Schools for the enforcement of temperance instruction in the schools. The sheriffs are watchful and make a large number of seizures. Being near the New Hampshire line a large quantity of liquor is brought from there. Petitions have been sent to Congress, to the State Legislature and to the Governor.

Penobscot.—Mrs. E. R. Horton, superintendent. Eight Unions send reports of Legislative work. Bangor sent to Congress a petition, having 151 signatures, for the passage of the Immigration Bill. The cigarette petition was sent to Augusta, also one for a State Reformatory Prison. Stillwater urged their Senator to use his influence in favor of the appropriation for the department of Home for Homeless Children. Most of the Unions report circulating these three petitions, Suffrage, Cigarette and Age of Consent. At Kenduskeag the merchants were visited and requested to enforce the cigarette law.

Waldo.—From Supt. E. F. Miller came an encouraging report.

The four petitions sent were circulated. Belfast secured 170 names to the Age of Protection. Some 375 names to the other petitions, fewer signatures as they had a shorter time to work. Some letters were sent to Congressmen regarding the Loud bill and others and the endorsement of the Grange and church was received. Petition for the enforcement of the Prohibitory law is being circulated.

York.—Mrs. E. J. Crowell, superintendent, reports that the law is not enforced in the cities and large towns, that individual members wrote to their representatives in Congress. Groveville reports nothing has been done toward the enforcement of law. The Union has this in mind and hopes to have the law enforced in the near future. Most of the Unions have circulated four petitions, Suffrage, Peace and Arbitration, Age of Consent and Better Enforcement of Law. They tried to get a woman on the school board and failed. She was amply qualified but she was a woman and had no vote. If woman had the ballot the laws would be enforced for she is the moral power of the world.

Of the work attempted or accomplished in this department during this year, the Suffrage petition was, as you know, last winter "side tracked" in the committee room. But we are not afraid nor dismayed; we shall try again and again. The Age of Protection for girls was raised from 14 to 16, we asked for 18. The cigarette petition helped to change the law from restraining the sale of cigarettes and use of the same by minors under 16 to an act prohibiting the use of cigarettes and the sale thereof to any person under 21. The petition for Reformatory Prison for Women was laid aside "to be thought over."

Most of the Unions in the state promise to, or would like to, make a study of the existing laws this coming year; and we recommend that we take some action to have the laws of this state that pertain to women and children, beside some of those connected with the work of reform, placed in a form where they may be readily consulted and more clearly understood by all interested. To be informed ourselves and then to let in the light to others will bring about a clear understanding of the facts in the case and lend to a more rigid law enforcement. Sisters, we feel sure that

this plan will have your hearty support and that you will lend a helping hand. And may our watchword ever be "Onward."

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. LAMB.

*State Supt. Legislation and Petition.*

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## Sunday School Work.

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The work of this department has been carried on in the main, following the same plan as in previous years.

The Universal Temperance Sunday, the fourth in November, was very generally observed. It has become assured that the day will hereafter be known and observed as Temperance Sunday, not only in our own country but in other lands. This we may count as a great gain.

The temperance lesson has been as faithfully and generally used as heretofore.

Especial attention has been urged to pledge signing.

There have been some new recommendations by our National Superintendent which have met with favor.

The Family Pledge rule is one which it is hoped will come into more general use.

Temperance Rallies are recommended. Some have been held.

The counties are not as well organized as is desirable. Much more would be accomplished if the work were systematized. The amount and progress of the work could be more accurately determined.

The posting may seem unnecessary, but better work is done where correct records are kept.

Aroostook, Androscoggin, Sagadahoc and Oxford send the statistical report.

One of our most flourishing counties had no superintendent until county convention in May, hence no report whatever.

Four or five more have been in much the same state, and but little seems to have been done.

The superintendents of most of the other counties have written me of what they have tried to do, and regret that no fuller report could be sent.

With one county I have been unable to have any communication.

The hope of our land is in training the children—a common remark, but true; and in what way can we better hope to advance our cause than by teaching the children gospel temperance.

I have urged the importance of this branch these many years, and can see that some progress has been made, but we are too content with the little. We should awake and proclaim to the world that our cause will succeed when we sow beside all waters, not forgetting the rills of childhood.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. A. G. STICKNEY.

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## Purity.

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Aroostook.—Mrs. L. A. Smart, superintendent, reports that the efficiency of this department has been doubled the past year. Out of twenty Unions, nineteen have superintendents, and the reports show an increasing interest and a better understanding of the work. Many of the Unions hold mothers' meetings regularly, and the reports from all are "These are the best meetings we have." Sermons have been preached on the subject, schools visited and the co-operation of teachers secured.

Mothers who do not belong to the Union talked with on the subject. Obscene markings removed from school houses and out-buildings, a large amount of department literature distributed. Children's signature secured to the pledge "My Promise."

Androscoggin.—Mrs. Maria L. Swett, Police Matron of Auburn, writes that during the year she has distributed several thousand volumes of pure literature, endeavoring thereby to supersede the sensational, cheap novels, which have wrought so much ruin in our country. She has found employment for sixty-five

women and girls, visits the railroad stations daily, meeting and directing young girls to good boarding places and helping them to obtain situations. In three cases she has compelled the seducer to marry his victim. A poor, ruined blind girl, forsaken by her own mother, was cared for by the Auburn Union and the Woman's Reform League and the child placed in the 'Temperary Home' in Deering. Mrs. Swett is more and more convinced of the need of a Woman's Reformatory, as under the present state of affairs much evil is carried on.

Hancock.—Mrs. Lucy L. Small, superintendent, reports "Much work of a personal character has been done, as the result of which better language is used; more self respect shown and a higher code of morals prevailing."

Kennebec.—Mrs. Abbie Y. Jenkins. Reports were sent from all the local Unions but one and the president of that one promises that the work shall be taken up this year. 3078 pages of literature distributed. Twenty-two "My Promise" pledges taken, ten mothers' meetings held, five talks on purity given and several sermons preached. Several of Mary Wood Allen's books have been kept in circulation. A young men's club has been formed at East Winthrop with the pastor of a Belfast church as superintendent, who has given helpful talks on the subject.

Articles have been written for local papers and letters of commendation written to editors for excellent editorials on the subject. Petitions have been circulated and sent to Senators at Washington, asking them to use their influence in favor of raising the "Age of Consent" and the "Suppression of impurity laws." Reading rooms and news stands visited and objectionable advertizing removed from bill boards.

One young girl has been rescued from a life of shame. Another, about to become a mother, furnished an outfit and afterward taken to the home in Portland, while still another in the same condition, is under the care of a faithful white ribboner.

Knox.—Mrs. Ella Wentworth. Sermons have been preached, lectures and parlor talks given and mothers' meetings held which have been interesting and very helpful, and good results have followed.

School buildings visited and examined. One box placed in a

railroad station and supplied with suitable tracts and the department literature distributed. Much work done of a personal character which cannot be reported.

Oxford.—Mrs. Fannie M. Burnell reports that very few of her locals have reported to her during the year. Some good work has been done and considerable literature distributed.

Penobscot.—Mrs. L. L. Varney reports good work done by several of the Unions. Mothers' meetings have been held and department literature distributed. The Charleston Union have had the courage to work on a very hard case of a man so vile as to ruin his own daughters. After working hard for several months the man was arrested and sent to jail. The case was called at the February term of court and after a two days trial he was committed and sent to the State Prison for five and a half years. The county superintendent staid with the ladies of the Union and the unfortunate girls during the trial when the court room was filled with men and boys.

In Bangor a committee was chosen to wait on the Mayor of the city and ask that no "Midway" be permitted on the Fair ground, and in many ways the women of the county are striving to raise the standard of morality.

Waldo.—Mrs. M. C. Staples reports work done in nearly every Union. More than 1400 pages of literature and forty copies of Union Signal distributed. Books like "Teaching Truth," and "Child Culture" circulated. School teachers interviewed on the subject. Mothers' meetings held. Articles on "purity" read in regular meetings and discussed by the members. Pledges given out in the Epworth League, and the Sunday School, and personal visits made in the interest of the work. The new Union at Winterport is much interested in this department and is doing good work along the line. The superintendent has been able to do personal work along this line by giving afternoon addresses in connection with her missionary work.

With a deeper realization of the needs of the work let us all strive to do more in the year to come for "Purity" in thought, word and deed.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE E. SEAMANS.

## Narcotics.

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### *Madam President and Sisters:—*

It is with profound gratitude for advance "all along the line" that I bring my tenth annual report. Twelve counties have reported. All speak of good *work done* and increased interest. Most of the superintendents have posted the cigarette law, and distributed literature. Several men and one woman eighty years old have ceased using tobacco. One superintendent whose husband is a grocer, succeeded in banishing the weed from the store.

In one town, treating on cigars has been discontinued. Many have stopped selling cigarettes since the new law was made. Milo rejoices in victory, after two years' crusade against their sale, having seven dealers, two of them holding out until boycotted by the W. C. T. U. (suggestive). Schools have been visited, sermons preached, lectures and chalk talks given, public meetings held, an address at Strong Campmeeting, and literature distributed at a county fair, all in the interest of this department.

Fairfield's superintendent has secured many signatures of boys and young men to an "Anti-Cigarette Smoking" pledge. Waterville has two Anti-Cigarette Leagues.

At Augusta and Winthrop Mrs. Gleason spoke before all the schools. At the latter place most of the boys in high school signing pledge. She also gave a stirring address at Somerset county convention.

The increased appropriation to this department has made increased activity possible. I have written hundreds of letters and cards, and sent out more than 30,000 pages of literature, have given four public addresses. We have greatly desired a better cigarette law, yet have hesitated about undertaking the task of *getting* it, but when a bill was introduced in the Legislature prohibiting their manufacture, sale and gift in the state, I at once sent petitions and circular letters to all the Unions, and to many towns not having a Union. These petitions were faithfully circulated, more than 16,000 names being obtained, among them many cigarette dealers. Very few persons refused to sign. The petitions were sent to the Representatives accompanied by letters

asking their help. Every member of the committee on temperance also received letters asking their aid.

The hearing was most interesting. We had many helpers, foremost among them being Mrs. Gleason, who rendered the cause great service. The only opposers were lawyers hired by the American Tobacco Trust Co. The committee reported favorably. The House passed the bill unchanged. The Senate amended by inserting "under twenty-one." The House at first refused to concur, but at last yielded. While we regret that it was amended, yet we are glad of *so much* advance, and are sure that there is a stronger and more universal sentiment against cigarettes than ever before, also a marked decrease in their sale and use.

Many letters have also been written our Representatives at Washington asking their aid for the Anti-Cigarette bill introduced by Mr. Terry. At the suggestion of our state treasurer I published the leaflet entitled "What Maine Educators think of the Tobacco Habit," desiring it to reach every boy and young man in the schools. About 7,000 have gone out on their mission. I wish the Unions in college towns would take this matter in hand. I have long wanted to prepare a leaflet on cigarettes, but when vacation came in which I hoped to do so, body and brain were too much exhausted. So I leave that work to my successor, trusting that "He that *soweth* and he that *reapeth* may rejoice together." God's blessing be upon the work and the workers.

I. S. WENTWORTH,

*Superintendent Narcotics.*

## Peace and Arbitration.

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

The interest taken in the subject of peace during the past year, has been very encouraging, and many Unions have for the first time taken up this department. A circular letter was sent out to the county presidents asking all who had not done so to appoint county peace superintendents, also to see that peace bands were



organized. Later a circular letter was sent to the local Unions requesting the appointment of local superintendents. Circular letters have been sent to clergymen throughout the state, inviting them to preach in the interest of the cause on Peace Sunday, the third Sabbath in December. Literature has been sent to the different Unions, also to many clergymen. The results from these efforts were very satisfactory. Peace principles have been taught in the juvenile societies. The cause has received much attention in local W. C. T. U. meetings.

While the Anglo-American Treaty was pending in Congress, the state superintendent wrote to several prominent persons in Maine, requesting them to write to our Senators urging them to vote for this highly desirable measure. All were glad to comply with the request. President Hyde of Bowdoin College replied that he had previously sent a memorial to Congress advising the ratification of the Treaty and signed by the Faculty.

Literature has been distributed at several conventions and articles sent to the state press.

Much work has been done by local Unions which has not yet been reported. The Unions heard from are as follows:

Winthrop reports 3,000 pages of literature distributed, 20 copies of "The Acorn" taken, two peace sermons, and peace exercises by the Sabbath School on Peace Sunday. The subject has been made prominent at all the W. C. T. U. meetings and taught in three L. T. L's.

Augusta Union reports through its superintendent, Mrs. P. M. Wadsworth, a Friend minister, the distribution of 525 pages of literature, two peace sermons, the observance of Peace Sunday and the placing of tracts on the subject in the wall pocket at the depot.

Rockland's superintendent is much interested in the subject. One sermon was preached on Peace Sunday.

Fort Fairfield reports thus: "We have not a superintendent of Peace unless we might say that every member of our Union is for peace now and forever."

At Bath much literature has been distributed and several copies of the Acorn are taken. In the Fourth of July parade, about the

carriage in which one of the Sunday Schools rode was the legend "Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war."

At Popham Beach the subject has been well attended to, having had many warm advocates.

The Piscataquis county president called our attention to the fact that there was a Boys' Brigade in that county. We supplied her with literature, which was sent to the pastor in charge.

Winterport, Friendship, Spruce Head, Belfast and many other towns are carrying on this work through our department.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS,

*State Superintendent.*

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## Department of Mercy.

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*Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:—*

We have reached another mile-stone on our onward march, and as we glance backward over the work of the past year, we are glad to be able to say, there has been a marked gain on most of the lines of work in this department.

Seven counties have appointed superintendents, namely: Franklin, Washington, Kennebec, Oxford, Knox, Cumberland and Somerset. Very encouraging reports come from most of them while others are not so encouraging.

Four Unions report warnings and remonstrances in cases of cruelty, and splendid work has been done in publishing and posting the laws in conspicuous places.

Superintendents are vigorously enforcing the laws in the cases of offenders and are gathering the children of such into the Bands of Mercy. The number of pledged members reported is three hundred but I think there are many more.

Superintendents report good results in securing the co-operation of teachers in Sunday and day schools. Much interest is manifested by the constant demand for literature explaining the work. Literature has been sent to ministers who have been requested to

preach on the subject of Mercy. Two have responded with good results.

Mrs. Lovell, our national superintendent, in speaking of the church's responsibility says: "I am amazed at the indifference of the church to this matter of humane teaching. We are continually told of God's mercy to us; why are we not told more about the mercy we should show in consequence of it to all His creatures?"

Seven articles against vivisection have been written for the press, also four articles on the egret question. Many names have been secured on the "Appeal to Women not to Wear Birds or Egret Plumes;" and many leaflets on the subject have been distributed.

Much effort in all ways has been made to create sentiment against vivisection. Three physicians to whom superintendents gave leaflets, acknowledged their disapproval of the vivisection of today; they were not accustomed to it in their preparation.

With a deeper realization of the importance of this department, let us try to do more in the year to come, remembering that the infinitely most important work for us is the humane education of the millions who are soon to come on the stage of action." "He shall be judged without mercy who hath shown no mercy."

Respectfully submitted,

LUELLA M. LITTLEFIELD.

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## Purity in Literature and Art.

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*Madam President and Ladies of the Convention:*

This report must be very meagre, for the reason that only three of the County Superintendents have reported to me.

This, no doubt, is largely due to the fact that the ill health of the State Superintendent has prevented her from keeping the county machinery in good, workable condition.

If life and health are given us for the coming year, we will "do with our might what our hands find to do,"— with love for the

work; great love for humanity; and greater love for our Lord and Master.

**Aroostook County.**—Mrs. Mary E. Bumpus, Superintendent, reports nine Unions that have local Superintendents in this department. They report good work done, five sermons preached; State Law posted in public places; literature circulated in barber shops, houses, unions, &c., thereby causing “the arrest of thought” along this line. 3698 pages of literature and 75 copies of State Law, besides a large amount of good reading of various kinds, have been distributed.

**Sagadahoc County.**—Miss Kate W. Spinney reports: Petitions sent and letters written to Senators urging the passage of the “Loud Bill.” Literature distributed, the mayor of Bath interviewed regarding impure pictures on bill boards. Dr. Pierce written to about immoral pictures in his advertising books, and a great improvement in that line in his later issues.

**Waldo County.**—Mrs. Sarah W. Bicknell, Superintendent reports good work done in circulating the petitions sent, and literature. She says—“One instance has come to our notice where the law was actually defied. One of our bright little women in her indignation requested that the prints be removed. They were taken down, the good advice was followed up by leaflets and copies of the State Law for private instruction and meditation.” It is safe to say that when they decorate that place of business again, it will be with better models. Is there more vice in the world than formerly, or are our eyes trained to see it? Mrs. Bicknell says further:—“Twenty millions of children and young people are coming forward to take the places of those who are now acting life’s great drama, and we are just awakening to the fact that great possibilities for good or ill are in the keeping of the children. Books are their companions and should be as carefully chosen as are their friends. Many parents seem not to be aware that children can be injured by what they read. Good and wholesome bills are brought before Congress to restrain the tide of cheap, and often vile, literature that is flooding our country. The Loud Bill in the interest of stricter post-office regulations was approved by the Post Master General and passed the House only to be defeated in

the Senate. Our own Senators, even, after being petitioned to vote for it, worked against it, having in sight the Publishing Houses at Augusta. At the Universal Postal Congress held in Washington, the South African Republic asked for an absolute embargo on sending immoral and obscene literature in the International mails. Mr. Van Alpen, Post Master General of the Republic, in an eloquent speech, depicted the necessity of taking such a step. That, too, was voted down. Credit is given the delegations from Belgium, Sweden, and the United States, who voted for the measure. Stop the sale of impure literature and narcotics, and you stop the largest streams that lead to the brothel and drink house. If we can save the children, in time there will come a change for the better."

So says Mrs. Bicknell and so say we all.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. AMELIA L. PAGE.

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## Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

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It seems never amiss to place at the beginning of this report the object of the department. Extending a helping hand to every needy child in the state, and securing whenever possible a home in a private family for every homeless child. As far as possible we board in private families temporarily the children who are waiting for free homes. The five hundred dollars received from the state is devoted exclusively to this purpose, the expense of travel, clothing, postage, printing and incidentals are met by private contributions solicited largely by the state superintendent, augmented by occasional gifts from local Unions.

In this department it is necessary for the state superintendent to communicate directly with the local superintendent. Letters were consequently sent to each local superintendent requiring a report of the work done during the year. Some Unions reported no work done, a few have done their work independently of the state superintendent, but more and more are the superintendents

coming to see that in the placing out work it is advisable to recognize one head and centralize responsibility.

Seventeen children have been placed in free homes during the year. Ten of these homes were investigated by the state superintendent assisted by local superintendents, and the children passed through her hands.

Most of these children were boarded temporarily and nearly all of them partially clothed by the state superintendent from the general fund. In placing children in homes it is very desirable that they go neatly clothed, both for the credit of our organization and for the first impression made by the child in its new home.

Seven of the children were placed in homes without the knowledge of the state superintendent. Without doubt these homes have been carefully selected, but should one of these seven children have been carelessly placed, the W. C. T. U. as a state organization cannot hold itself responsible for the mistake. In such a case the responsibility must rest with the Union and local superintendent who investigated the home and made the decision. One child has been placed in the temporary home at Portland. The average number of children boarded during the year is five. One Union has sent a child to the Eye and Ear Infirmary, and clothed during the year one child at the school for deaf mutes.

Special attention is called to this line of work, and every local superintendent is asked to become a vigilance committee in her own locality. Often children, defective in some way, are deprived of the help which the state provides, because of the ignorance of parents.

Two of the reports received have neither name nor address, so it is impossible to tell where they are from. One is so good that it seems desirable to read it in order to discover from whom it comes. "Our Union clothed children in eight families during the year where the parents were sick or out of work. There is one child in need of a home, he is sick now and may not live." A home for a boy nine years old, is also mentioned in the report.

If any one recognize this report will she please make herself known to the state superintendent.

The report of the Calais Union shows such an understanding of

the plan of work, and so deep a responsibility in carrying it out that it seems well to read it in full. "We have assisted in clothing a mother and sending her to the hospital for treatment. The woman has recovered her health and is now taking care of her family. During the past five years, with the aid of different institutions, we have found homes for thirty children whose prospects in life promised nothing but ignorance and vice. We have been aided in our work by words of encouragement and contributions from some not immediately connected with us. During the year we have been to an expense of thirty dollars beside the clothing given us," so writes Mrs. William Woods.

This report shows that our efforts are not confined to one line of child saving work. Several of the Unions have done excellent local work and have extended in many ways the helping hand to needy children in their own neighborhoods. Nine hundred and seventy-four letters have been received and ten hundred and fifty-six written by the state superintendent.

#### JENNIE M. ANTHOINE.

IN ACCOUNT WITH JENNIE M. ANTHOINE—SEPT. 26, '96 TO  
SEPT. 27, '97.

To Traveling Expenses,	\$ 50.55
" Board of Children,	441.80
" Clothing for Children,	172.46
" Postage,	36.26
" Office Supplies,	13.75
" Printing,	18.00
" Literature,	3.00
" Telegram,	.65
" Assistance,	56.50
" Expressage,	1.00
" Medical Aid for Children,	4.50
" Presents for Children,	4.00
" Temporary Home,	26.09
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	\$828.47

#### CONTRA CREDIT.

Cash in Treasury,	\$439.81
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State Aid,	\$500.00
Gifts from Cities and Towns,	125.00
Gifts from Individuals,	149.86
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	\$1214.67
Box of Clothing from L. T. L.'s of Harrison.	
Amount Received,	\$1214.67
Amount Paid out,	828.47
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Cash on hand,	\$386.20
JENNIE M. ANTHOINE.	

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## Prison, Jail, and Almshouse Work.

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*Madam President and Ladies:—*

I am happy to have had responses from nearly all our counties in this department of work, and very many favorable accounts of work done. The most successful report is from Auburn, Mrs. Wagg, Superintendent. Many men have been saved, and some have gone out to do missionary work among their comrades. Most spiritual meetings have been held, and large contributions of literature given by D. L. Moody. Good work has been done in Cumberland County. Your corresponding secretary writes me that a good report of work done by your Unions was sent her, but in some way was mislaid. Mrs. Homsted could no doubt have given me many items of interest, but owing to her absence from the city, have been unable to see her. I can however, speak well of the work done in Portland jail. Have attended the service twice on Sunday morning. Mr. C. H. Crittendon of New York attended one service, and spoke to the unfortunate ones with great feeling and interest; they seemed greatly moved, and at his request I followed up his words in visiting the women. I found them resolved to lead a better life, and when I told them of Mr. Crittendon's deep feeling for them, many were brought to tears. We had prayers together, and they gave promise of a changed life. Many



of our counties, as you know, are without superintendents, and I would suggest that every county appoint one for the work. Many of our counties are not within reach of prisons and jails, but not so far but kind letters and literature can reach them.

Franklin County reports almshouse so well cared for by the town as to offer no field of work for the Union. To all other towns we would say "Go thou and do likewise," not that "White Ribboners" would wish to take their ease, but every town should have more interest in its poor.

Kennebec County reports good work done for the almshouse in Winthrop, many visits, particularly to the sick. Two children have been sent to homes. The superintendent gave a large turkey and other presents at Christmas time.

Knox County—Good work is always done. Faithful women always on the watch for an opportunity to do good, to raise the fallen, bless the needy, and in the last great day Christ will say "Come ye blessed, inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, the least of mine, ye did it unto me"

Very Respectfully Submitted,

LOTTIE CHASE KNAPP.

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## Scientific Temperance Instruction.

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*Madam President and Sisters of the Convention:—*

The work of this department has been encouraging in the amount that has been accomplished by our earnest superintendents; but, as we look out over the large territory practically beyond our reach, we are overwhelmed by the needs of those communities where the W. C. T. U. has not yet obtained a foothold. Where the personal efforts of Maine White Ribboners are brought to bear on the school authorities, very satisfactory results have been gained in many places.

We cannot be too thankful that our State Superintendent of Common Schools, Hon. W. W. Stetson, is thoroughly in sympathy with our work.

## TEMPERANCE EDUCATION LAW.

Our present law specifies first, that "Provision shall be made by the proper local school authorities for instructing all pupils" in Temperance Physiology, etc.; second, that teachers shall pass a satisfactory examination in this subject, etc.

But — the law does *not* say "each pupil shall *study* Physiology." Nor is there *any* obligatory course of study laid down in the school laws of the state. The studies pursued are largely optional on the part of pupils and parents.

The law should require the teaching and study of this subject in *all* schools, with suitable text books, in order to do effectively the work intended, for the salvation of the children. Lack of time prevented the attempt for a revision of the law at the meeting of our last Legislature. But the necessity exists, and it seems the part of wisdom to make the effort at the next session. I hope, dear sisters, you will give this matter your earnest prayerful consideration.

## LITERATURE.

587 copies of the Temperance Education Law, and circulars headed by Mrs. Mary H. Hunt's Temperance Map of the United States, asking for information concerning temperance teaching in the schools, have been sent to the school boards in all towns of 100 or more pupils, also to each Union. Department leaflets, copies of Mrs. Hunt's School Physiology Journal, and of the "Star in the East" have been distributed where they were likely to do good.

## COUNTY REPORTS.

Androscoggin.—Mrs. H. M. Wilder, superintendent. The subject is thoroughly taught in all the fourteen towns of this county with the endorsed text books. Reports have been received from every town, seven only having Unions. This is surely the banner county of the state in this respect, and should be a stimulus to all other counties to gain as good a record.

Aroostook.—Mrs. L. S. York. The department finds it uphill work in towns where school committees are indifferent, and do not see the necessity which is so apparent to our W. C. T. U.

women. In other towns satisfactory work is being done. With a more definite law, uniform results would be gained with much less labor.

Cumberland.—Miss Ellen Wyman was chosen at the late convention. The report from this county has not yet been received.

Franklin.—Mrs. G. C. Purington. The work is being carried on in the schools. Temperance is taught in connection with Physiology, supplemented by talks and experiments. In the smaller schools instruction is less direct. Children in small village schools and in primary grades need just as direct, forcible teaching as those more advanced, but it is difficult to obtain such results.

Hancock.—Miss Mary A. Carroll. Good work has been done in putting the School Physiology Journal in the hands of the teachers. Endorsed text books are used to some extent, but are not graded to suit the needs of pupils. Schools have been visited, educators interviewed, but the superintendent is oftentimes discouraged by the amount needed to be done in a county of nearly forty towns and only six Unions.

Kennebec.—Mrs. Anetta E. Wadsworth. Temperance is taught in the schools, but it is difficult to make supervisors see the need of the endorsed text books. In Augusta much interest is manifested, the matter of text books is before the committee, who have subscribed for the School Physiology Journal for their teachers. Kennebec county stood first in returns from the blanks sent out by your state superintendent.

Knox.—Mrs. F. W. Smith. Teachers conventions have been addressed by Mrs. G. F. French and the present state superintendent. Public meetings have been held in the interest of this department in Rockland, Vinalhaven and Union. The new course of study in the Rockland schools gives Physiology a place in each grade. The Rockland, Union, Vinalhaven, Camden and Friendship Unions furnish the School Physiology Journal to teachers. Endorsed text books are in use in some towns.

Lincoln.—No report. Your superintendent was present at the convention held September 3d. Scientific Temperance Instruction was the prominent subject both afternoon and evening. Much interest was shown in its discussion and Mrs. J. E. Nichols of Round Pond was chosen county superintendent.

Oxford.—Mrs. O. M. Mason. The Unions that have reported speak of increased interest among teachers, but a lack of uniform, graded text books hampers their work. The best work is done where the endorsed books are in use.

Penobscot.—Miss Ella M. Mathews. Some Unions subscribe for the School Physiology Journal for teachers. All are doing what they can.

Piscataquis.—Miss Mary E. Averill. Some teachers interested and faithful, others regard the law as a dead letter. School authorities in many cases apathetic. Efforts should be made to rouse public sentiment in favor of a better enforcement of the law, and to bring such a pressure to bear on school boards that they will not dare to suffer this study to be so neglected as it is in many places.

Sagadahoc.—Miss Ann M. Robinson. More interest this year than last. One teacher in the first grade said if one of the scholars in that grade had anything to do with tobacco, even to pick up a cigar stub, the rest of the class almost ostracised him. Good work in getting in the endorsed books is being done. Some Unions have no local superintendent. We hope this lack will be supplied very soon, not only in this county, but in all where such vacancies exist.

Somerset.—Mrs. M. L. Boynton. Past Supervisors not much interested but new ones more favorable. At the Eastern Somerset Educational Association, the local Superintendent, Mrs. A. L. Vining, read a paper on "Scientific Temperance Instruction in the Public Schools" which was well received and favorable resolutions were unanimously adopted,

Waldo.—Mrs. Etta Savery. Literature has been distributed, schools visited, and reports as far as received are encouraging. The School Supervisor in Belfast is in full sympathy with our work, and so expressed himself at the county convention at which your State Superintendent was present. The work of this department was the principal theme discussed and much interest was manifested.

No reports received from Washington or York as yet.

New superintendents have been appointed in several unreported counties who will be undoubtedly heard from next year,

Dear sisters, in these briefly outlined reports you see some of the efforts, the failures, and the successes, that have marked the year's work. We all feel the importance of more time, more money, and more ability than we possess to successfully carry on this important work. Yet we must be content to faithfully sow the seed as we are able, trusting in the Lord of the Harvest, who will not fail to give us the increase in his own good time.

MRS. FREEMAN W. SMITH.

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## Sabbath Observance.

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### *Madam President and Friends:*

Doubtless every member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is proud to know our organization was the first permanent National body in our land to espouse the Sabbath cause, which department was established in 1884.

It was a warfare commenced with an unseen foe; unseen in all its wily fascinations of hidden influences, until like a disgusting pestilence it has spread through the land, running riot with old and young, rich and poor, the lofty minded, and the low, and it is with shame I say it, joined too by those who call themselves Christians! Making the Lord's day a day of revelry.

We were and we are still in the fore front of the conflict. We were, and we continue in it, and much, very much has been done to quell the uprising of this monstrous army, an army arrayed against itself, preparing its own ruin, for in this selfish, sinful search for pleasure, they are risking their immortal souls. There are conflicting sentiments with regard to the desecration of the Sabbath. Some letters come to me saying with emphasis, there is less of desecration, our loved Sabbath is observed more and more, as the Lord's day, and the words give us courage. and we thank God. The next letter is opened, and the words strike us like a cold blast from the north. The writer is evidently discouraged, is ready to leave her office for another to fill, says Sabbath desecration is on the increase. Would that she could see she is placed

just where her activity in the work should increase and her interest be redoubled to break up the growing evil.

This question must be answered. Is Sabbath desecration on the increase? Sanguine as I am that it is not, I cannot resist a cold wave passing over me, when I consider how little interest there is shown in this important department. I find a number of counties have no Superintendents of Sabbath Observance, and many of the local Unions have none. It has been very difficult for me to reach them. A letter read at the convention held in Hallowell last May, was spoken of as particularly interesting, as rich in thought, and awakened a responsive feeling in the heart of all Christians. No doubt it was refreshing and if such interchange of thought and feeling could arouse each one to action in this great work, then the results might well be rejoiced in, but that is where much good falls to the ground, many words, but no action. Let no one lose sight of this, that reform must begin with those who profess to be disciples of our beloved Master.

The items of interest are few and small, yet they do encourage and fortify us somewhat, and impress this thought still deeper in my mind, notwithstanding the seeming indifference, that there is deep in the hearts of the majority of people a strong desire for Sabbath Observance. I was proud and happy to hear it stated, that not one Sunday Excursion party on steamers owned by the Eastern Steamboat Company had been taken up or down the Kennebec river the past summer, much to the credit of the owners and managers. A small steamboat taking parties to the Islands on Sunday, called at the good old town of Wiscasset for passengers, but not one person entered the boat with the Sabbath breakers.

I have sent blank reports and literature and written to each county superintendent, and also to local superintendents. Have sent out nearly 3000 pages of printed literature.

Have received some very encouraging letters. Kennebec county sends very encouraging reports. In the town of Winthrop over 1400 pages of literature distributed, three sermons on Sabbath Observance, one public meeting held in the interests of this department, with marked results.

West Gardiner superintendent has done personal work, and steps have been taken to have Sabbath laws printed and posted in various places. Good work has also been done in Vassalboro. Waterville has no superintendent for Sabbath Observance but no increase of Sabbath desecration. The saloons in Augusta have been closed over the Sabbath, through the influence of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. At South China Sabbath desecration is diminishing. In Hancock county some of the locals have done much work. In Knox county there are some noble workers, who have accomplished good work. All this is encouraging. The more we can agitate the subject, the greater weight and influence it will have with the people and it is this unspoken thought, this (with them) longing after something better; this mental restlessness, that will finally awaken them to a sense of their duty to the Sabbath. I feel through all this criticism and argument amid all this frightful outward appearance of evil, there is a strong undercurrent of right feeling which with our determination to come to the front in this great battle, (with God helping us), will spread through our land, and all lands, flooding them with a light so searching and far reaching, that Sabbath breakers covered with shame will gladly flee out of sight.

I am sorry to report that there is no county superintendent in five counties, Franklin, Oxford, Piscataquis, Knox and Lincoln. I have no report from Sagadahoc county, illness preventing me from calling upon the superintendent.

I wish to thank all the county and local superintendents for so promptly, and kindly answering all my enquiries with regard to the work in my department.

With this report I resign the position I have so poorly filled.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES S. MOODY, Bath.

## Hygienic Reform and Heredity and Physical Culture.

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*Madam President and Sisters:—*

I regret to bring before you so meagre a report of the work done in my department. At the beginning of the year, when I looked around for my workers, I found but three county superintendents, and though I have urged the appointment of others as persistently as I dared, not wishing to make myself too obnoxious to the county presidents, that number is not yet greatly increased.

It has seemed to me that of all our departments this is the most unpopular. It is regarded by so many as only indirect temperance work, and by some as not temperance work at all. But, dear sisters, if we wish to build an *enduring* structure, we must look well to the *foundations*, and this department is one of the foundations of reform work.

Androscoggin has no superintendent as yet, but her president reports several local superintendents and much good work done along the line of Hygienic Reform. The subject has been presented at their convention, and at local Unions, literature has been distributed and a health column sustained in the local press. They are also working for pure water supply and clean streets. This county also reports marked success attending the teaching of physical culture in the public schools.

Aroostook reported near the beginning of the year three local superintendents. The county superintendent had been working five years to secure this result and this year had recommended that this department be combined with purity. We hope it may again be taken up as a separate department, fearing that in this combination it may meet the fate of Jonah in his famous encounter with the whale.

Your superintendent presented her department at the Cumberland convention and secured the appointment of a superintendent, Mrs. Emma Blake of Yarmouth, who is alive to the importance



of the work. She promises to have a health column in their local paper the coming year, and suggests health conventions—a suggestion which I am glad to pass along. Six local superintendents are reported in this county, and I know that other Unions are thinking of the subject.

Kennebec's efficient superintendent, Mrs. Long of Winthrop, reports increasing interest throughout the county. There are four local superintendents, but five other Unions report work done, principally in distributing literature, in mothers' meetings, and personal work.

Gardiner Union, though having no regular superintendent, has held four mothers' meetings, with four different speakers. Mrs. Long herself has spoken at various places, and has done much personal work.

Mrs. Felker has been superintendent for Somerset for three years, but fears not much has been accomplished. The Unions, when asked to appoint local workers, return almost uniformly the reply with which we are all so familiar, "They have already taken up so many departments, and they have so few workers, they cannot take up any more."

Mrs. Clarke reports for Waldo. Articles on heredity read and discussed in their meetings, and some literature distributed.

This completes the reports received from counties. But I am sure that in those not heard from there are some who are giving thought to this important subject, and in some places where there is no county superintendent, local superintendents have written me to inquire about the work, among which I might mention Bath, Bangor and Houlton. There are many hopeful signs, among which it is pleasing to note that our educators are taking a lively interest in the health problem and the kindred subject of physical education in the schools. And, although Maine is behind some of her sister states in this line, yet, Superintendent Stetson assures me that physical culture forms a part of the curriculum of all our city schools, many of our village, and some of our rural schools. It is also one of the branches in which instruction is given in all our summer schools.

May the day be not far distant when the training of mind and

body shall be inseparably connected in our schools of all grades.

Dear sisters, the years are bringing to us many great and good gifts. But while it is much to have increase of our possessions in material comfort, mechanical appliance and scientific discovery, it is more to have increase of personal power, by which we may lay hold of these possessions, and transmute them into character.

Let us seek the fullest development of all our powers of body, mind and spirit to grasp these gifts which the years are bringing to us, and to transform them into great and lasting good, not only to ourselves, but to the world.

Let the prayer of our heart be, "Lord, enlarge not our boundaries alone, enlarge ourselves."

MYRA MOORE PATRICK.

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## Temperance Work at Fairs.

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The work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union on our fair grounds has become a recognized necessity if they are ever raised from the moral degradation into which most of them have fallen.

Judging from reports received of two, the New England Fair held at Portland and the Eastern Maine State at Bangor, the original purpose for which agricultural societies were formed and cattle shows and fairs instituted—to encourage and promote agriculture and kindred arts—has been relegated to the background and amusements of an exciting and often questionable character brought in as the main features of the fairs. We are glad to report that a strong effort is being put forth, this season, to keep these objectionable features out of the grounds, and that the attitude of the managers, in most cases, is encouraging.

Our faithful superintendent of Androscoggin county writes of work done on the State Fair ground in '96.

"I regret to be obliged to report that during the many years I have labored in this department, I have never been so dissatisfied

with the result of my work as I was at the last State Fair, —in '96. Judging from appearances, it would seem that the many side-shows including some of an objectional character, were of the greatest importance. If any good was accomplished, it must have been through the literature distributed, and from the influence of the W. C. T. U. restaurants."

Notwithstanding the discouraging outlook, the county convention took active measures to carry out some suggestions of the superintendent. A petition was presented to the agricultural board signed by representative organizations of the county, asking that they "refuse admission to all side shows and exhibitions except such as give assurance that they are not of any obscene or questionable character." They were received very courteously and a promise given granting their request.

The superintendent now writes: "I am glad to inform you that the State Fair ground this season—'97—, was a clean place, suitable for all classes to visit without being contaminated by obscene side shows.

While the fair ground was praised by all *good* people, it was condemned by the sporting class, who said they "couldn't get any rum or anything to have a good time."

In Aroostook county arrangements had been made for a booth on the fair ground at Presque Isle, but owing to the prevalence of diphtheria it was given up. Quite an amount of literature was distributed.

Cumberland.—Their tent was erected three days at Gray, lunches were served, literature and ice water distributed freely. As this county has a fully-equipped tent it should be raised each year on the different fair grounds.

Franklin.—The superintendent writes encouragingly of their work on the fair ground the three days of the county fair at Farmington, and expresses her gratitude that the trustees so willingly aided them in their efforts. Their headquarters were made attractive and comfortable offering a delightful resting place for the weary. The white ribboners were untiring in their efforts to entertain their large number of visitors. The president improved this opportunity for securing county members.

Hancock.—Some local work was done by the ladies, but no special superintendent being appointed, they failed to report.

Kennebec.—Mrs. Wyman reports the work done on their fair ground at Sidney as being very successful. They sold refreshments and distributed literature, also gained six new members, three of whom were young men.

At the Knox County Fair held in Union, literature was distributed by the ladies of the local W. C. T. U.

Lincoln, no report.

The superintendent of Oxford county writes that they did no work their grounds being very free from the evils of which other counties complain.

Penobscot.—Mrs. Horton reports the distribution of literature at the Grange Fair by the Dexter Union, they also furnished Stetson Union with literature for distribution at the county fair at Exeter.

The secretary of Bangor Union writes: "We tried to do something about the immoral part of our Fair, i. e., a show of dancers in the so called 'Midway'." Although they were unsuccessful in suppressing the nuisance this year they do not acknowledge defeat.

In Piscataquis county literature was distributed on the fair grounds at Milo, Parkman and Monson.

In this county the Grange and temperance people, by uniting forces, have kept our fair grounds free from many of the evils that beset others.

From Sagadahoc Miss Carey sends a very pleasant and encouraging report. She was cordially received on the fair ground and helped to arrange for her work, her literature was received gladly and she saw none scattered or thrown around. One of the pleasant results of her work was the securing of two new white ribbon workers.

Somerset.—The only report of work done in this county comes from the Solon Union. The ladies worked with a will on their local fair grounds for temperance and morality. Financially they were successful, obtaining sufficient funds, from the sale of refreshments to send a delegate to the state convention.

From Washington county Miss Hunter sends the following statement of their work:

They have a building on their fair ground, built some six years ago, from which the W. C. T. U. flag is kept flying. They furnish lunches; their special work is giving away temperance literature and ice water. The literature is eagerly sought especially children's papers,—“The Water Lily,” “Young Crusader,” etc. Thus they are sending the best temperance reading into remote regions which could not be reached in any other way.

Waldo has fallen into line. Petitions and letters have been sent to the agricultural board asking that the immoral proceedings and the sale of intoxicants be prohibited on the Monson fair ground this year. They are hopeful of the result.

York.—Mrs. Moulton has been appointed superintendent this year and enters upon her work with enthusiasm. The Ys have taken up the work in this county.

I would suggest that the convention express their thanks to those members of agricultural boards who have so kindly and efficiently assisted us.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH N. OAKES.

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## Temperance Literature.

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In presenting the annual report of the Department of Temperance Literature, it is with feelings of regret that your superintendent has been unable to obtain reports from all the counties.

But the past year has been a broken one in some respects. At the annual meeting, the former superintendent, Mrs. Fernald, resigned, and it was not until the middle of the year that a new one was appointed. I fear she has not been very swift to gain an understanding of the work. But we are sure that good seed has been sown in all the counties, even if we have failed to gather a large harvest of reports.

Androscoggin County, through its superintendent, Mrs. L. C. Pulsifer, reports for seven Unions—Lewiston, Auburn, Greene, Turner, Mechanic Falls, South Durham and Livermore Falls.

Many hundred pages of literature have been distributed, especially at the State Fair. Boxes in the R. R. stations have been kept filled. New subscribers for the Union Signal and Star have been obtained. And the Young Crusader has been introduced into the South Durham Sunday School.

Aroostook County reports good work done in this department by nearly all the local Unions. The department literature has been used more systematically than ever before, and a vast amount placed in homes where such reading is appreciated. Boxes have been kept filled in some R. R. stations, and literature distributed at public gatherings. Our Unions are growing more and more to realize the importance of this department.

Cumberland County sends the fullest report. 17 Unions are reported. Brunswick, Bridgton, Bolster's Mills, Casco, Deering, East Otisfield, Gray, Harrison, New Gloucester, Newhall, North Windham, Otisfield, Peaks Island, Portland, Stroudwater, Windham and Yarmouth. These Unions report an aggregate of 17,896 pages of literature distributed. 73 copies of Union Signal and 89 copies of Star in the East, taken. Also, 21 copies of School Physiology Journal are taken for distribution among teachers. Boxes in the R. R. stations are kept filled. Much department literature, especially Narcotics and Sabbath Observance, have been circulated. Also, large packages of temperance and religious literature have been sent to the Seamen's Bethel and to lumbermen. Good work is also done in the Sunday Schools.

Mrs. J. A. Hodgkins of Gardiner, reports that good work has been done in Kennebec County. 33,000 pages of literature have been distributed. Wall-pockets in the post offices and depots have been kept filled. Also, books, magazines and testaments sent to the inmates of jails and almshouses. And packages of temperance literature sent to the lumbermen in the northern part of the state.

Mrs. Jackson of Sagadahoc County, reports literature given out, principally in depot boxes, 2391 pages. Number of subscribers to Union Signal, 8. Number to Star, 10.

Somerset County reports the work of only one Union. Mrs. R. E. Lawrence reports that Shawmut has distributed 1215 papers,

107 leaflets, 8 magazines and 40 books. Also sent temperance literature to the town farm and lumber camps. Sent copies of Young Crusader into four families. Have obtained five subscribers to Union Signal, and two to Star in the East.

The superintendent of Waldo County, reports for five Unions—Belfast, Waldo, Northport, Troy and Searsmont, with an aggregate of 11,570 leaflets, 2148 papers and magazines distributed, besides 20 copies of Mr. Angell's paper, "Our Dumb Animals", and several copies of Mrs. Hunt's Physiology Journal sent to teachers in the public schools. Thirty copies of Union Signal and eighteen copies of Star are taken in these Unions.

Washington County reports good work done in this department. Calais, Milltown, Jonesport, Machias, Eastport and Pembroke Unions sent in encouraging reports. Hundreds of pages of leaflets have been distributed throughout the county, at the fairs and among the sailors, and narcotic leaflets sent to teachers. Also much franchise literature has been scattered.

Through the kindness of Miss Dow, all of the orders for literature coming to the state headquarters have been promptly filled, and between fifty and sixty dollars worth has been sent to different parts of the state.

The department is out of debt with a good balance in the treasury.

Your new superintendent assures you that this important department shall have her careful attention, trusting that she will have the co-operation of every Union in the state.

Our National Superintendent has said that "no department of W. C. T. U. work is more varied or full of blessing, none in which we give more *personal touch*." The little white leaflet written for the uplifting of humanity, is filled with your loving thought, dear giver of the printed word.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. BISHOP.

## Flower Mission Work.

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*Madam President and Members of the Convention:—*

Reports have not been received from all of the counties, but those sent in denote much interest in the work. The reports from the different counties are as follows:

Androscoggin.—Number of Unions in county, seven. Lewiston Union has done much work at the hospital in that city, carrying flowers and clothing to sick and needy. Auburn Union has sent 173 bouquets to the sick and “shut-ins”, and to the inmates of the county jail. One basket of flowers sent to the Old Ladies’ Home, and four boxes of sweet peas and other flowers to sick out of town. Turner Union is scattered over a large territory, but all help in the Flower Mission Work. Mechanic Falls, Livermore Falls, Greene and Durham report good work done. The scripture text cards are used, sewing is done and clothing distributed among the needy. The inmates of the almshouse are also kindly remembered.

Aroostook.—Bridgewater Union reports flowers distributed, the poor helped with food, clothing and money. Danforth Union has sent 200 bouquets, also fruit to the sick. 8 funeral pieces have been furnished. Hodgdon reports 64 bouquets distributed during the year. The Union at Island Falls reports many flowers carried to the sick, to funerals and to the church. Limestone Union, 97 bouquets distributed. Presque Isle, 64 bouquets sent, 2 funeral pieces furnished, 373 calls upon the sick, 19 families helped with food and clothing, 2 meetings devoted entirely to Flower Mission Work. Houlton, jail visited once a month, 90 bouquets, 235 papers and 20 books from Mr. Moody’s Publishing House, distributed. 8 prisoners signed the pledge, 7 bouquets and fruit carried to almshouse. Poor helped with food, clothing and money.

Franklin.—Failing to find an active superintendent of Flower Mission Work, the county dropped such last convention. Some work has been done by the different Unions. Farmington and



North Jay report work done May 30th. Kingfield, some work done under direction of other departments.

Hancock.—The Union at South West Harbor has a superintendent in every section of the town, provides flowers for funerals, and is to a large extent mindful of the sick. The Ariadne K. Webb Union observed Flower Mission Day by a Sunday School concert. 270 bouquets, tied with white ribbon, text cards attached, distributed. Flowers furnished for the church each Sunday. 50 bouquets sent to invalids, aged and poor.

Kennebec.—Vassalboro. In May had entertainment to obtain funds. On Flower Mission Day 32 calls were made, carrying flowers with text cards, literature and fruit. Furnished 5 copies of the Gospel of St. John to aged people. Center Sidney observed Flower Mission Day by holding meeting. Flowers distributed among sick and discouraged. China, 30 bouquets with text cards carried to sick, and cases of want generously cared for. Winthrop Center, L. T. L. has charge of work. Hallowell, new superintendent appointed.

Knox.—9 Unions in county. Nearly all sent flowers for banquets on Prison Day, which was observed July 4. Mrs. Helen G. Rice addressed convicts. Warren, 200 pages literature distributed, also bouquets and fruit to "shut-ins." Rockland. Services held at the jail. Flowers and fruit carried to sick and "shut-ins." Spruce Head, Vinal Haven, Camden, Friendship and Union have sent bouquets to the sick. Thomaston Union has distributed many pages of literature, also taken delicacies to the women at the prison.

Lincoln.—Work done in this department in all of the Unions. Waldoboro reports good work done, the L. T. L. working with the Union.

Penobscot.—Much interest in Unions in this department of work. Flowers sent to poor, and needy helped.

Somerset.—The Union at St. Albans has distributed 200 bouquets, caring bountifully for sick and "shut-ins." Madison, 200 bouquets sent to the sick, wreaths and pillows provided for funerals, 150 calls on sick and "shut-ins", food and clothing distributed among the poor, and delicacies carried to the sick. Solon, 40

bouquets sent to sick and to funerals. Flowers also sent to surrounding towns.

Waldo.—Belfast, jail and almshouse visited, with flowers. Devotional services held, literature distributed in both places. Flowers sent to sick. Liberty, 15 bouquets sent, also slips and plants, with several wreaths and bouquets for funerals. Memorial Day and Flower Mission Day observed. Sick and “shut-ins” visited and remembered with delicacies. Northport, 25 bouquets sent to sick. Searsmont, 12 bouquets sent, also church decorated during five months of the year. Waldo, 50 bouquets sent with literature. Fruit and delicacies given poor and sick. Flowers provided for funerals. Winterport, flowers and literature sent to sick and poor.

Washington.—Calais reports 24 bouquets, tied with white ribbon, text cards attached, given to the inmates at almshouse, 49 calls on invalids and “shut-ins” with flowers, ribbon and cards attached. 11 pieces furnished for funerals. The aged and sick visited with delicacies. Addison Pt., 25 bouquets sent to sick and “shut-ins”. Machias. The Sunday following June 9th, was observed by taking flowers to prisoners in jail. Literature distributed. Sick, “shut-ins” and inmates of almshouse remembered with flowers and delicacies. East Machias, 20 bouquets with text cards attached, carried to sick and aged. Jonesport. Flowers furnished for sick and funerals. Cherryfield reports Flower Mission Day observed by visiting sick, aged and “shut-ins”, carrying bouquets tied with white ribbon, text cards attached. 60 bouquets have been sent during the year and delicacies furnished the sick. 8 funeral pieces have been furnished.

York: Biddeford Union has done some work distributing flowers among the sick.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLE B. DOWNES.

## Loyal Temperance Legions.

*State Motto, "We'll Stand for the Right."*

But four counties have reported work done in this department and those not in detail. Cumberland reports two companies organized during the year. Upper Gloucester pays dues for all its members. Boys sold lunches at town meeting and gave proceeds (\$2.00), to L. T. L. Room, Temperance Hospital, girls made quilt for Good Will Farm, (Girls' Cottage), furnished flowers and sent to sick people. The new Union at Bolster's Mills, recently organized by the superintendent of Harrison L. T. L., Mrs. Patrick, is gaining in interest and numbers. Harrison L. T. L. is small but is doing good work, have senior and junior grade, paid dues, contributed fifty cents to L. T. L. Room, Temperance Hospital, sent a box of clothing to Miss Anthoine for poor children and paid freight on same, fifty cents. Yarmouth has seventy members all pledged; gained during the year, eighteen. Stroudwater Legion is small but children and teachers much interested, have both senior and junior grade, thirty pledged members, some are temperance exhibitors and assisted W. C. T. U. in entertainment. York too, reports four companies. Old Orchard has done grand work, did not report in detail; a class of six have graduated at West Lebanon and a number of them will become members of the W. C. T. U. of that place, this Legion has paid dues for all its members. Somerset reports work done in several Legions but details not given. Solon and Ripley are very active. Pittsfield L. T. L. and others have been resting but will shortly take up work again, we look for a good report from those next year.

Knox reports two companies. Vinal Haven has followed the national plan of work, has distributed a large amount of literature, observed Neal Dow's birthday, and done some work among foreigners, this company should have the thanks of Knox county W. C. T. U. for good work done along all lines.

Washington county but one company report. Cherryfield fol-

lows the national plan and is very active, pays dues each year it, has a number of graduates.

The banner company of the state is the Emma Trowbridge Potter L. T. L. of Waterboro, they follow the national plan in all its details, pay dues, in fact they are "up to date" in everything that pertains to the L. T. L. and its work, they won the prize offered by state superintendent for the best answer as to what the "Boy, the cross and the flag," represented, the answer was "God and Home and Native Land." The prize was a book for the library.

Aroostook has eight L. T. L.'s. Fort Fairfield will adopt the following plan: Some sisters will go among the well-to-do families and see how many are willing to pay fifty cents per week for some one to carry on temperance work among the children. Then some one that the Union may judge competent will be paid one dollar per afternoon for coming to the L. T. L. This seems almost too much to pay for one afternoon work but the hearts of our sisters of Fort Fairfield are large and good like their potatoes and they'll do it. Perhaps a woman could be found in other places where that amount could not be raised to undertake it for a smaller sum.

Mars Hill has a class of graduates, pays dues, and is in a flourishing condition, the superintendent takes *Star in the East* and finds it a great help in her work. I would most earnestly urge all superintendents, both county and local, to do likewise, and I will give a solid gold L. T. L. pin to the boy or girl who gets the most subscribers to *Star in the East* before Aug. 1, 1898, names of subscribers and money, also name of the one sending, to be forwarded to Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Stroudwater.

Kennebec is still active in this work, although there has been a small decrease in membership and two Legions have suspended and one disbanded entirely, all for lack of leaders. Two new Legions have been organized by the superintendent—one of sixty-nine members. Winthrop Union has 119 children organized under three leaders for temperance instruction. Company K. of Winthrop entertained the second convention of Kennebec L. T. L. Six Legions were represented by 175 members. Mrs. Helen

G. Rice was present during the day and evening. The beautiful banner displayed here, (at convention), was given to Kennebec county on that day by the Lady Bountiful of Kennebec, Mrs. H. J. Bailey. They had their national, state and county rallying cries and each Legion had one of its own. Winthrop's cry for the day was:

"Glad to greet you, L. T. L.,  
Glad to hear your hearty yell;  
Welcome to Winthrop, hope you'll say,  
You've never spent a happier day."

I wish to make special mention of the superintendent of Kennebec, Mrs. Jennie Packard, who printed and gave for free distribution 5000 copies of the L. T. L. State Song, and Miss Isabel Shirley of N. Y., who wrote the song, and Mrs. Etta Warren, superintendent of Cumberland county who has an L. T. L. Her own chickens, "Biddy and her Family," not only pay their own way but help Mrs. Warren in her county work. Would that we had more L. T. L. hens and chickens! Also among many others we would mention the noble boys of Upper Gloucester who sold lunches at town meeting and gave proceeds to L. T. L. Room, Temperance Hospital. The girls also did grand work. The Legion at Kingfield, who all voted as one, to help the sick children. They did more according to their numbers than any Legion in the state. And I would not forget the manly young senior, (thirteen years old), of the Harrison L. T. L., who gives a tenth of all the money he earns to the Lord, (and he earns quite a little after school hours), this means help to the L. T. L. and Sunday school as well.

The past year we have lost, no, not lost, but gone on before just a little, one of our most beloved county superintendents, Mrs. A. L. Abbott of Plymouth, she was ever ready to help in every way, her counsel or kindly words have often cheered the heart of your state superintendent. We miss her, yet the work must go on, and we that remain must do it. Two other firm friends of our department have also "crossed over," Mr. George Rand of Ripley and Mr. E. R. Packard of East Winthrop. There is a cry all over the state, no leaders can be found. Pray that

the dear Lord will send conviction to the hearts of the W. C. T. U. as to their duty in regard to this. Meanwhile, let us close up the ranks and consecrate ourselves anew, and "work while it is day for the night cometh."

With the spirit of our grand Neal Dow we fear not any foe,  
Fighting every form of evil that attempts its head to show,  
Trusting in an arm Almighty on to victory we will go,  
The L. T. L.'s are marching on.

State and National dues were paid by:

Waldoboro	\$4.00
Cherryfield	6.80
Harrison	1.00
West Sumner	1.00
Upper Gloucester	1.10
Sydney	1.10
Mars Hill	3.00

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\$18.00

The state receives one half.

ANNIE C. BAGLEY.

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## Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

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A year ago I accepted the work you offered me, believing this call to service came from God, and this thought has helped me throughout the year.

My report must be general rather than definite, as I have in many cases received expressions of interest, instead of figures, but these are of value, for a superintendent learns to read between the lines, and knows that faithful effort is not in vain.

Aroostook has a new superintendent, Mrs. R. A. Bradbury, who has already made a good beginning. Eight Unions in this county advocate tithing. All have not reported but a gain of 60 is given and 17000 pages of literature distributed. Literature was also distributed at the county convention. An experience meeting was held during this convention and there were as many

earnest testimonies given in favor of proportionate giving as time would allow. I wish a similar meeting might be held in every county convention.

Cumberland superintendent has been laboring under difficulties, for out of twenty-four Unions, ten have responded, reporting nothing definite done.

I am sure this is by no means a lack of zeal or interest on the part of the county superintendent, Miss Quimby. No county worker, however efficient she may be, can do what belongs to each local Union.

The superintendent of Kennebec County may well be called a busy woman, for as matron of Oakgrove Seminary, she has a family of 70, but says, "I find this a grand chance to work for my Lord." Quite a number of the students have taken the proportionate giving pledge. She reports 2000 pages of literature distributed, five meetings held in the interests of this department, five sermons preached on this subject. She believes the work is gaining each year.

The work is new in Knox county, but full of promise. Three Unions have chosen superintendents. My heart has been cheered by the letters of Miss Crie of Rockland, who reports 4500 pages of literature circulated, most of this being hand to hand distribution. She has been aided by the County President, Mrs. R. C. Hall, who gave their Union a very able address, and afterward gave it at the county meeting of her own denomination.

Because of the work of this department, a woman, who is pastor of the Advent church in Rockland, has preached on this subject several times, and has introduced this system into church finances.

Lincoln has no county worker in this department, but Waldoboro is to have a superintendent soon. Two women from that Union practice and teach proportionate giving, and at an open parliament of the Congregational Conference recently held in Thomaston, one of these sisters spoke in favor of this system. Literature on this subject has been distributed.

Penobscot superintendent has not learned, as yet, of any Union in that county that practices tithing.

A very helpful letter came from Piscataquis early in the

year, saying all the Unions were favorable to this work, but no report has been received since.

Sagadahoc has one local superintendent. No report.

Somerset has now a county superintendent, Miss Spaulding of St. Albans, who has distributed some literature, but has received no reports from the Unions.

Mrs. L. E. Stearns is caring for the interests of this department in Waldo County. She believes that as this work is largely educational, a great deal depends upon the faithful distribution of literature. She writes hopefully, "The Master will bless and prosper this cause." Two Unions in that county have recently chosen superintendents, and one writes, "The work is advancing slowly but surely."

Washington and York have sent no report. From Androscoggin, Franklin, Hancock and Oxford have received the information that they have no superintendent of this department.

I hope my co-workers may be aided as much in the year to come as I have been in the past year, by letters of interest and encouragement. This system will not go alone. Each superintendent, local, county and state, must be aided and sustained by her sisters.

I think some hesitate to adopt it, because of a pressure of other duties, but if we are aided in finance our cares will be greatly lessened.

Never have we needed this department more than in these years of financial difficulty!

If we have found some better plan according to God's Word, let us adopt it.

If not, looking upward for direction, let us promote this cause by word and work.

Respectfully submitted,

HATTIE T. MAYO.

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## Work Among Lumbermen.

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Aroostook.—Mrs. S. S. Howe, Ashland. Only three Unions reported work done. Ashland supplied several camps with good



literature such as temperance, religious and local papers and magazines. One large mill employing about 200 men has been furnished with leaflets and temperance reading. Meetings held there frequently and much interest shown by the men. One pastor, during the winter, held regular service at one of the nearest camps and had good attendance. Large packets of literature regularly given. A lecture by Miss Yates seemed to be the means of awakening many to a sense of their duty and a help to many. Presque Isle only reported 175 papers sent. Danforth's faithful Mrs. Russell could only report what *she* had done. 90 papers, 6 magazines, 1 testament, 4 good books and 7 gospel hymn books.

Piscataquis.—Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Greenville, has distributed one barrel and several boxes of good literature, as well as comfort bags, which have given especial pleasure and comfort to those receiving them. One boy in particular who had no home and but few friends was won to better ways by one of these simple gifts, and now has a home of his own. Milo has done nobly, sending many papers, letters, comfort bags, etc. Foxcroft and Dover have looked after the camps in their vicinity. and have supplied the foreign element with suitable literature. Shirley, Guilford and Atkinson have done their duty in this line, but have not sent full reports. Many letters of thanks received from the men.

Washington.—Mrs. G. A. Condell, Calais, reports that lumbering, as compared with former years, has been very light, but with those who have been in camp she is pleased to note an improvement in the interest for good reading in place of baser literature, and says, "the Bible has been read by more men, both old and young, the past three years than ever before" and feels that God has blessed our White Ribboners in their work among lumbermen. Her home Unions reports 1688 papers, 167 magazines. 277 leaflets, 29 books, 5 bibles, 1 large comfort bag filled with necessary articles. Cherryfield, 5000 packages of literature. She prays God that every Union in Washington County will arouse themselves to do this labor of love.

York.—Appointed new superintendent, Mrs. M. A. Moulton, Buxton.

Oxford.—Mrs. E. A. Stickney, East Brownfield, reports excellent work in this county, although but three Unions sent reports. Brownfield sent ten well filled comfort bags and a large amount of literature, principally magazines. Hiram sent four large, well furnished bags, also much reading matter. Bethel, which has a faithful worker in Mrs. Chandler, reports a large box of comfort bags and literature; never contributed so much before. Rev. S. S. York, county missionary, recently said “he never before was so well received in camp as this last winter.” One man from one of the camps said, “one amid the influences of a pleasant refined home could but faintly realize what a religious service means in a camp where there is so much profanity.”

Somerset.—Mrs. Flora A. Clark, No. New Portland, sends the good word “that nearly three times as much work has been done in this department this year as ever before” since she has been superintendent, which is six years. 12 comfort bags, 43 magazines, 179 papers and distributed literature, 4472. (This report did my heart good, for my courage was at low ebb about the time it came, feeling that the harvest was ready and reapers were few.)

Penobscot.—Mrs. N. L. Perkins, Bangor, reports not being able to get reports from local superintendents. 2800 pages reported and several packages beside. Bangor Union and Crusade, do much good work among her jail prisoners, having meeting at the jail once in two weeks, as they have for 23 years, there being usually from 75 to 100 prisoners. Most of our literature goes to them and they are eager for good reading. This year they have supplied 1300 papers and 100 magazines.

Cumberland.—Mrs. Sarah McLellan, So. Windham, writes that the ladies of her county are interested in this grand work. Bolster's Mills only took up this department of work in March of the present year. One camp, that of Thomas Bateman of Eustis, Me., has been supplied with good literature. Received a pleasant letter from Mr. B., thanking them for their kindly interest. Casco: Several ladies have each an address and a care to know that their camp is supplied. Deering: Not definite as to amount sent, but have sent to a camp. Gray: Forwarded 8000 pages. Suggests that some other Unions do as well. East Otisfield: New

Union, but preparing to take up this work next year. Harrison: Although they have no superintendent, yet they have sent to distributing agent, (Mrs. Rogers,) a large box of well selected papers and magazines, one bible, one copy of songs, note paper, envelopes, etc. New Gloucester: Superintendent absent during our short lumber season; however, she has collected literature and is ready for service next season. Newhall: One large box of choice reading forwarded to distributing agent. No. Windham: Have learned that no other department can do so much and so good work with so little expense of time and money. 1400 pages sent to one address. Cumberland Mills: Have forwarded 3000 pages; furnished county superintendent with camp addresses. Otisfield: Good work done. Peaks Island: Noble work, found opportunities and improved them, 1700 pages circulated this year, planning to do better next. Portland: Sends daily papers twice a week to camps. So. Bridgton: Have not done all they hoped, but have done good things. So. Windham: Sent two large books, one testament, two hymn books, 5000 pages. Westbrook: Have superintendent and did some work, but no definite report. Windham Center: Some over 500 pages. Yarmouth: Superintendent reports some work done and an encouraging out-look for the coming year.

Androscoggin.—Auburn reports excellent work done. Two barrels literature and local papers sent weekly to camps; fourteen comfort bags well filled with necessary articles; and nearly 1000 pages of literature in foreign language have been distributed. Lewiston sent no detailed report, but good work was done. Turner, with her small but energetic Union, contributed eight comfort bags filled to overflowing, and literature in abundance.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE B. BIGELOW.

## Franchise.

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### *Madam President and Ladies:*

In reporting this year it is due to you to say that I have had no help from several county superintendents, my own having been absent most of the year, in pursuit of health, while I, for the same reason, have not been able to assist the county and local workers as I wished. Have sent to local Unions 420 cards, 3000 pages of leaflets, many club lectures, and pamphlets, 116 letters, *Woman's Journal*, *Woman's Column*. The local Union's reports have not come in as freely as usual. The county reports are as follows:

Androscoggin reports much aggressive work done the past year. Lewiston, Auburn, Turner, Mechanic Falls, South Durham, Livermore Falls and Greene are well awake on the franchise question, and the *Lewiston Journal* is friendly to the cause. In summing up the work Mrs. Lamb finds that petitions for franchise have been well circulated and signed, and she thinks that woman's ballot is the one thing needful for pushing and sustaining reforms against organized saloon power,

Aroostook.—Mrs. Kate Dewitt of Presque Isle says: I have sent petitions to every Union in my county, and they all, with one exception, responded nobly. I offered as a small inducement to all the Unions except four, a nice book for the one getting the largest number of signatures on petitions. Two Unions worked very hard driving through cold and snow, and each got a book, The Legislature is crushing; and there are a few indifferent Christian women, but we have glorious workers who are fighting the curse of this nation. Shall we give it up? Never! We have opponents to contend with, but they can sooner stop the course of Niagara than the cause of Right and Justice! So we will work on, God willing.

Cumberland.—Mrs. George S. Hunt, our county superintendent, has not reported of work done this year, owing to ill health, but

offers some suggestions of interest, one of which is, that one meeting of the Unions in every month be devoted to the study of woman's franchise alone; it seems to her that what we need more than anything else to help us along, is the education of women, and if interest in this subject could be developed by parlor meetings, discussions and arguments, for, and against the measure, that our next Legislature would be more intelligently ready to weigh our arguments and listen to our petitions.

Kennebec.—The usual good news from Mrs. Pishen is that much work has been done in circulating literature and signing petitions. Hallowell, Gardiner, Waterville, China, Vassalboro and Winthrop Center have been very active, and that Gardiner leads in this as in other reforms, also, that there is an Equal Suffrage Club in Waterville, and a good interest in it.

Mrs A. S. Hills of Knox, thinks the interest has increased in her county. Some few are discouraged sometimes, as for instance, after the session of the last Legislature, but are not inclined to give up the fight; on the contrary will keep on talking, working and fighting till the morning light breaks.

Lincoln.—Mrs. Helen M. Daggett reports hopefully, of woman's outlook and advance in Suffrage work; the women there are thoughtfully and studiously interested in it. They are ready for the true Christian citizenship which the future promises, and are out-distancing all objections to that true freedom which woman openly claims as her heritage.

Penobscot.—The superintendent of Department Work at Deer Isle reports as follows: Nearly 500 pages of suffrage literature have been distributed, and five meetings held with Suffrage for their topic.

Piscataquis.—A word from Mrs. F. S. Hobbs of Milo, reports an interest there and at Dover, at the latter place a meeting was held last March at which Miss Demerritt of N. H., gave a fine address on franchise, which was attended by a number of pastors, who talked earnestly to the point, most of them being strong advocates of suffrage for women.

York reports that literature and petitions have been largely circulated, and a good number of names obtained, but reform is

found to be uphill work where the enforcement of the prohibitory law is utterly disregarded as it is in the cities there.

Hancock reports, through its intelligent and tireless co-worker, Mrs. A. F. Greely, as follows: I have done nothing the past year but "blow my own horn," when I got a chance, and that I mean to do as long as I have breath left to inflate my lungs. There is no occasion to work very hard here, for I do not know of a man or woman in our town who would say they did not believe in woman's suffrage. I account for this on the ground of their advanced intelligence on the subject. The work in our state is done as far as the men go, what they need now is moral training. Our Union, that meets every two weeks is unanimous for equal rights; so is our Woman's club. Every member of "The Fortnightly" is in favor of woman's ballot and it is the largest club in town. Our work is done mainly through clubs and individual effort; I am not anxious about the final result, but impatient of delay, and down on those legislators who, knowing our rights and needs, stubbornly refuse to grant them.

In closing the reports I would like to add that I have had a score of letters from members of local Unions asking if some easier mode of getting names on suffrage petitions could not be substituted for the present one. I will give an extract from a recent letter. The writer's plea is this, that for nearly six months of the year Maine is a camping-ground for distant relatives, friends, visitors and boarders; that somebody must take care of them to the neglect of families and children; that is all very well because that is a legitimate way of getting our living; but when the season is over we are not only "out at the elbows and toes." but we need rest. As the days shorten, and the cold strengthens, how are we, especially those of us who have no conveniences for locomotion, to go from house to house, with good tempers and hopeful hearts, for names on petitions which have been foredoomed by a pre-concerted Legislature, never to see the light? I leave it with my Christian sisters to answer.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE TITCOMB.

## Work Among Railroad Employees.

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Another year with its opportunities, either neglected or improved, has passed away, and again we come together for our annual review of work performed and fruit gathered, and while I think we never expect results fully equal to our desires, yet in view of the fact that our department is only four years old in *our State*, we feel that our advance is quite encouraging, and in comparing the year that has just ceased with my first year, I feel that I can say, "Our labor is not in vain in the Lord." We have eight counties organized, all doing good work, we trust.

Androscoggin.—Through its superintendent, Mrs. Theodora Prince, reports at Mechanic Falls: two wall pockets at Grand Trunk station, two at Rumford Falls station, one in Signal house. Literature has been freely distributed. Prayer was offered in the four churches for railroad employees on March 1st, Railway Men's day. The superintendent of Auburn, Mrs. Taylor, reports 1500 pages of literature distributed, also depots and gate houses supplied. Mrs. Marr of Lewiston, reported 134 packages of reading matter placed in boxes at stations and in smoking cars. Greene: Wall pocket at station. Railway Men's Day was observed at the F. B. Church. Your superintendent has also succeeded in appointing two local superintendents in the town of Leeds, where we are sorry to say there is no Union. Mrs. Nellie Lane, Leeds Center, reports, since June 150 leaflets distributed, two stations supplied with wall pockets.

Aroostook.—Through Mrs. Mary Seeley, reports most excellent work. She believes very much in personal effort and has expended \$5.00 for literature besides what has been contributed. She has also contributed weekly five copies of the Union Signal and eight copies of other papers. Mrs. Seeley thinks this has been her best year in the work as she is getting better acquainted with R. R. officials and receives more and more favors from them in the way of circulating literature, etc.

Cumberland.—No report, but I doubt not that work has been done.

Franklin.—Work has been done at North Jay, Farmington and Kingfield.

Penobscot.—Dexter Union keeps wall pockets filled in stations and distributes literature.

From Piscataquis comes this most touching incident of a young Frenchman with a family of little children who was a terror to them and his poor wife, when under the influence of strong drink. He had a good position as section-hand on the C. P. road, and was a general favorite, but the great evil threatened to cost him his position and throw his family into want. It had already caused the death of his little child, for as he was taking his family (while more or less muddled by drink) on a hand car, they were run down by a train and before all could be safely cared for, one child was killed. Just as he was about to lose his position a W. C. T. U. woman hired money and sent him to Deering where he took the Keeley cure and has since been a sober man and a blessing to his family. He has built a little home beside the track where he and his dwell very happily, and he often invites his benefactress to visit his home. She had the privilege last 4th of July of seeing him with his wife in church, drinking in as best he could the *English sermon*, and felt paid for all the sacrifice she had made. At its close he presented with proud and loving words "his old woman" as he called her, and now his word and credit are good and all respect him. Best of all the efforts made in his behalf have made fast friends and advanced Christ's kingdom.

Somerset has a new superintendent, Miss Olive Marcia, who reports three local superintendents at Solon, Fairfield and Shawmut.

Sagadahoc.—Mrs. Addie Robbins, Bath, who, I will say, has been so busy getting ready for us she was unable to prepare a report, although I feel assured that work has been done.

Waldo.—Mrs. Addie McIntyre, Belfast. No report.

Washington.—Mary Stone, Machias, writes that although there are but ten miles of railroad in that county, she has done what she



could. Last spring there was a short piece of road built to Jonesboro to accommodate the granite quarries in transporting the granite from the quarries to the vessels to ship it. Jonesboro is seven miles west of Machias, and knowing that Italians were at work there, she purchased one dollar's worth of tracts and sent them to their overseer to distribute. The men were very glad to get anything in their own language to read. I wish other counties, with so much larger opportunities, would catch an inspiration from this faithful superintendent.

York.—Miss Mabel Elden of Greenville, was appointed to fill the vacancy made by the removal of Mrs. Smith from Cornish. May we in the days to come hear cheering news from York County. And may the Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers into his vineyard.

HELEN THOMAS,  
State Supt.

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## Evangelistic Work.

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“Let not him that puteth on the harness boast at him that taketh it off.” I left our convention last year fully resolved to make this year an eventful one in this department, proposing to become for a time at least a field worker wherever most needed, but God ordered otherwise. So months of the winter were spent in caring for a dear member of my household, and other months of utter physical prostration with grippe so that though I had written to my county workers, and others, I had great misgivings with regard to a report for convention. But as the warm and earnest reports of the superintendents have come to me full of life and courage, I am constrained to say it is the best year's work yet. It is very evident that while they have blessed others they have themselves been greatly blessed so that it is exceedingly difficult to select from the reports.

Androscoggin has for its superintendent a busy pastor, Rev. Jessie Jordan, who feels the demands of her own church are so great not only in preaching and pastoral work but in visiting the

sick, etc., that she has less to report than she should, from the local Unions. One dear local worker reports most interestingly of what has been accomplished in Auburn jail. Some converted, one at least who had but a few weeks more to serve had become a humble and devoted missionary among his fellow prisoners. She writes "he will be missed when he leaves, but I trust will still be serving the Master." She has distributed thousands of pages of religious literature and says the high sheriff, though not a professed Christian, said he thought "the meetings for the past two years had greatly increased in interest."

Aroostook through its superintendent, reports that fifteen local Unions have reported work done. She says "I wish I had time to copy for you some of the letters received. As you read the unwritten lines between the written ones you could not help feeling as I did your heart strengthened and encouraged. The good seed so faithfully sown with prayer and weeping must some day surely yield its golden fruit," and adds she has assisted many of the Unions and finds "wherever the devotional service is most hearty, there the best work is done along all lines of work."

Cumberland through its efficient superintendent reports some two thousand pages of religious literature distributed, letters sent now and then to presidents of Unions not very active. At the beginning of the year postals sent to the local superintendents emphasizing the week of prayer. One local superintendent has acted as supply for the pastor several times, preached the word at a distance from home, and attended two funerals, others in the local Unions have done the same kind of blessed work, yet she thinks many of the Unions fail to realize the importance of this department and well says "this branch of work helps all the others for no other department touches so closely the needs of those for whom we labor, no other is more vital in its relation to our pastors; for this brings us to their assistance in their labors for the salvation of souls; and thus assures each of the other's sympathy. Where there are no pastors there is an added responsibility to visit the sick, hold cottage prayer meetings, and try in every way to deepen the spiritual life of our Unions.

Franklin's superintendent reports she has written each Union,

visited four of them and felt that in doing so they were drawn nearer to God and to each other, but adds, I find a difficulty in finding those in the local Unions willing to take up this line of work; one Union, however, has distributed 800 pages of religious literature and given away and sold eight copies of H. W. Smith's "Secret of a Happy Life," others have done something. Dear leaders for Christ where are you? Can't these Unions be magnetized with power by the touch of one who has laid hold on Christ and found Him strength?

Report for Hancock county, meagre, however, "some work has been done in "some" places in the county. We greatly wish all who report would send figures so we might at least approximate figures for our state report.

Rev. Phebe Wadsworth thus summarizes report for Kennebec county: All our business meetings open with seasons of devotion. The noon hour of prayer is observed by many of our members, 400 pages of literature have been distributed, and 117 temperance papers. Gospel temperance meetings have been held in nearly all our Unions; also many prayer meetings, in public, and with individuals, seventy family visits have been made in one Union, five letters written to the afflicted. A good number of lectures have been given. A series of lectures given in Gardiner by A. J. Wheeler of Auburn, with great results. Fifty gospel services have been held; drunkards reclaimed, and one man cured from intoxicants has since died triumphantly. Much personal work has been done which will only be recorded in eternity.

Knox county reports continued activity along many lines of work as gospel temperance meetings, mothers' meetings, and Bible readings.

Lincoln county has made earnest efforts to have superintendents in each Union, and though its superintendent does not report a large amount of work, shows an excellent spirit, tells of some Unions where the meetings are all preceded by devotional services "not just reading a chapter and praying a prayer" but a general service in which sometimes *every one* has taken part because the Holy Spirit constrained them and they go to the fore gladly for Him."

Oxford county has an able superintendent who is greatly interested in introducing the study of the Bible into the homes with marked success.

Penobscot county has sent a report of what she feels ought to be done which shows her women grasp the situation, but the field is as yet but tilled in a few fertile spots comparatively, yet there is no fairer field in Maine. Her people are large hearted and hospitable and hungry for the Bread of Life. I was privileged to hold meetings in her borders and had some dear associations which reach the fountain of tears whenever I recur to them.

Sagadahoc county reports a chapel built at Popham Beach, since their Union was organized in which they have been holding meetings for a year, held the county convention in it and evangelistic services two weeks in August, have a settled pastor, resolved to do more and better work the coming year.

Somerset has superintendents of this department in all its Unions but one and that a new and feeble one. She has a deeply consecrated worker at the helm who is fully alive to the needs and wants of her department. Successful gospel temperance meetings have been held, consecration meetings, mothers' meetings, and in one Union religious services and an Evergreen Sunday School have been sustained for three years. Her report bristles with suggestive thoughts and impresses anew upon your superintendent's mind the need of a conference for evangelistic work somewhere in the state in the near future.

Waldo and Washington counties send no reports.

York.—Our superintendent of this county finds her work an easy task filled with gratitude and pleasure such as comes only from serving our Lord and Master who is the source of all helpful work. She visits the poor and needy, caring for soul and body, her cottage meetings a "glorious success" as well as the meetings of the gospel mission which have been kept up all summer. This superintendent writes with an enthusiasm which usually belongs to youth but her heart is so wrapped up in the Lord's work she seems to have taken hold on eternal youth. One of her local superintendents who describes herself as "very slim all the time" but enjoying the work so much she sometimes wonders she can't

have better health to do it, records fifty calls, praying, comforting and distributing literature among the sick and sorrowful. Another reports open air meetings held through the summer, the attendance good. Bi-monthly meetings held all the year, families visited who do not attend church, prays with them and when she can gain consent, holds cottage prayer meetings in their homes.

So ends my report by counties. I will not enumerate my own work which as I have said has been far less than I intended, yet I have visited and encouraged weak Unions, preached in several churches, was greatly helped and instructed in attending the Moody meetings for workers last winter in Boston and hope through God's help and the prayers of my loving and faithful co-adjutors to do more and better work the coming year. Faithful in He that calleth us and has given us the blessed assurance "Lo! I am with you alway even to the end of the world."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW.

*State Supt. Evangelistic Work.*

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## Report of State Missionary.

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Miles Traveled,	900
Evening Addresses,	34
Afternoon Addresses,	16
Members Added,	20

MRS. JENNIE SEAMANS.

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

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#### PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of the 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.

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### Constitution.

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#### 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 paying a 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.

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## By-Laws.

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### 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, 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 Superin-



tendents 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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.

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### Local Constitution.

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#### 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——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. I. 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 County 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.

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### By-Laws.

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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 Employees. 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 of 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.]

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAWS.

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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 victualer, 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.**

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**CHAPTER 333.**

AN ACT to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors.

SEC. 1. Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, an cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

SEC. 2. Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

[Approved March 27.]

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**IMPURE LITERATURE LAW.**

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*[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 introduce 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.



## Annual Meetings.

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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
1894,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AUBURN
1895,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	HOULTON
1896,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BELFAST
1897,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BATH











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Christian Temperance  
Union

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

For the Year Ending September, 1898

HELD IN THE

CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
BANGOR, MAINE

*"For God, and Home, and Every Land."*

ROCKLAND, ME.  
PRESS OF THE COURIER-GAZETTE.  
1898.

### **Pledge of the National W. C. T. U.**

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"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."

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### **● ● Purity Pledge. ● ●**

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"I SOLEMNLY promise, by the help of God, to hold the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women, and to use my utmost efforts to obey the command, 'Keep thyself pure'; to discountenance all coarse language and impurity in dress, in literature and art; to lend a helping hand alike to men and women, giving the penitent of both sexes an equal chance to reform so far as my assistance and influence can do this."

## Plan of Work.

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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."

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WARREN—Mrs. Mary E. Moody, Mrs. Josepha W. Watts, Mrs. Maria Mallett, Mrs. Melissa Woodard, Letitia A. Montgomery.

#### LINCOLN COUNTY—8.

BOOTHBAY HARBOR—Mrs. Helen Cony.

BROAD COVE—Mrs. Laura E. Turner, Mrs. Martha Perkins.

NEWCASTLE—Mrs. Amanda Bryant.

ROUND POND—Mrs. Mary E. Palmer, Miss Elizabeth U. Yates.

WALDOBORO—Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Mrs. Mary E. Sprowl.

#### OXFORD COUNTY—2.

BETHEL—Miss Anna Cross, Miss Isabel Shirley.

#### PENOBSCOT COUNTY—38.

BANGOR—Pres., Mrs. H. A. Whitman, Miss Elizabeth Patten, Mrs. C. E. Perkins, Miss Mary Crosby, Mrs. L. J. Bucknam.

BANGOR CRUSADE—Mrs. L. B. Wheeler, Mrs. N. L. Perkins, Miss M. A. Hanscomb, Mrs. Sarah M. Woods.

BRADFORD—Pres., Mrs. Mattie Wentworth, Mrs. E. S. Hall.

CHARLESTON—Pres, Mrs. Sarah T. Johnson, Mrs. L. W. Clark, Mrs. E. J. Dunning.

DEXTER—Pres., Mrs. E. R. Horton,  
Mrs. A. B. Crockett, Mrs. F. B. Damon,  
Mrs. M. V. Pierce.

EAST CORINTH—Mrs. W. L. Brown

ENFIELD—Pres., Mrs. L. M. Howes,  
Mrs. H. J. Bodwell.

HOWLAND AND MONTAGUE — Pres.,  
Mrs. Maud Bates, Mrs. B. L. Babcock.

KENDUSKEAG—Pres., Mrs. Addie E.  
Ames, Mrs. Kate A. Everett, Mrs. A. C.  
Downs, Mrs. Ella Thurston, Mrs. Nellie  
Nason.

LINCOLN—Mrs. A. L. Averill.

ORONO—Pres., Mrs. A. J. Cowan, Mrs.  
L. P. Thompson, Mrs. S. Dunn, Mrs. A.  
J. Durgin.

STETSON—Pres., Mrs. L. E. Hammond,  
Mrs. F. H. Rogers.

STILLWATER—Pres., Mrs. S. U. Math-  
ews, Mrs. W. N. Bean.

#### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY—9.

FOXCROFT—Mrs. Sarah Torrey.

GREENVILLE—Mrs. Frances S. Rogers,  
Mrs. M. Jackson.

MILO — Mrs. Elsie Sherburne, Mrs.  
Abbie Hamlin, Mrs. Angie Morse.

SHIRLEY — Mrs. Emma Young, Mrs.  
Bethiah Whitney, Mrs. Curtis.

#### SAGADAHOC COUNTY—4.

BATH — Mrs. Susan N. Montgomery,  
Mrs. H. B. Jordan, Mrs. Hattie Collins,  
Miss Fannie J. Gilmore.

#### SOMERSET COUNTY—14.

EAST ST. ALBANS—Mrs. E. A. Leath-  
ers.

FAIRFIELD—Mrs. F. Brown.

MADISON—Mrs. E. A. Ireland, Mrs. N.  
J. Greene.

NORTH ANSON — Pres., Mrs. M. F.  
Bunker.

PITTSFIELD—Pres., Mrs. Eva W. Bry-  
ant, Mrs. Levi Taylor, Mrs. Eunice R.  
Lewis, Mrs. Abbie Goodwin.

PITTSFIELD Y—Miss Maud Bryant.

RIPLEY — Pres., Mrs. Mary E. Neal,  
Mrs. Julia Bowdoin.

SHAWMUT — Pres., Mrs. R. E. Law-  
rence, Mrs. Clara A. Richmond.

#### WALDO COUNTY—14.

BELFAST—Mrs. Mary E. Beckett, Miss  
E. P. Frothingham, Mrs. G. G. Winslow,  
Mrs. H. L. Walker.

NORTHPORT—Pres., Mrs. A. H. Batch-  
elder, Mrs. L. E. Rhodes.

SEARSMONT—Mrs. M. E. Wilder.

TROY—Mrs. Sarah A. Tyler.

WALDO—Pres., Mrs. L. E. Roberts.

WINTERPORT—Pres., Miss E. M. Hall,  
Mrs. Emma Haley, Mrs. Sarah Nealley,  
Mrs. Josephine Hardy, Miss Eleanor G.  
Barrett.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY—5.

CALAIS—Mrs. A. L. Clapp, Mrs. S. J.  
Purington.

MILLBRIDGE—Mary Kingsley Brown,  
Eliza E. Martin, Bessie Johnson.

#### YORK COUNTY—7.

BIDDEFORD—Pres., Mrs. E. C. Dudley,  
Mrs. Simon Newcomb.

GROVEVILLE—Mrs. W. H. Hall.

GROVEVILLE Y—Miss Lubelle B. Pat-  
rick.

OLD ORCHARD—Mrs. J. G. Harvey,  
Mrs. G. Damon.

SOUTH BERWICK—Pres., Mrs. I. Luce.

## MINUTES.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 19, 7.30 P. M.

The committee was called to order by President Stevens. All of the general officers except the corresponding secretary, absent from illness, were present, and most of the vice presidents.

The newly elected vice presidents, Mesdames Robbins of Hancock, Chapman of Oxford, Hobbs of Piscataquis and Tilton of York were presented to the committee and received with pleasure.

Mrs. Johnston presented a plan for reducing the expenses of the state minutes and offered a sample blank for inspection. Miss Dow moved to accept the recommendation as offered by Mrs. Johnston. Mrs. Seamans moved that the matter be referred to a special committee. Carried. The committee was appointed as follows: Mesdames Johnston and Leavitt, Misses French and Dow.

Mrs. Beedy moved that the treasurer's books be reopened to receive additional dues. Motion lost.

Committee on appropriations appointed: Mesdames Johnston, Thomas, Beedy, and Miss Dow.

*Voted:* To appoint a committee to consider the matter of establishing a uniform time for holding the annual meetings. Mesdames Johnston and Blanchard appointed.

Miss Dow was chosen to attend to the seating of delegates.

Miss Littlefield was nominated as corresponding secretary *pro tem*. The committee rose.

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CONVENTION, Sept. 20, A. M.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the Central Congregational Church, Bangor, Sept. 20, 1898.

The church was very tastefully decorated with flags, flowers and palms. Miss Willard's picture rested on an easel, encircled by her words, "How beautiful it is to be with God."

Along one wall of the church was strung a ribbon of cards which are the triple pledge cards against tobacco, intemperance and profanity that have been signed by Sunday school scholars during the last year. There were several hundred in the list.

At 9.30 a devotional meeting was led by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, her subject being, "Let Your Light Shine." Many prayers and testimonies were given.

At 10.30 the convention came to order with President Stevens in the chair.

Miss Sarah M. Hall, musical director for the convention, sang a solo, after which the General Officers led in reading the Crusade Psalm, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, National and World's Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration.

Roll-call by the secretary showed four general officers and thirteen vice presidents present, also sixteen state superintendents.

Mrs. Stevens introduced as pages Misses Fisk, Grant, Jellison and Freese.

Minutes of executive committee meeting read and accepted.

The nomination of Miss Effie Littlefield as corresponding secretary *pro tem* was confirmed by the convention.

Chair appointed the following committees:

Credentials—Misses Littlefield and Yates and Mrs. Spaulding.

Courtesies—Mesdames Foss, Beedy and Hunt.

*Voted:* That the committee on resolutions be composed of one from each county.

Mrs. Harvey, president for Penobscot county was called to the chair while the state president gave her annual address, which was listened to with great interest and frequently applauded. On motion of Mrs. Spaulding it was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Whitman, president of the Bangor Union was introduced.

After announcements the convention sang, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 20, 2 P. M.

Mrs. Stevens called the convention to order.

The Reunion Hymn, composed by Miss Mary Crosby, was sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. Anna S. Hunt.



Minutes of executive committee and morning meeting read and accepted.

Rev. Messrs. Brown of Bangor, Wheeden of Orono and Russell of Orrington were presented and responded with words of good cheer.

Miss Mary Bishop, superintendent of literature, gave her report.

Press Work was reported by Miss Mary French, at the close of which she presented to Mrs. Stevens the "Souvenir Neal Dow Album." This is a large volume representing the work of the press superintendents of the state by original articles on Neal Dow and the prohibition law, as contributed to different newspapers on his birthday, March 20, 1898. It is illustrated by photographs of places of historical interest in the various counties and beautifully decorated in water colors.

Mrs. Stevens in a graceful speech of acknowledgment accepted the book in trust for the W. C. T. U.

Miss Farwell thanked Miss French for her work in compiling and distributing the minutes of last year's convention.

Report of state and national papers by Mrs. Johnston.

Corresponding secretary's report read and accepted.

Mrs. Johnston, state treasurer, and Miss Dow, business manager for *Star in the East*, gave their reports, which were accepted, after the adoption of the auditor's report.

Convention rose and sung "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," after which came introductions and short responses from Rev. Messrs. Tinling, Brewer and H. E. Foss, Bangor, Madame Prentiss of the Bangor Crusade, Mrs. R. A. Dunn the oldest White Ribboner in the county, and R. A. Jordan, general secretary of Y. M. C. A.

Department of Purity reported by Mrs. Seamans.

Mrs. Norton, president of Dexter Union and Mrs. Crockett, president of Prohibitory Law Enforcement committee were introduced, and Mrs. Crockett gave a very able report of the grand work of this committee in Dexter. This was supplemented by reports of Law Enforcement in Boothbay Harbor, Stonington, Foxcroft and other places in the state.

The secretary read the names of the Resolution committee: Androscoggin, A. J. Dennison; Aroostook, Mrs. L. A. Smart; Cumberland, Miss Harriet J. Loring; Franklin, Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy; Hancock, Mrs. Rebecca S. Warren; Kennebec, Mrs.

Hannah J. Bailey; Knox, Rev. Sarah K. Taylor; Lincoln, Mrs. Amanda Bryant; Oxford, Miss Annie Cross; Penobscot, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith; Piscataquis, Mrs. Elsie Sherbourne; Somerset, Mrs. Eva W. Bryant; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Fannie J. Gilmore; Waldo, Mrs. Emma Haley; Washington, Miss Eliza Morton; York, Mrs. J. G. Harvey.

Announcements were given. "Jesus Lover of My Soul" was sung, and the convention adjourned.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 20, 7.30 P. M.

Mrs. Stevens in the chair.

Exercises opened with an anthem by the choir under the direction of Miss Sarah M. Hall, musical director.

Mrs. R. C. Hall read the scriptures and offered prayer.

Dr. D. A. Robinson extended hearty greetings on behalf of the city. He said, "I welcome you because you are, as we say in medicine, specialists in your profession. You will answer our questionings as to the best way."

Rev. E. F. Pember, for the sixteen churches welcomed, "not only you, but the vast organization back of you,"—"May you stir us up to our whole duty in the churches."

Cordial addresses of welcome were also given by secretary Robert A. Jordan for the Y. M. C. A., by Mrs. H. A. Whitman, president of the local W. C. T. U., and Mrs. L. J. Wheelden for the Bangor Crusade.

To all of these, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt responded in a most fitting and eloquent speech.

Miss Hall then sang a solo, and short addresses were made by Mrs. Helen G. Rice, Miss Effie M. Littlefield, Miss Elizabeth U. Yates and Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy. A collection was taken.

After music, the audience was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. E. F. Pember.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 21, 8.30 A. M.

Mrs. Stevens in the chair.

Prayer by Mrs. Chapman.

It was recommended that as far as practicable, the Unions should hold their annual meetings within ten days after the state convention.

The committee rose.

CONVENTION, Sept. 21, 9 A. M.

Convention called to order by President Stevens.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans.

Minutes of afternoon meeting read and approved.

Mrs. Jennie E. Anthoine reported for the department of Homes for Homeless Children, and Mrs. Lucy A. Snow for Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work.

Rev. E. E. Hall was introduced, and brought the greetings of the Maine Christian Conference, in session in Bangor.

Miss E. U. Yates was appointed to bear the greetings of the W. C. T. U. to the Christian Conference.

Secretary Murray of the Bath Y. M. C. A. was introduced and spoke briefly, saying that he had worn the white ribbon for three years and should do so as long as he lived.

Miss Mary S. Snow, superintendent of the Bangor schools, was introduced and spoke effectively of the cigarette, which she termed "infamous." She said that the college boys come home smoking cigarettes, while their younger brothers follow after and copy them. Where are the college authorities that they do not preach always against the use of the cigarette? Last winter we had that heartrending spectacle at Augusta, where grown men shouted with laughter and the press told daily of their fearful jokes about the women who were over there to try to save a few boys in our state. They say women have no sense of humor. God forbid that we should have a sense of humor that would make us laugh in such a place as that. Miss Snow is in favor of a prohibitive license on cigarette sales. The present law, she says, is not sufficient and is of no help.

Mr. F. W. Smith, husband of our lamented Mrs. Smith, state superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction, was introduced to the convention, and spoke most feelingly of his wife and her great interest in our work.

The committee on credentials reported, but as the report was not complete, they were given further time.

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman of St. Louis, national recording secretary and president of the Missouri W. C. T. U., was introduced and received with great applause.



## IN MEMORIAM.

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"The heart, which like a staff, was one  
For mine to lean and rest upon,  
The strongest on the longest day  
With steadfast love is caught away,—  
And yet my days go on, go on."

Mrs. Stevens opened the memorial service with appropriate words. A beautiful basket of flowers on a table, and also a portrait of Neal Dow, framed in blossoms, were placed on the stage.

Miss Hall sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought."

Mrs. R. C. Hall of Rockland, superintendent of the department of Memorial Services, read the roll of the dead of the Union for the past year, as follows :

General Neal Dow  
Miss Frances E. Willard  
Mrs. F. W. Smith, Rockland  
Mrs. Mary C. Crossman, Bangor  
Mrs. Eliza Starrett Green, Bangor  
Mrs. Priscilla A. Blake, Bangor  
Mrs. C. B. Plummer, Bangor  
Mrs. E. S. Baker, Bangor  
Mrs. N. S. Lathrop, Bangor  
Mrs. L. B. Withers, Bangor  
Miss Eunice Meritt, Houlton  
Mrs. Almira Plummer, Stillwater  
Mrs. Mary Lancaster, Stillwater  
Mrs. Jane Lovejoy, Orono  
Mrs. Angie Mansfield, Orono  
Mrs. K. Leonard, Dexter  
Mrs. Maria Keene, Dexter  
Mrs. Ella Eldridge, Dexter  
Mrs. Lydia B. White, Lewiston

Miss Mary Jennings, Lewiston  
 Miss Catherine Dole, Stroudwater  
 Mrs. Ella Reynolds, Portland  
 Mrs. Maria K. Field, Newhall  
 Mrs. Ann M. Douglass, Newhall  
 Mrs. Jennie M. Douglass, Newhall  
 Mrs. Emma Verrill, No. Gorham  
 Mrs. Emily Hanson, Cumberland Mills  
 Mrs. Dela Goodridge, Allen's Mills  
 Mrs. Howard Pease, Farmington  
 Mrs. Mary Page, Farmington  
 Mrs. Eliza Freeman, Winterport  
 Mrs. Jane Bridgham, Calais  
 Mrs. Ann T. Dudley, Monmouth  
 Mrs. C. Sawtelle, Augusta  
 Mrs. H. Hunt, Augusta  
 Mrs. Abbie Bray, Harrison  
 Mrs. S. F. Mallard, Rockland  
 Mrs. Sarah E. Titus, Union  
 Mrs. Hannah Pillsbury, Union  
 Mrs. Julia Blackstone, Deering  
 Mrs. Ada Morrill, Deering  
 Mrs. Irene S. Record, Deering  
 Mrs. Mary J. Miller, Gardiner  
 Mrs. Mary C. Bean, Bethel  
 Miss Abbie Andrews, Bridgton  
 Mrs. G. W. Freeman, Bridgton  
 Mrs. Lizzie Bacon, Bridgton  
 Mrs. Mary Mayberry, Westbrook  
 Mrs. George Brown, Presque Isle  
 Mrs. John Foss, Presque Isle  
 Mrs. Hannah Wardwell Pearce, Eastport  
 Mrs. F. Z. Simpson, Bath  
 Mrs. J. Hyde, Bath  
 Mrs. Cheeney, Ellsworth  
 Mrs. Amanda Holmes, St. Albans  
 Mrs. Ruth Sampson, St. Albans  
 Mrs. Amelia Hubbard, Stetson  
 Mrs. Lucy Seward, Waldoboro

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt and then Mrs. L. J. Spaulding of Caribou spoke in eulogistic terms of Neal Dow. Gen. Dow, she said, had left behind enough law, so that the Union could turn itself to prayers for men.

Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey presented a memorial to Miss Willard, in which she referred affectionately to the life of the late leader of the Union and her work.

A poem by Margaret Sangster and appropriate to Miss Willard's death was read by Miss Littlefield.

Miss Hall sang "On Heights of Power," words by Miss Willard, music by Lady Henry Somerset.

Mrs. Hoffman offered prayer, and the service closed with the benediction by Mrs. Stevens.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 21, 1.30 P. M.

Mrs. Stevens in the chair.

Mrs. Bunker offered prayer.

*Voted:* To recommend that Hancock, Oxford, Upper Somerset, and Franklin counties receive help from the missionary fund; also to recommend that other counties employ Mrs. Seamans.

*Voted:* To recommend that each local Union hold a meeting or entertainment some time between the state convention and Thanksgiving, the entire proceeds to be sent to the county treasurer to be at once remitted to the state treasurer towards the missionary fund.

Also recommended that each local Union shall hold, as near as possible to February 17, Miss Willard's heavenly birthday, a Willard thank offering meeting, at which time an offering shall be taken, \$2 of which shall be sent to the national treasurer for organizing work.

The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 21, 2.30 P. M.

Mrs. Stevens called the convention to order.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" was sung and Rev. Sarah K. Taylor led in prayer.

Rev. Messrs. Clark of Charlestown, Kingsley of Bangor, Wharff of Danforth and Young of Houlton were presented to the convention and responded pleasantly.

Mrs. H. B. C. Beedy of committee on Reformatory Prison for Women reported. She then introduced Mrs. Brown, wife of the sheriff of Bangor, who has done much to help the women in jail.

Mrs. Leonora M. Lake of St. Louis, vice president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union was presented to the convention and responded in a brief, bright speech.

As this was the time set by the national superintendent, Elizabeth Greenwood, for special prayer all through the nation for success of the Canadian Plebiscite, Mrs. Stevens called on Mrs. Rice to pray for this object.

Reports of the following departments were submitted: Work Among Railroad Employees, Mrs. H. A. Thomas; Unfermented Wine Mrs. L. J. Spaulding; Peace and Arbitration, Miss Alice Douglas.

At the "Y" hour nine young ladies headed by Miss Patrick, state superintendent, came to the platform. Their program began with brief remarks by Miss Ethel McCormack, president of Island Falls Y, Miss Pearl Robbins, president of Fort Fairfield Y, and county Y secretary for Aroostook.

State Y report by Miss Patrick. Paper, "The Somerset Y, its importance," Miss Marie L. Bryant, secretary Pittsfield Y.

A letter from Miss Clara Parrish, our Round the World Missionary in Japan was read by Miss Lena Aldus, Camden.

A letter from the custodian of the Clara Parrish fund read by Miss Teresa Arau.

*Ordered*, That Miss Littlefield send a message of love to Miss Parrish.

Reading of "The Prodigal Daughter" by Miss Littlefield.

Greetings from the Boston Y, and a report of the Willard Y settlement by Miss Eleanor Barrett.

Miss Hall sang "If I were a Voice."

On motion of Miss Farwell, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Rice were made members of the convention with all its privileges, except voting.

A hymn was sung and the convention adjourned.

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CONVENTION, Sept. 21, 7 30 P. M.

The meeting opened with the state president presiding.

Miss Isabel Shirley read the 127th Psalm and offered prayer,

after which Mrs. Stevens introduced as one of the most beloved White Ribboners of America or the world, Miss Anna Gordon. Miss Gordon spoke briefly, paying a beautiful tribute to Miss Willard and Gen. Neal Dow.

Miss Hall sang "There is a City Bright."

Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman, national recording secretary, gave the address, her subject, "Is Man More Degenerate than Woman?" She proved the affirmative in a clear, logical, powerful and often humorous speech, which was listened to with the closest attention and greatest interest.

Mrs. Leonora Lake spoke briefly on Christian sobriety and woman's work in the home.

After the collection and singing, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Tinling.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 22, A. M.

Mrs. Stevens in the chair.

Prayer by Mrs. Dennison.

Miss Yates asked where she could obtain a copy of the prohibitory law, and was told that it could be obtained from W. R. Prescott, Rockland.

Miss Dow moved that the manner of printing the reports of the superintendents be changed; left with the General Officers

*Voted:* To recommend that the General Officers arrange for a public W. C. T. U. meeting at Headquarters once a month.

The nomination of superintendents was the next order of business

*Voted:* That the departments of Purity in Literature and Art, and School Savings Banks, be restored to the departments.

*Voted:* That the department of Non-Alcoholic Medication be added to the departments.

*Voted:* To recommend that the superintendents of departments be requested to write the letters for the Star this year, instead of the county presidents, the editor to arrange the time therefor.

Mrs. Olive S. Hanson of Stroudwater was elected as state collector.

The committee rose.



## CONVENTION, Sept. 22, 9 A. M.

Devotional service led by Miss Isabel Shirley.

At 9.45 convention called to order by state president.

Executive minutes read and accepted.

Minutes of Wednesday afternoon read and approved.

Rev. J. H. Lockhart and Dr. Abbie Fulton were introduced and responded.

State and County Fairs reported by Mrs. Edith N. Oakes.

Convention was addressed by Hon. Jos. F. Snow, president Humane Society, Dea. E. F. Duren, and Rev. Wm. Thompson of Bangor.

Miss Anna Gordon paid a tender tribute to Mrs. Stevens, telling how the women all over the country love her. "Bye and bye," said she, "we are going to ask her to guide the National W. C. T. U." Then Mrs. Hoffman made a glowing speech of honor to our state president.

Final report of Credentials committee showed as present, 4 general officers, 12 vice presidents, 11 superintendents, and 204 delegates, making a total of 231 delegated members of this convention.

The time of election of officers having arrived, Mrs. Stevens called to the chair Mrs. Harvey, vice president for Penobscot county. The chair appointed as tellers, Mrs. Hall, Miss Downes, Mrs. Bryant, Mrs. Holway, Miss French, Miss Mitchell.

Ballot for president resulted in a unanimous vote for Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens.

On motion, the recording secretary cast the formal ballot for Mrs. Stevens, who was received with the old and ever new enthusiasm, and the convention rose and sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Mrs. Stevens spoke touching words in accepting her office. She said, among other things: "Twenty-one times before have I thanked this body for the evidence of their love and confidence in me, and today I am twenty-one times as grateful as ever before, for the expression given in the unanimous vote cast."

Miss Gordon here gave Mrs. Stevens a choice bunch of tea roses tied with white ribbon, saying it was from both Miss Willard and herself and it would speak of their united love and continued trust and faith in her.

Mrs. Stevens directed that it be placed over a fine etching of Miss Willard, which stood on the platform.

The Noontide prayer was voiced by Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, who referred in a most touching way to this time as being "the first election of officers when we cannot send a telegram to our loved National Leader, telling her of our continued loyalty, and the unanimous election of our dear Mrs. Stevens." The thought on the minds of all was thus voiced, "May not the heavenly telegrams be swifter than the earthly ones, so that she already knows?"

Mrs. Stevens stated that because of other duties and ill health Mrs. Cram declined re-election as corresponding secretary. The resignation was accepted with great reluctance. The recording secretary was requested by the convention to express to Mrs. Cram their appreciation of her efficient work for so many years, and their deep regret that they were compelled to accept her resignation.

The remaining officers were elected as follows: Corresponding secretary, Miss Cornelia M. Dow; recording secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell; treasurer, Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston.

Miss Farwell nominated Miss Estelle M. Brainerd of China as assistant recording secretary and the nomination was confirmed by the convention.

Mrs. Stevens thanked Miss Littlefield for her work as corresponding secretary *pro tem* during convention. On motion of Mrs. Spaulding she was given a rising vote of thanks.

Benediction by Rev. J. H. Lockhart.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 22, P. M.

The executive committee was called to order by President Stevens. Prayer by Mrs. Harvey.

The nomination of superintendents was further considered.

On motion, it was ordered, that since the space of our paper will not allow us to give as much space as would be necessary to worthily represent the character of our promoted comrades that the announcement shall include only the names and dates.

The committee on appropriations reported as follows: State work. \$200; postage of state president, \$200; bill of secretaries, treasurer and superintendent of Memorial Services as presented;

Scientific Temperance Teaching, \$15 ; Young Woman's Work, \$25 ; other superintendents. \$5. Report accepted.

The following delegates were chosen to the National W. C. T. U. Convention at St. Paul, Minn. : Miss A. M. Robinson, Bath ; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington ; Mrs. Emma Hall, Newcastle ; Mrs. J. E. McDowell, Portland ; Mrs. O. Holway, Augusta ; Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Portland ; Miss Emily F. Miller, N. Searsmont ; Miss Annie Cross, Bethel ; Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Stroudwater.

Alternates—Mrs. Amanda W. Bryant, Newcastle ; Mrs. Annie V. Curtis, Dexter ; Mrs. J. E. Hacker, Fort Fairfield ; Mrs. Marcia Blethen, Foxcroft.

The committee recommend that all local Unions shall be represented in the state convention by one or more delegates, even if the Unions find it necessary to pay the expenses of a delegate in order to accomplish this.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt was chosen as editor-in-chief of the Star. Associate editors, the General Officers.

The committee ruled that the newly elected officers shall report to the state convention.

The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 22, 2.30 P. M.

"Come Thou Almighty King" was sung, after which Mrs. Ladd offered prayer.

The Minutes of morning and executive committee meetings were read and approved.

Mrs. Seamans reported for the department of Purity.

Then came a new feature in our state convention, the singing of county songs.

Kennebec with its large delegation filling the platform, led off, their song glorying in "the state house where the Prohibition Law was made."

Piscataquis followed, proudly singing,

"Our county is the one  
Where our loyal leader  
First beheld the sun."

Miss Agnes Slack sent a letter to the convention introducing Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Smith of England, prominent workers in the United Kingdom Alliance, the leading temperance organization in Great Britain. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were called to the platform, and Mr. Smith spoke briefly on the subject so near his heart. He paid a tribute to the American temperance workers, and said that over across the water they looked to us for their leaders. On the much-mooted subject of prohibition in Maine, he said that there was not a law on the statute books that was not broken at some time, but the law in Maine was infinitely better than the license question which is in vogue in England.

Miss Slack's letter was read at this point, and was received with applause. A message of thanks and greeting was sent to Miss Slack in reply.

Miss Belle Downes reported a large amount of work done in the Flower Mission.

Penobscot county delegation gave a fine song.

Mrs. Taylor read the report of the Resolutions committee. After discussion, amendments and additions, the preamble and resolutions were adopted, as follows:

Rejoicing in the faithful and persistent work of our White Ribboners in the past year, and gratefully praising God who has granted all needed courage and strength, we, the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in this our twenty-fourth annual convention, in Bangor assembled, do hereby renew our covenant to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, claiming His promise to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus our Lord," praying that in every land it may before long be true that "The Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings are a great host."

Deploing the apathy that exists among a proportion of our population in regard to the enforcement of the prohibitory law of our land:

*Resolved*, That though meeting with difficulties we will not cease our efforts until enforcement shall be secured.

Realizing the blighting and ruinous effects of impurity:

*Resolved*, That during the coming year we will redouble our efforts in this department, striving to awaken fathers, mothers, pastors and teachers to a deeper sense of their responsibility. And

*Whereas*, love of dress often becomes a temptation to the young and in various ways hinders our Christian work, lessening the attendance at church service and other meetings, we recommend our White Ribboners to exert their influence for purity, simplicity and economy in dress.

Believing that the best interest of humanity and the highest usefulness of woman demand the enfranchisement:

*Resolved*, That as an organization we will continue our endeavors to secure political equality in Maine.

*Resolved*, That we will continue our efforts to secure a Reformatory Prison for criminal women, trying to create public sentiment in its favor, and seeking to influence our legislators to pass a bill granting that much needed institution.

*Resolved*, That the recent experiences of our nation in war emphasize the position our organization has hitherto maintained that arbitration is the wisest method of determining all national and international disputes.

*Resolved*, That we renew our emphatic protest against the liquor selling, gambling and indecent exhibitions which continue to disgrace many of our county and other fairs.

*Resolved*, That while we deplore the necessity, we heartily approve of the action taken by the general officers and the executive committee of the National W. C. T. U. at the called meeting held in Chicago in July last in regard to its affiliated interest, The Temple.

*Resolved*, That we gratefully recognize the courtesy of the press whereby more than 1,700 columns of space have been filled during the year by the state, county and local press superintendents of the Maine W. C. T. U.

Believing that Frances Willard made no mistake in naming as the vice president at large of the National W. C. T. U. our own beloved and honored state president, Lillian M. N. Stevens, we pledge to her, not only in our state work but in the broader work of the nation, our continued loyalty and love.

Realizing the irreparable loss to our cause by the removal of our great leader, Frances E. Willard, we reiterate our assurance of sympathy with our honored president, Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, and also with our beloved Anna Gordon, in this our common bereavement, and we pledge more earnest efforts in our great work for God and home and every land.

*Resolved*, That the Maine W. C. T. U. make special effort in their own families and communities that their sons and daughters may become interested in a practical way in our work, if not for their own benefit, for the sake of the sons and daughters of other mothers.

*Resolved*, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the Bangor Union, the Crusader and to all other friends who have so kindly received us into their homes and provided for our comfort and pleasure, to the press for its kindly reports, to the railroads and steamboats for reduced rates, to Mr. Sekenger for his generous donation of flowers, to the choir for musical selections so finely rendered, to the committees and church officers who have helped to make this a pleasant and profitable convention, not forgetting our faithful waiters and pages.

Greetings and telegrams were received and read from Miss Willard's district, dated Ravenswood, Ill., Mrs. Katharine L. Stevenson, Chicago, Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Portland, from Rhode Island, and Mrs. Kate De Witt, Presque Isle.

Work Among Foreigners reported by Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, then "Dear Old Oxford County, with thy mountains grand" came singing to the front.

Mrs. Helen G. Rice made an earnest, thrilling plea for work among the children, saying, "It is vital to our continuance as an organization." Aroostook county sang,

"Then here's to the ribbon—the pure white ribbon,  
The beautiful ribbon that binds us to you."

The following were chosen delegates to the national convention in St. Paul in November :

Miss A. M. Robinson, Bath ; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington ; Mrs. Emma Hall, Newcastle ; Mrs. J. E. McDowell, Portland ; Mrs. Oscar Holway, Augusta ; Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Portland ; Miss Emily F. Miller, No. Seasmont ; Miss Annie Cross, Bethel ; Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt, Portland.

Alternates : Mrs. Amanda W. Bryant, Newcastle ; Mrs. J. E. Hacker, Fort Fairfield ; Mrs. Annie V. Curtis, Dexter ; Mrs. Marcia Blethen, Foxcroft.

On motion of Miss Brainerd, voted, that the Committee on Resolutions shall be a standing committee of seven, appointed by the executive committee. Said committee shall receive, formulate, and present resolutions expressing the principles and outlining the future policy of the organization.

The executive committee appointed on above committee :

Mrs. A. B. Crockett, Penobscot ; Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Cumberland ; Miss Isabel Shirley, Oxford ; Miss E. U. Yates, Lincoln ; Miss Mary L. French, Androscoggin ; Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Aroostook ; and Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Kennebec.

Androscoggin, Waldo and Knox counties rendered inspiring songs

York's county president said they had no song, so she made a little speech about their good works.

On motion, accepted all reports of superintendents.

The convention expressed appreciation of the devoted and arduous services of Miss Mary Crosby, chairman of the entertainment committee, by a unanimous vote of thanks and the Chautauqua salute.

*Voted:* That all unfinished business be referred to the General Officers.

An invitation was read from Portland asking for the next convention, and the convention unanimously voted to accept it.

The convention sang a beautiful song entitled "Maine," composed by Miss Mary Crosby, and adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 22, 7.30 P. M.

The closing meeting was on Thursday evening at City Hall, with a large audience in attendance. Upon the platform were seated the W. C. T. U. officers and speakers, the pastors and others. In the center of the rear wall was the Irish flag and at each side the British and American flags. Evergreen trees and palms gave additional attractiveness to the decorations.

Mrs. Stevens presided and opened the meeting by requesting the audience to rise and sing America.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman.

Mrs. Stevens requested Miss Hall to sing "On Heights of Power "

Mr. William C. Connell, president of the Maine Catholic Total Abstinence Society, was introduced.

Mrs. Stevens then introduced Mrs. Leonora M. Lake, who was received with great applause and the Chautauqua salute.

Mrs. Lake is an eloquent and forceful speaker and was heard with great interest for over an hour.

In closing Mrs. Lake urged the enforcement of the Maine Law, and her suggestions upon the topic were warmly applauded.

Mrs. Lake's address made a very strong impression upon the audience. At the close she was presented with a beautiful bouquet, the gift of St. Mary's Temperance Union, by Miss Elizabeth U. Yates.

Solo, "The Holy City," was finely rendered by Miss Hall.

After a collection was taken. Mrs. Bailey moved that the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union do now adjourn. Seconded and carried, after which the delegates with hands joined sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Adjourned.

CLARA M. FARWELL,

*Recording Secretary.*

## President's Address.

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The president requested that her address be omitted from the printed report.

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## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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The swiftly rolling months have brought around the time when our Union must bring in the record of the year. Our work is made up of a multitude of small things. Some of our best workers are those who, although faithful in all besides, are not faithful in reporting their good works.

We have 171 Unions with a membership of 4,173; honorary members, 594; regular meetings held, 1,820; public and gospel temperance meetings, 837; red letter days celebrated, 162.

Most of the red letter days have been observed by some one Union, but Neal Dow day, the anniversary of the birth of the Father of Prohibition, more frequently than any other. Appropriate and beautiful services were held in memory of our promoted chieftain. Among those who report holding such services are Portland, Fort Fairfield, Rockland, Bath, Bangor, Belfast, Monmouth, Winthrop, Augusta, Stroudwater, China, Greene, Amity, Bingham, Orono, Deering, Kennebunk and Biddeford. These were all public meetings held in a hall or church, but a large number of Unions held specially prepared services at their usual place of meeting.

There has been a slight increase over last year in the number of *Union Signal* subscriptions. But neither that paper nor our own *Star* is sufficiently appreciated by Maine white ribboners. \$1.10 per year will bring the *Union Signal* to your home each week and the *Star* each month. These two papers will correctly inform you of the work of the white ribbon women in the county, state and



nation. An increase in the subscription of these two papers would mean new Unions, new workers and a general broadening of our work. It is manifestly unjust to mention the work of some of our larger Unions just because such Unions are large in membership. A small Union in a village or farming community may be worth as much and be as surely a power for good as the larger societies established in cities. Still we cannot but be proud of the membership of Portland, Auburn, Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, Rockland, Houlton, Winthrop and others.

Quite full reports have been received from all counties except two and the summing up of the work shows we have made a good record. In the printed minutes of the convention will be found in full the reports of the counties in tabulated form.

Among the resolutions passed by the last state convention was one relating to the enforcement of the prohibitory law. A strong and determined effort has been made by a few Unions to carry out the spirit of this resolution. Most of our Unions have not taken any action whatever in this matter, some because of indifference. But we all unite in giving praise and honor to the "women who dared."

The counties have all held conventions, and our work has also been presented at various summer meetings and before conferences of religious societies. We have been aided by co-workers from outside our own state, among them Miss Anna Gordon, Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, Mrs. Emilie U. Burgess, and Rev. E. O. Taylor.

This past year has been the saddest in all our history. New responsibilities and a sacred trust have been committed to the beloved president of this Maine Union. We can perhaps make the burden lighter if we each do our part in our own place. Brave hearts and a purpose strong and steady will bring the dawning of the glad day which Frances E. Willard saw with the eye of faith. For "Death is Life and God is good, and all things shall be well."

# TABULATED REPORT OF COUNTIES.

COUNTIES.	Membr'ship	Honoraries	Public and Gospel Temperance Meetings	Red Letter Days observed	Membership of L. T. L.	Signatures to Pledge at Public Meetings.
Androscoggin	337	14	35	9		186
Aroostook	680	155	92	12	136	152
Cumberland	787	80	50	20	317	44
Franklin	111	6	16	8		
Hancock	115	15	15	4	23	
Kennebec	481	70	175	25	47	269
Knox	347	37	63	8	75	
Lincoln	174	28	38	5	30	
Oxford	90	21	17	8		29
Penobscot	317	90	47	11	32	
Piscataquis	87	13	25	5	35	
Sagadahoc	109	18	55	5	31	
Somerset	205	35	48	8		47
Waldo	160	8	30	7		
Washington	262	26	28	9	190	
York	220	40	44	10	59	82
	4482	656	741	154		

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH L. CRAM.

## Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Bal. on hand from last year,	\$465 06	Expenses of last convention,	\$141 10
Receipts from last convention,	59 81	Expense of State Reports,	154 06
"    "    State dues, in-		Expense of stationery and print-	
cluding one dollar from		ing including repairs on	
members-at-large,	1,289 70	office type writer,	50 44
Receipts from L. T. Legions,	2 44	Floral offering for Miss Willard,	
"    "    Sale of Minutes,	16 35	Hon. Neal Dow and Mrs.	
Gift from Mr. Payson Tucker,	50 00	F. W. Smith,	26 00
"    "    Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill,	5 00	Expense of Committee at Ports-	
"    "    Brownville Union,	2 00	mouth, N. H.,	25 90
Free Will Offering for N. Work,	40 50	Sent National dues,	429 90
"    "    "    "    Nat. Hos-		Gift to Miss Bagley, when ill,	15 00
pital,	43 25	Expense of doll contributed to	
		Fair for Nat'l Hospital,	2 50
Total,	\$1,974 11	Express on Nat'l bannerette,	35
		One-half expense of Memorial	
		Service held in City Hall,	
		Portland, March 20th,	40 07
		Pledge to Japan Mission, 1897-	
		1898,	20 00
		Insurance and interest on Head-	
		quarters,	125 00
		Expense of Prison Day,	5 00
		Mrs. Stevens, bill for postage,	200 00
		"    "    appropriation,	200 00
		Superintendent's appropriations,	146 95
		Paid on State Organizer's appro-	
		priation,	63 00
		"    Cor. Secretary's bill,	23 49
		"    Rec. Secretary's bill,	3 25
		"    Treasurer's bill,	40 00
		Sent F. W. Of. of Nat'l Hospital,	43 25
		"    Nat'l organizing fund,	40 00
		Total,	\$1,795 26
		Balance on hand,	\$177 85

### HEADQUARTER'S REPORT.

Receipts from Headquarters,	\$851 32
Expenses of Headquarters,	853 98

### STAR REPORT.

Receipts of Star,	\$478 65
Expense of Star,	525 81

Combining the three reports gives a balance in treasury of \$128.03, with a debt on furnishings for Headquarters, of \$166.84.

## RECEIPTS BY COUNTIES.

Androscoggin,	\$ 90 15	Penobscot,	\$112 65
Aroostook,	138 40	Piscataquis,	43 60
Cumberland,	242 40	Sagadahoc,	34 50
Franklin,	48 30	Somerset,	62 10
Hancock,	43 20	Waldo,	35 00
Kennebec,	127 85	Washington,	59 10
Knox,	95 70	York,	76 05
Lincoln,	49 80	Members-at-large,	1 00
Oxford,	29 90		

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the Treasurer's accounts with vouchers and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

ALMIRA F. GINN, *Auditor.*

## State Organizer.

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Summary of work done by state missionary, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans: Miles traveled, 950; afternoon addresses, 30; evening addresses, 49; gospel services held, 20; addresses to children, 10; Unions organized, 3; members added, 123.

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## Work Among Foreigners.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Stroudwater.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Emma J. Albee, Eastern Ave., Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Cumberland, Mrs. S. E. Moore, box 28, Casco; Franklin, Mrs. C. M. Keyes, N. Jay; Penobscot, Miss Mary Crosby, 12 Fifth St., Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. Ella M. Getchell, Foxcroft.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: Distribution of literature, both in English and in foreign languages; house to house visitation; supplying children with clothing, that they might attend school; and gospel temperance meetings held.

Suggestions: We should see to it that the foreign children attend school and Sunday school; mothers' meetings are advised; circulate all the literature possible.

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## Young Woman's Branch.

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Superintendent: Miss Lubelle B. Patrick, Groveville, York Co.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Miss Pearle Robbins, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Miss Etta M. Walker, South Windham; Hancock, Mrs. Belle Blake, Brooklin; Kennebec, Mrs. Blanche M.

Friend, 23 Stone St., Augusta; Knox, Mrs. Luella M. Littlefield, Vinalhaven; Oxford, Mrs. Eliza Frost, Norway; Piscataquis, Miss Mary E. Johnson, Brownville; Sagadahoc, Miss Lottie M. Cobb, Bowdoinham; Somerset, Miss Ena Tucker, Pittsfield; Waldo, Miss Effie M. Littlefield, Winterport; Washington, Miss Cora Smith, Jonesport; York, Miss Ella Wilson Ricker, South Berwick.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: Earnestness and a desire to push the work among the Y's themselves and a desire to enlist the young women as workers among the W's. Y's in conference voted to raise fifty dollars the coming year to pay the educational expenses for a year, of a young Japanese girl who desires to fit herself for the work. A fellowship secretary was also appointed under the branch division who shall seek to interest young women who live where no Union exists, hoping thus to extend white ribbon membership. At conference of Y's, branch work and the plan for increasing work among colleges was urged.

Suggestions: That each local Y branch be allowed, by a new by-law or recommendation, the right of representation at state and county conventions by one delegate-at-large. Since the local branch in many cases is to take the place of the Y it seems needful that the young women be allowed representation at our great training schools—the conventions.

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## Loyal Temperance Legion.

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Superintendent, Annie C. Bagley, Harrison.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, superintendent's name not reported, no work reported; Aroostook, Myrtle G. R. Ames, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. Etta Warren, Bolster's Mills; Franklin, no superintendent L. T. L. department, one company; Hancock, no superintendent L.T.L. department, and no work done; Kennebec, Mrs. Jennie Packard, East Winthrop; Knox, Mrs. H. Cobb, Union; Lincoln, no superintendent, one company; Oxford, Miss Fannie Allard, Fryeburg; Penobscot, Mrs. M. A. Abbott, Orono; Piscataquis, no name signed to report; Sagadahoc, no

superintendent reported; Somerset, name of new superintendent not received; Waldo, none reported; Washington, Mrs. Wm. Longfellow, Machias; York, Miss May Sawyer, Groveville.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work:** Contributing to Temperance Hospital, crushing cigar stubs, Flower Mission, mercy cards, study of manuals, helping the sick, the "shut-ins," and the aged, giving dinners to the poor Thanksgiving, helping the W. C. T. U. in public meetings, paying dues, singing to the sick, following the national plan of work, letting the children carry on their own meetings as far as possible, training them for future W. C. T. U. workers and to "lend a hand to the needy."

**Suggestions:** I would suggest that each superintendent be loyal to our own methods, have a teacher for each class, use the black-board, give the children plenty to do, write often to your county and state superintendent, interest the children as seems best to you. So long as the general plan is followed, pay dues for each member, make them familiar with the lines of our work, teach them that they are a part of the W. C. T. U. and must help all they can.

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## Hygiene and Heredity and Physical Culture.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, Harrison.

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. J. W. Wyman, 160 Wood St., Lewiston; Aroostook, combined with Purity; Cumberland, Mrs. E. L. Blake, Yarmouthville; Kennebec, Mrs. Helen Ladd, Hartford Square, Augusta; Piscataquis, Miss Anabelle E. Hobbs, Milo; Somerset, Mrs. May Felker, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. A. E. Clarke, Belfast; Washington, Miss Cora M. Wright, Pembroke.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work:** I think mothers' meetings are excellent, with discussion of heredity and the laws of health.

**Suggestions:** I would suggest, if it would do any good, that the county superintendents communicate occasionally with the state superintendent.

## Sunday School Work.

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Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. J. A. Garcelon, 57 Drummond St., Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. L. R. Sprague, Sprague's Mills; Cumberland, Mrs. Violet E. Wheatley, Peaks Island; Hancock, Mrs. J. M. Cheeney, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Hattie L. Hoxie, South China; Knox, Mrs. E. J. Brainard, Rockland; Lincoln, Mrs. M. E. Clapp, Damariscotta; Oxford, Mrs. Ada Durell; Penobscot, Miss A. W. Varney, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Helen A. Delano, 743 Washington St., Bath; Somerset, Mrs. J. A. Machlin, Anson; Waldo, Mrs. O. G. Huzzy, Waldo Station; Washington, Mrs. Emma Campbell, Pembroke; York, Mrs. M. A. Moulton, Buxton.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: The circulation of the pledge cards, red, white and blue; the use of the quarterly lesson; the observance of the fourth Sunday in November as Universal Temperance Sunday; the making of the lesson to enforce temperance truth when practicable.

Suggestions: Representation of our work at the State Sunday School convention, also all district and county meetings; exchange of methods of work between superintendents, whether state, county or local.

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## Press Work and Reporter for Union Signal.

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Superintendent, Mary L. French, Auburn.

County Superintendents: Mrs. Kate Wilder, Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Mrs. Jennie S. Dunn, Houlton; Cumberland, Miss Cynthia M. Record, Deering; Franklin, Mrs. Harriet D. Keyes, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Vinnie R. Warren, Stonington; Kennebec, Mrs. Mary Marsh, Waterville; Knox, Miss Cora J. Loring, Rockland; Lincoln, Miss Almira Ginn, Damariscotta;



Oxford, Mrs. Emma Woodbury Chandler, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. Percia U. White, Orono; Piscataquis, Mrs. Sarah A. Martin, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. John Jackson, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, Shawmut; Waldo, Miss Emily F. Miller, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. C. Drisko, Machias; York, Miss Anna O. Kimball, Kennebunk.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work:** Reports received from every county superintendent; over 1,700 columns on temperance, purity, narcotics, arbitration, suffrage, etc., furnished by 87 press superintendents, have appeared in 76 papers, 32 giving regular space each week; 85 articles on Neal Dow and the prohibition of the liquor traffic published in observance of March 20th.

**Suggestions:** 1. That superintendents in towns without papers report the work of their Unions either directly or through town correspondents to papers taken in their localities. 2. That influential persons in sympathy with our principles, be occasionally invited to contribute articles. 3. That communications be well timed; that it will be well to take advantage of Feb. 15, 1899, the 79th birthday of Miss Susan B. Anthony, to present the justice and desirability of equal suffrage, not neglecting to keep the subject before the people throughout the year.

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## Anti-Narcotics.

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Superintendent, Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Skowhegan.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Helen L. Atwood, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Edmund Merritt, Houlton; Cumberland, Mrs. Emma Duran, Westbrook; Franklin, Mrs. Minnie Kyes Allen, Jay; Hancock, Miss Juliette Nickerson, Bar Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Anna Woodsum, China; Knox, Mrs. M. Godfrey, Spruce Head; Lincoln, Mrs. Susie Curtis, Waldoboro; Oxford, Mrs. Helen A. Crooker, Norway; Penobscot, Mrs. S. U. Matthews, Upper Stillwater; Piscataquis, Mrs. Myrtie E. Jackson, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. J. F. Purington, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Eva Bryant, Pittsfield; Waldo, Mrs. G. A. Beckett, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. J. Dudley, Pembroke; York, Mrs. Frances Haines, Biddeford.

**Successful Methods of Work :** Distribution of literature, posting of Anti-Cigarette Law ; Anti-Tobacco Gem distributed, sent monthly to young men ; children instructed in Sunday schools, public schools and L. T. L's ; sermons, lectures and addresses ; public meetings devoted to discussion of Narcotics ; formation of Anti-Cigarette Leagues ; articles written for the press ; pledges obtained ; much personal work done ; petitioning.

**Results :** Increase of light, arrest of thought, some traders stop selling, some men stop using tobacco, thousands of children and youth learning effects of Narcotics.

**Suggestions :** Continue work against tobacco, especially cigarettes, in all possible ways, but remember there are *other* narcotics insidious and deadly, such as morphine, opium, chloral, cocaine, chloroform, ether and kindred drugs, to which many *women* are becoming victims, one druggist *alone* having more than 100 regular customers for these drugs, there being little if any restriction in their sale. *Therefore*, investigate, instruct, warn.

## Medal Contests.

Superintendent, Miss Margaret C. Hunter, Cherryfield.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work :** I have sent out for the past year 9 medals, 20 contest books, and many circulars and rules.

## Evangelistic Work.

Superintendent, Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Rev. Jessie Jordan, Mechanic Falls ; Aroostook, Miss Isabel James, North Limerick ; Cumberland, Miss Hattie J. Loring, East Otisfield ; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington ; Kennebec, Rev. Phebe Wadsworth, Augusta ; Knox, Mrs. J. A. Teague, Warren ; Lincoln,

Mrs. Lucinda Thompson, Damariscotta; Piscataquis, Mrs. Davidson, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Miss Kate Spinney, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. Eunice Rand Lewis, Pittsfield; Waldo, Mrs. E. P. Alexander, Belfast; York, Mrs. H. N. Bradbury, Saco.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: House to house visitation; affiliated work with other societies; preaching services have been greatly blessed in some places, not only drunkards but voters soundly converted to total abstinence and legal prohibition.

Suggestions: First, more faithful study of the word with a special view to help in our work; second, more hours alone with God in persevering prayer until we obtain the witness of the Spirit that we are heard; and third, more self denial and delight in the Cross; and power will surely be manifested as in our Crusade Pentecost.

### Unfermented Wine at Sacrament.

Superintendent, Mrs. W. C. Spaulding, Caribou.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: Bring same before the convention each year and so keep it before the women, and on all occasions where it will help in any way present the same. I think only the Episcopal and Catholic churches use it, with very few exceptions.

### Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

Superintendent, Miss Hattie T. Mayo, Hodgdon.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Mrs. R. A. Bradbury, Titcomb; Cumberland, Mrs. Vena N. Hall, Cumberland Mills; Kennebec, Miss Annie M. Nichols, Lamb's Corner; Knox, Miss Alzira L. Crie, Rockland; Penobscot, Mrs. Eliza J. Dunning, West Charleston; Somerset, Mrs. B. E. Spaulding, Pittsfield; Waldo, Mrs. Lois E. Stearns, Belfast; Washington, Miss Margaret

C. Hunter, Cherryfield; York, Mrs. Cynthia Wells, Kennebunk.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work:** Those counties have been most successful that have secured sermons and addresses on this subject in addition to the regular work of writing and sending literature.

**Suggestions:** Only six counties reported. It would aid the state superintendent very much to learn if any change has been made in county superintendents, and also to know if any local Unions are doing work in this department where there is no county superintendent. As in other departments, "agitate," "educate."

## Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

Superintendent, Miss Jennie M. Anthoine, 23 Winter Street, Portland.

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. E. Y. Newman, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. H. B. Forbes, Presque Isle; Franklin, Mrs. Nelson Gould, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. L. J. Call, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Nellie Perkins, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. John Stetson, Thomaston; Lincoln, Mrs. S. F. Winslow, Waldoboro; Oxford, Ellen D. Pierce, East Hiram; Penobscot, Mrs. Wm. H. Carr, Dexter; Piscataquis, Miss Addie L. Chamberlain, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Louisa F. Packard, Granite St., Bath; Somerset, Mrs. H. F. Evans, Madison; Waldo, Mrs. K. W. Thorndike, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. Skillinger, Danforth; York, Mrs. R. H. Goodwin, West Lebanon.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work:** Thirty-four children have been cared for during the year, twenty-six in free homes, one in boarding home, one to the Maine General Hospital, one to the Eye and Ear Infirmary, two sent to the Home for Feeble Minded, two girls through our efforts sent to Industrial School, one to the School for Deaf Mutes. At present the department is boarding and clothing four children, and clothing one who has a free home.

## Work Among Railway Employees.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Helen Thomas, Greene.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. S. I. Jewett, Mechanic Falls; Aroostook, Mrs. Ralph Seeley, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland was reported by Mrs. M. R. Center, Westbrook; Kennebec, was reported by Mrs. Alice Clough, Winthrop Center; Penobscot, Miss Laura Clement, Shirley; Piscataquis, reported by Mrs. Frances Rogers, Groveville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Addie Robbins, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Olive Marcia, Shawmut; Waldo, Mrs. Addie McIntyre, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. Mary Stone, Machias; York, Mrs. Sophia Harvey, Old Orchard.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: I find my most successful work is accomplished by doing personal work, although much good is being done in this department by distribution of literature and in many other ways.

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## Work Among Lumbermen and Quarrymen.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Alice B. Bigelow, Auburn.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Georgia N. Torsey, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Sophia S. Howe, Ashland; Cumberland, Mrs. Sarah McLellan, So. Windham; Franklin, Emily T. Nash, Strong; Hancock, Mrs. P. C. Clark, Southwest Harbor; Knox, Mrs. Frank Conant, Camden; Oxford, Mrs. S. E. W. Curtis, West Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. N. L. Perkins, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Lelia Knight, Bath; Somerset, Miss Belle Clark, Bingham; Washington, Mrs. G. H. Condell, Calais; York, Mrs. M. A. Moulton, Buxton.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: Excellent, so far as heard from. Reports from nine counties; but good work done by local Unions in counties that have no superintendent.

Suggestions: Would suggest that camp supplies be sent as *early* as possible to Mrs. Rogers who is so untiring in her efforts to assist us in this department. The same will also apply as soon as camps are organized. Won't every Union devote one day to this department of work, and work up an interest to help and uplift the lonely camp life of some mother's boy and some isolated brother?

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## Sabbath Observance.

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County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. J. W. Clark, Mechanic Falls; Aroostook, Mrs. A. S. Knight, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center; Franklin, none; Hancock, Mrs. Sarah F. M. Rich, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Clara G. Bowry; Knox, Miss Alzira Crie, Rockland; Lincoln, Mrs. Almeda Havener, Broad Cove; Oxford, none; Penobscot, Mrs. P. Hubbard, Stetson; Piscataquis, Mrs. Elsie Sherburne, Milo; Sagadahoc, Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Julia Bowdoin, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. W. B. Conant, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. O. A. Curtis, Addison Point; York, Mrs. George Fogg, Sanford.

Suggestions: I would suggest to the superintendent of this department that she ascertain at once the correct names of the superintendents of each county, and the number of local Unions in each county, and that they be supplied with report blanks in season to be returned to the state superintendent by Sept. 1st.

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## Purity.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Etta Mitchell, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. L. A. Smart, Logan; Cumberland, Mrs. Belle M. Bennett, Bridgton; Franklin, Mrs. Imogen F. Norton, Kingfield; Hancock, Mrs. Abby M. Fulton, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. J. Albert Jenkins, Lamb's Corner; Knox, Mrs.

Ella M. Wentworth, Rockport; Oxford, Mrs. Fannie Burrill, East Hiram; Penobscot, Mrs. L. L. Varney, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. Hattie Sturtevant, Milo; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Nancy Clark, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. Fred H. Brown, Fairfield; Waldo, Mrs. Nancy Staples, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. M. E. Hobart, Pembroke; York, Miss Ellen Emery, Sanford.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work:** Mothers' meetings, sermons preached, addresses given, literature distributed, books on purity circulated, "New Crusade" used in mothers' meetings, teachers interested, separate recesses in schools procured, and much personal work done.

**Suggestions:** More mothers' meetings held, a large subscription list for "The New Crusade" obtained, a deeper interest taken in our public schools regarding the subject of purity, department literature distributed with *tact*, White Cross and White Shield pledges circulated and greater efforts made to elevate public sentiment regarding the social evil.

## Mercy.

Superintendent, Mrs. Luella E. Littlefield, Vinal Haven.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Main St., Lewiston; Cumberland, Mrs. Etta Warren, Bolster's Mills; Hancock, Mrs. Violette Goss, Stonington; Kennebec, Miss Frances Mitchell, Randolph; Knox, Mrs. Luella E. Littlefield, Vinal Haven; Lincoln, Miss Emilie F. Sidelinger, New Castle; Oxford, Miss Jessie Kimball, East Hiram; Penobscot, Miss Mary Crosby, 12 Fifth St., Bangor; Piscataquis, Miss Annie Varney, Greenville; Somerset, Miss Jennie Pollard, Solon; Waldo, Miss Cassie Roberts, Belfast.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work:** We find an increase of interest in the humane cause, throughout the state. We have been successful in creating sentiment against the wearing of bird plumage in many instances.

**Suggestions:** The most important part of this department is the humane education of the children. Every Union should organize a Band of Mercy.

## Flower Mission.

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Superintendent, Belle P. Downes, Houlton.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Addie Burdin; Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Belle P. Downes, Houlton; Cumberland, Laura A. Hatch, Brunswick; Kennebec, Mrs. Frances E. Hussey, Vassalboro; Knox, Mrs. E. O. Burgess, Thomaston; Oxford, Isabel H. Stickney, East Brownfield; Somerset, Mrs. Annie M. Frost, Pittsfield; Waldo, Ellen E. McKinley, Waldo; Washington, Mrs. Abbie C. Nash, Cherryfield.

Results or Successful Methods of Work: Reports received from nine counties; 4,325 bouquets distributed; 15,600 pages literature distributed; 22 books loaned; 866 calls upon the sick; 44 sick taken to ride; 94 baskets of fruit distributed; 6 scrap books distributed. This report does not include more than half the work done, but I have no more figures.

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## State and County Fairs.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Susan French, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. H. B. Forbes, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ellen F. Webb, Windham Center; Mrs. Osborne, Portland; Franklin, Mrs. Luella Reynolds, Farmington; Hancock, no superintendent; Kennebec, Mrs. Lucy Wyman, Sidney; Knox, Mrs. H. M. Robbins, Union; Lincoln, Miss Almira F. Ginn, Damariscotta; Oxford, no superintendent; Penobscot, Mrs. Granville Newcomb, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. E. N. Oakes, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan P. Carey, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. L. Stafford, Hartland; Waldo, Mrs. Josephine Hardy, Winterport; Washington, Miss M. C. Hunter, Cherryfield; York, Mrs. F. A. Moulton, Groveville.



**Results or Successful Methods of Work :** The result of faithful and persistent temperance work on our fair grounds, is shown in many instances, by a better enforcement of the law, by the suppression of objectionable side shows, and an aroused public sentiment against all existing evils.

**Suggestions :** The work of this department includes all holiday gatherings, where literature may be distributed and other work done as will meet the needs of that particular locality.

Study the state laws regulating state and county fairs and secure their enforcement. Petition for the withholding of the state stipend from fairs violating the law. Do not get discouraged, but keep on making the best possible effort. God will take care of results.

## Legislation and Petition.

Superintendent, Mrs. L. C. Lamb, 67 East Avenue, Lewiston.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate DeWitt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ada E. Jordon, East Otisfield; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. R. S. Warren, So. Deer Isle, corresponding secretary; Kennebec, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center; Knox, Mrs. A. E. Bradford, Union; Lincoln, Mrs. A. F. Ginn, Damariscotta, president; Oxford, Mrs. E. W. Chandler, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. E. R. Horton, Dexter; Piscataquis, Mrs. Elsie E. Sherbourne, Milo, corresponding secretary; Sagadahoc, Miss Kate W. Spinney, Popham Beach, corresponding secretary; Waldo, Miss Emily F. Miller, No. Searsmont; York, Mrs. E. J. Crowel, West Lebanon.

**Results or Successful Methods of Work :** Before Congress last winter, day after day, petitions were presented by the different senators or representatives from the W. C. T. U., as well also from churches, the Y. P. S. C. E., and many other religious organizations; many petitions were sent to the governor for the better

enforcement of the Prohibitory Law ; and a most successful protest against the re-appointment of an immoral man for supreme judge was made.

Suggestions : We would recommend that we have the law amended so that Sunday shall be close time on fishing as well as hunting, and that we have a petition to that effect circulated and sent to the legislature this winter ; and that we work most earnestly along the line of law enforcement.

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## Franchise.

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Superintendent, Miss Louise Titcomb, Stroudwater.

County Superintendents : Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Livermore Falls ; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate DeWitt, Presque Isle ; Cumberland, Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt, Portland ; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington ; Hancock, Mrs. Ann F. Greely, Ellsworth ; Kennebec, Mrs. Kate C. Pishon, Augusta ; Knox, Mrs. A. S. Hills, Union ; Lincoln, Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro ; Oxford, no report ; Penobscot, has been two years without a superintendent, no one being found to act ; Piscataquis, Mrs. M. F. Hobbs, Milo ; Sagadahoc, no report ; Somerset, no report ; Waldo, Emily F. Miller, North Searsport ; Washington, no report ; York, no report.

Results or Successful Methods of Work : Much work has been done, and every Union yet heard from. in this state, this year has endorsed Suffrage for Women ; there are several new Unions which have not acted yet in this matter, and others who find it most difficult to appoint superintendents of Franchise on account of the work required.

Suggestions : That presidents of local Unions should act as superintendents of Franchise, and give some report of the same to county superintendents, when they cannot otherwise fill the places by appointment.

## Peace and Arbitration.

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Superintendent, Alice May Douglas, Bath.

County Superintendents: Cumberland, Mrs. Lydia M. Bennett, Deering Center; Kennebec, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Jones, South China; Piscataquis, Mrs. Agnes Bennett, Guilford; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan Carey, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. M. F. Bunker, No. Anson; Waldo, Mrs. Frances Jones, Belfast; York, Gertie Cook, North Jay

Counties often appoint superintendents, but do not notify me. There are local superintendents in nearly all the counties.

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## Reformatory Prison for Women.

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Your committee are unanimous in the opinion that as a state we have reached a period in our penal system when we, as women, must face the question of our duty to the unfortunate women who are forced to share jails and the state prison which are adapted only to men. In its relation to fallen women Maine stands where it stood fifty years ago, while the rest of the world has moved in the direction of their improvement. While originally punishment of offenders looked only to the good of society, it is now accepted that the community and state can best be served by the reformation of the individual. And this is the problem that confronts us: How can we as an organization help to make these women better?

Your committee believe that: criminal women should not be under the same roof with bad men; they should be under the care of women, exclusively; they should be put to hard work; with few exceptions their sentences should be for not less than a year; and that provision should be made for their moral, intellectual and spiritual development.

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
HELEN COFFIN BEEDY,  
CLARA M. FARWELL,  
*Committee.*

## State and National Papers.

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Concerning the effort to increase the subscription list of the *Union Signal* and *Star in the East*, the superintendent feels that too little effort was made and that results are not satisfactory. Will not the officers of every local Union take an interest in this department?

Urge every White Ribboner to take the *Star in the East*, from the wholly unselfish standpoint of a desire to help sustain and build up our State work. 25 cents from each member in this way would help far more than the same amount of money *without* the State paper.

The *Union Signal* is one of the best of family papers. Both papers one year for \$1.10 or *Star* alone 25c, if subscriptions are sent to Miss Cornelia M. Dow, State Headquarters.

The State paper can and will do much for us if we will first as an organization give it our financial support.

The same universal law applies here as every where, "Sow if we would reap."

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON.



## Suggestive Outlines

For the Social or Literary Portion of Local Union Meetings.

*All Books and Leaflets referred to can be obtained of the  
W. T. P. A. unless otherwise stated.*

### JANUARY.

One Red Letter Day in this month, January 3d, Madam Willard's birthday, called "Mother's Day." Appropriately observed by holding meetings directly concerning home interests, such as: Mothers' meetings, hygienic meetings on household sanitation, healthful cookery, clothing, etc., wholesome reading and amusements.

Helpful hints can be obtained from the books, "A Great Mother," "Childhood, its care and culture," "Helps for Health Meetings," "Hygiene of the Home," Home Leaflets, Mothers' Leaflets, etc.

### FEBRUARY.

Contains one Red Letter Day, February 22nd, Washington's birthday. This month contains also Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th. General topic for this month, Patriotism.

Would advise Unions to take up as responsive readings for this month, Vol. 6 of the L. T. L. Lesson Manuals. Appropriate studies can be arranged of our nation's progress as developed by temperance and anti-slavery movements.

Books of reference: "The Temperance Movement," by H. W. Blair; some "Life of A. Lincoln."

February contains the ever memorable day to White Ribboners, February 17th, Miss Willard's Heavenly Birthday. The state executive request local Unions on this day, or as near as is possible, to hold a Willard thank offering meeting. At which time an offering shall be taken, \$2.00 of which shall be sent to the national W. C. T. U. for organizing work.

### MARCH.

One Red Letter Day, March 20th, birthday of Neal Dow, called "Prohibition Rally Day." General topic for the month, "Prohibition."

Study lives of noted prohibitionists; study our state and national laws on the temperance question.

Select Leaflets from "Timely Talks," "Signal Lights," Voters' Leaflets, etc. Responsive readings from Vol. 7 of L. T. L. Manuals.

## APRIL.

Red Letter Days, April 3d, Sabbath Observance Day ; April 21, Teacher's Day, birthday of Frœbel.

Appropriate studies for this month are the departments of Sabbath Observance and Sunday School Work ; also origin and growth of the Kindergarten.

Books of reference : "The Story of Ruth," prize story on Sabbath Observance, (order from Mrs. James H. Earle, Newton, Mass.; price 10 cents or thereabout), Leaflets for Sunday School workers, Life of Frœbel, and Kindergarten publications.

## MAY.

Contains no Red Letter Day.

Would suggest continuation of April topics under head of *General Evangelistic Work*, selecting from its various departments.

Book of reference : "The Pledge and the Cross," by Mrs. S. M. J. Henry, also Department Leaflets.

## JUNE.

Red Letter Day, June 9th, birthday of Jennie Casseday.

Study social and reformatory work under the heads of Parlor Meetings, Flower Mission, State and County Fairs, Prison, Jail and Almshouse.

Interesting programs of great literary merit could be arranged from Rev. Wilbur F. Craft's book entitled, "Christian Sociology," (direct to Mr. Crafts, Washington, D. C.); select leaflets bearing on above topics and departments.

## JULY.

Red Letter Day, July 4th, National Independence Day, also birthday of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt. General topic, "Christian Citizenship."

Studies in Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools, and Work among Foreigners, recommended.

Helps: Physiological Journal obtained of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, 23 Trull St., Boston, Mass., Department Leaflet No. 101, programs from Craft's book on "Christian Sociology," Leaflets on "Christian Citizenship."

## AUGUST.

Red Letter Day, August 3d, Fresh Air Mission Day, also birthday of Lady Henry Somerset. General topic, Preventive Work.

Special departments: Narcotics and Non-Alcoholic Medication.

Helps: Department Leaflet 231, notes from the History and Progress of National Temperance Hospital, package No. 3 Anti-Tobacco and Cigarette Leaflets, studies from the life and works of Lady Henry Somerset.

#### SEPTEMBER.

Red Letter Days, Sept. 22, birthday of Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt; Sept. 28, Children's Harvest Home, Membership Crusade Day, Miss Willard's birthday. Topics: World's W. C. T. U. Missionaries, Notes of the World's Work from *Union Signal*.

For meeting on Children's Harvest Home, send 10 cents for material to Mrs. Helen G. Rice, No. 1597 Washington St., Boston.

For meeting nearest Sept. 28, read sketches from Miss Willard's life or Mrs. Esther T. Housh's Leaflets and Leaflet No. 60.

#### OCTOBER.

Red Letter Day, Oct. 3, Woman's Sunday. General topic, Franchise: Woman in the Home and Church, Woman in Education and Literature, Woman in Business, Woman in Government.

Books of Reference: "Woman in Pulpit," "A Young Woman Journalist," National Leaflets Nos. 5, 28, 33, 42, 43, 44, 47, Department Leaflets Nos. 81, 82, 83.

#### NOVEMBER.

No Red Letter Day. Thanksgiving, Department Studies, Charitable Work, Lumbermen's Work. General topic, God's Hand in W. C. T. U. History.

References: Package No. 1 Leaflets.

Books: Woman and Temperance, Do Everything, page 53, Thumb Nail Sketches, page 54.

#### DECEMBER.

Red Letter Days, Dec. 19, Peace Day; Dec. 23, Crusade Day.

For a meeting on Peace and Arbitration send for literature to county or state superintendent.

State superintendent's address, Miss Alice May Douglas, Bath.

Books of reference: Memories of Crusade, Woman and Temperance.

Discussion: Wise and Unwise, Selfish and Unselfish Christmas Giving. Review Local Work for the year.

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON.

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

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#### PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of the 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.

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#### Constitution.

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#### 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 Record-



ing 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 paying a 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.

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## By-Laws.

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### 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, 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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.

### County Constitution.

#### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### 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 Recording and Corresponding 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 county general officers, county superintendents of departments, presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers of local Unions, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every ten paying members of the local Union.

## 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 sometime within May or June.

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

The duties of 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.

Local Unions shall pay to the County Treasurer an amount equal to ——— cents annually for each of its members for county work.

## ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous 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 ——— 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 County 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 1st, 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.

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## By-Laws.

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SEC. I. *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 Employees. 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.

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### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

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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 of 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 ]

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAWS.

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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 victualer, 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.*

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## CIGARETTE LAW.

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### CHAPTER 333.

**AN ACT** to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors:

**SEC. 1.** Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

**SEC. 2.** Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

**SEC. 3.** This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

[Approved March 27.]

## IMPURE LITERATURE LAW.

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[*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.



### Annual Meetings.

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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
1894,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AUBURN
1895,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	HOULTON
1896,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BELFAST
1897,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BATH
1898,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BANGOR













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### **Pledge of the National W. C. T. U.**



"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."

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### **Purity Pledge.**



"I SOLEMNLY promise, by the help of God, to hold the law of purity as equally binding upon men and women, and to use my utmost efforts to obey the command, 'Keep thyself pure'; to discountenance all coarse language and impurity in dress, in literature and art; to lend a helping hand alike to men and women, giving the penitent of both sexes an equal chance to reform so far as my assistance and influence can do this."

## 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* 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."

## State Officers for 1899-1900.

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### *PRESIDENT.*

MRS. L. M. N. STEVENS, Stroudwater.

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MISS CORNELIA M. DOW,            -   -   -   -   Portland

### *Recording Secretary.*

MISS CLARA M. FARWELL,            -   -   -   -   Rockland

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# Superintendents of Departments

FOR 1899-1900.

## I. ORGANIZATION.

State Organizer and Lecturer—Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary.  
State Y. Organizer,—Miss Effie M. Littlefield, Bangor.  
Work Among Foreign Speaking People—Mrs. Laura T. Stevens, Brunswick.  
Young Woman's Work—Miss Lubelle Patrick, Groveville.  
L. T. L. Work—Miss Annie C. Bagley, Harrison.

## II. PREVENTIVE.

Hygienic Reform and Heredity and Physical Culture—Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, Harrison.  
Non-Alcoholic Medication—Mrs. A. L. Vining, St. Albans.

## III. EDUCATIONAL.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, Augusta.  
Sunday School Work—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield.  
Temperance Literature—Miss Mary Bishop, 684 Congress Street, Portland.  
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Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work—Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center.  
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Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work—Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington.  
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Work Among Soldiers and Sailors—Mrs. Caroline M. Patten, Bangor.  
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Sabbath Observance—Miss Frances S. Moody, Bath.  
Purity—Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary.  
Lecturer on Purity—Rev. Sarah K. Taylor, Rockland.  
Purity in Literature and Art—Mrs. Inez L. Small, So. Deer Isle.  
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# Directory of Maine Unions.

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*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. M. E. Mitchell, Chase's Mills.

*County Treasurer*—Mrs. S. K. Smith, Lewiston.

	PRESIDENT.	COR. SECRETARY.
Auburn	Mrs. Geo. B. Atwood	Mrs. Lucy Taylor
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Easton	" Julia A. W. Estes	Mrs. Laura A. Spear
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Island Falls Y	Miss Ethel McCormick	Miss Nellie Staples
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Mars Hill Y.	Miss Cora Rhodes	Miss Edith Clark
New Limerick	" Isabel James	" Annie E. Estabrooke
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Smyrna	" Rebecca Robinson	" Hannah Lilley
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## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

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Bolster's Mills	Mrs. Etta L. Warren	Mrs. Elizabeth Scribner
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## HANCOCK COUNTY.

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## PRESIDENT.

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## KNOX COUNTY.

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Rockland	" Emma B. Hall	Miss Clara M. Farwell
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Spruce Head	" C. P. Waldron	Miss Mabel Wiley
Union	" E. L. Thompson	Mrs. A. E. Bradford
Warren	" Marion Norton	" Frances Vinal
Vinalhaven	Miss Luella M. Littlefield	" Alida White

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Newcastle and Damariscotta	Miss A. F. Ginn	" A. W. Bryant
New Harbor	Mrs. Annie E. Fossett	" Annie R. Poland
Round Pond	" Mary E. Palmer	" Harriet Monroe
Waldoboro	" Helen M. Daggett	" Susan F. Winslow

## OXFORD COUNTY.

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Brownfield	" E. A. G. Stickney (E. Brownfield)	Miss Isabel Stickney (E. Brownfield)
Hiram	Mrs. Carrie Dow	Miss Jennie B. Kimball (East Hiram)
Norway	" Elizabeth Bicknell	Mrs. Alice Oxnard
Rumford Falls	" M. H. Graffam	" C. A. Mixer
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Greenville	" Frances S. Rogers	Miss Annie W. Varney
Greenville Y	" F. M. Sawyer	" Nettie Troy
Guilford	" Abbie L. Moulton	Mrs. Agnes M. S. Bennett
Milo	" Estelle M. Lovejoy	" Lizzie Hanscom
Sangerville	" Frank Carr	" Etta M. Davis
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Shirley	" Emma Young	Mrs. Lila E. Tucker

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Fairfield	" F. H. Brown	Mrs. Della Batchelder
Madison	" Carrie E. Williams (Anson)	" H. F. Evans
No. Anson	" M. F. Bunker	" J. E. Clancey
Pittsfield	" Eva W. Bryant	" Annie M. Frost
Ripley	" Mary E. Neal	" Mary E. Falker
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St. Albans	" F. M. Chandler	" Annie Prescott

## WALDO COUNTY.

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Lincolnville Y	" Etta M. Fernald (Camden)	Miss Mabel Fernald (Camden)
Monroe	" Sarah Nealley	Mrs. W. H. Twombly

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Swansville	" Abigail Nickerson	Miss Alice G. Kane
Troy	" Lucy Carleton (N. Troy)	Mrs. Gertrude Cook (N. Troy)
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Waldo	Mrs. L. E. Roberts (Belfast)	Mrs. Mary A. Smith
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B. Warren, Mrs. Ida M. Flynt.

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Mrs. Clara Baker, Mrs. Angeline Mc-  
Pherson, Mrs. Ellen Bailey.

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Shepard.

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man.

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Mrs. Hattie Mooney.

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Mrs. Carrie Vincent, Mrs. Minnie Waldron,  
Mrs. Cordelia E. Perkins.

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W. L. Clark.

DEXTER—Mrs. Fannie B. Damon, Mrs.  
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A. Abbott.

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MILO—Mrs. Mary F. Hobbs, Mrs. Ab-  
bie Hamlin.

DOVER AND FOXCROFT—Mrs. S. C.  
Dill, Mrs. Mary Grace Canfield, Mrs.  
Marcia Blethen, Mrs. R. E. Towne.

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Littlefield, Mrs. I. R. Kilburn.

WINTERPORT Y—Miss S. M. Carson.

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NO. TROY—Mrs. Georgia T. Woods,  
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WALDO STATION—Mrs. Addie L. Sim-  
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CORNISH—Mrs. Annie Damon.

GROVEVILLE—Mrs. A. C. Danby, Mrs.  
Howard Harmon.

KITTERY—Mrs. S. F. Tucker, Mrs.  
Lizzie Monson.

KENNEBUNK—Miss Annie O. Kimball,  
Miss Ella A. Clarke.

LIMERICK—Mrs. Jordan.

OLD ORCHARD—Mrs. Cora R. Clifford,  
Mrs. E. J. Barrows.

SANFORD—Mrs. Mary L. Trafton, Miss  
Ellen N. Emery.

SO. BERWICK—Mrs. A. E. Luce, Mrs.  
David McIntire.

SPRINGVALE—Mrs. H. Roberts, Mrs.  
E. Gerrish.

WEST LEBANON—Mrs. E. J. Cowell,  
Miss Inez Haynes.

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

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ANTE-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 25, 7.30 P. M.

Ante-Executive Committee called to order by President Stevens. One verse of "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. A. S. Johnston. Roll-call showed five general officers and nine vice presidents present.

Mrs. R. C. Hall and Miss Cornelia M. Dow were appointed to attend to seating the delegates.

*Voted:* To print the reports of the superintendents as last year, as this action was agreeable to the body of superintendents in session at the time.

The treasurer, Mrs. Dennison, Mrs. Chandler and Miss Downes were nominated as a committee on appropriations.

Mrs. Beedy was requested to act with the treasurer in deciding upon the county entitled to the prize banner.

The corresponding secretary presented a communication from Mrs. Isabel Wing Lake, National Superintendent of Rescue Work, asking that the Maine Union take up the work of the department. After discussion, it was decided to request the state superintendent of the Social Purity department to call the especial attention of her superintendents to definite work along Rescue lines, as a part of the Social Purity department.

*Voted:* To discontinue the department of State and National papers.

The following recommendation was received from the board of superintendents, and it was voted to consider it at the next meeting of the executive committee:

The board of state superintendents recommend that the year for sending county reports to state superintendents close with

the county conventions, and that when changes in county superintendents occur, it shall be the duty of the retiring superintendent to forward the report.

The committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 9 A. M.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union met in the Second Parish Congregational Church, Portland, Maine.

The church was very appropriately decorated for the occasion. Directly back of the pulpit on the wall the American and English flags were draped. Between them was a large picture of our beloved Frances E. Willard, founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Above all was a large banner with this inscription upon it: "For God and Home and Every Land." The balcony was hung with banners which were crowned with wreaths of evergreen, flowers, and pictures of our promoted leader. Tied with large bows of white ribbon, on an easel was placed a fine picture of Gen. Neal Dow.

The devotional meeting was opened by Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, state president. Mrs. Stevens read the scripture lesson, after which several prayers were offered. "Rock of Ages" was sung, led by Miss Sarah M. Hall, musical director.

Mrs. Lucy A. Snow read a few verses from the 6th chapter of John and made helpful comments thereon, followed by Scripture quotations and short testimonies.

At 10.30 the convention was called to order by President Stevens.

Miss Hall led in singing, "How Firm a Foundation." The "Crusade Psalm" was read responsively by the general officers and the convention, the Crusade Hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney.

The president called to the platform, Mrs. Chas. F. Allen, Maine's first state president.

Roll-call by the recording secretary showed as present all the

general officers, thirteen vice presidents and twenty-four superintendents of departments.

Minutes of executive meeting were read.

On motion of Miss French it was voted to defer action on the recommendation to continue the printing of abridged reports of state superintendents.

*Voted:* To accept the minutes.

Miss Dow being ex-officio chairman of the credentials committee, the president added to the committee Miss Effie M. Littlefield and Miss Emily F. Miller.

Committee on courtesies appointed by the Chair: Miss Isabel Shirley and Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt.

*Voted:* To continue the same committee on resolutions.

On motion of Mrs. Spaulding, *Voted:* That Miss Anna A. Gordon, National vice president at large, Miss Elizabeth P. Gordon, and all life members of the National W. C. T. U. who might be present, be made members of the convention. Mrs. Lucy Fuller Studley was introduced as a National life member.

The president called to the chair Miss Dow, president of Cumberland county, while she gave her annual address, which was listened to with the closest attention, and several salient points were received with so much enthusiasm that they were repeated by the speaker.

On motion of Mrs. Spaulding, seconded by Mrs. Seamans, the address was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

Mrs. Philip H. Brown, president of the Temporary Home for Women was introduced, and gracefully responded.

The noontide prayer was voiced by Miss Isabel Shirley.

Report of Work Among Foreigners was given by Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt.

At the close of this report, Willard Stevens, the first Armenian refugee baby born in America, was presented to the convention.

Rev. and Mrs. Newcomb of South Portland and Stroudwater were presented and Mr. Newcomb responded.

*Voted:* That the report of Loyal Temperance Legions be made the special order for three o'clock.

*Voted:* To adopt program as prepared by the committee subject to necessary changes.

Announcements were made, and convention adjourned.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 2.30 P. M.

Mrs. Stevens presiding, opened with singing "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Prayer by Miss Harriet Loring.

On motion, ordered that the minutes of each day be read in the morning.

Mrs. Seamens, state organizer, gave a fine report of work done throughout the state in organizing and strengthening Unions, also by giving public addresses. Her report was approved with a Chautauqua salute.

Loyal Temperance Legion department was reported by Miss Bagley. At the close, she read a letter from a county superintendent, saying, "The L. T. L. is good as far as it goes." Miss Bagley then called on Miss Gordon the World's and Mrs. Rice the National superintendents of L. T. L.'s to answer this criticism. Both responded in most convincing speeches proving that the L. T. L. "goes everywhere."

Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt reported the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools. Miss Dow moved that Mrs. Hunt furnish an abstract of her report, as full as may be for the November "Star."

Mr. Murray, General Secretary of the Bath Y. M. C. A., was introduced, and said he was thoroughly in sympathy with the work of the White Ribboners.

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

Miss Mamie Powderly, for many years Miss Willard's private stenographer, and since acting in the same capacity for Mrs. Stevens, was introduced and responded.

Mrs. Spaulding brought to the convention a message from

Mrs. DeWitt, who is in affliction, because of sickness of her husband. On motion of Miss Brainerd, ordered that the corresponding secretary return a letter of love and sympathy.

Cumberland county delegates sang their county song.

The corresponding secretary's report was given by Miss Dow.

The names of Mrs. Anna S. Hunt, and Mrs. Mary Grace Canfield were added to those who have spoken at county conventions.

Accepted the report of corresponding secretary.

The state treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Johnston read her report, which was referred to the state auditor Miss Ginn.

Rev. Mr. Luce who was present at the organization of the Maine W. C. T. U. at Old Orchard, was presented and made some flattering remarks.

Miss Bishop superintendent of literature reported.

Mrs. Stevens recommended very highly the etching of Miss Willard called the Evangeline picture, as a suitable picture for schools and other public places.

Mrs. Snow said that literature was much needed by the soldiers in the Philippines and could be sent at the rate of four cents per pound.

Reports of "Star In The East" were given by Miss Dow, business manager, and Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, editor.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Miss Dow and Mrs. Leavitt for their efficient and gratuitous labors on the "Star."

The president requested all who were present at Old Orchard twenty-five years ago, when the state Union was organized, to rise, and eight or ten responded.

Rev. Louis Malvern presented, and made a brief address.

Press Work was reported by Miss Mary French.

Miss Elizabeth Yates, the superintendent of School Savings Banks, being absent by reason of sickness caused by accident the convention ordered that a letter of love and sympathy be sent her.

Medal Contest Work was reported by Miss Margaret Hunter.

The president read the names of the pages, Misses Gertrude Murphy, Carrie McDowell, Louise Allen and desired to introduce them, but they had all left the room except Miss McDowell.

Mrs. Stevens asked for life members of State and National W. C. T. U.

Notices were given, and after singing "Some Glad Day," and benediction by Mrs. Canfield, the convention adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 7.30 P. M.

Mrs. Stevens presiding.

Miss Hall sung "Just For To-day."

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt. Solo, "Plains of Peace," by Miss Sarah M. Hall.

The first address of welcome was given by Alderman William N. Dow, who paid a very high compliment to the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and gladly welcomed its members to the city of Portland.

Next followed a welcome from the churches of the city and in a most able and beautifully worded address, Rev. Luther Freeman, pastor of the Chestnut Street M. E. church, dwelt upon the meaning of the W. C. T. U. and emphasized the thought that the members got their greatest power from the fact that they were Christians.

Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt welcomed the convention in behalf of the local Union in a most felicitous way.

Mrs. Sarah Lord Cram responded to the address of welcome in behalf of the state, in a most eloquent manner.

Music.

The closing address was by Miss Anna A. Gordon, vice president at large of the National W. C. T. U. Her address was a forceful one, and at times quite humorous. She spoke most flatteringly of Mrs. Stevens and referring to the people of Maine said "they were delightfully clannish but broadly hospitable."



A reading by Miss Effie M. Littlefield was greatly enjoyed. A collection was taken and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Luther Freeman. Adjourned.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 9 A. M.

A most uplifting and helpful devotional meeting was conducted by Miss Elizabeth P. Gordon. At the close of the devotional hour, President Stevens took charge. Minutes of the previous day were read, and after corrections, approved.

Mrs. Driscoll, formerly president of Kennebec county, brought to the platform a beautiful little girl of two years, and requested that Miss Anna Gordon tie upon her a white ribbon and mention her name, Henrietta Arey Driscoll.

Mrs. Additon, a lady of 95 summers, was introduced and received with much applause.

*Voted:* To appoint Miss Effie M. Littlefield as time keeper.

Mrs. Stevens requested more promptness in making and seconding motions, and more appreciation of the good points made by the speakers.

Report of Evangelistic Work made by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

When the department of Systematic Giving was called for, it was mentioned that Miss Hattie Mayo was now Mrs. Hattie Mayo Dunn of Houlton.

Rev. Messrs. Davis and Hooper of Deering were introduced and made some interesting remarks

Mr. I. N. Halliday, field secretary of the Maine State S. S. Association, was presented and expressed his regard for the organization.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks of Yarmouth introduced. Mr. Brooks spoke for both.

Mrs. Ruggles of Kansas said: "I come from the great prairie state of Kansas and it has warmed my heart to meet the earnest workers in Maine."

Report of Prison and Jail Work given.

Mrs. Stevens then presented Mrs. W. H. Fenn, president of the Maine Branch of the Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Congregational church. Mrs. Fenn said one of the hardest things they had to combat was the giving liquor to the uneducated people in foreign countries by American, English and others supposed to be civilized and to be above such things.

Miss Eva Foster, daughter of Bishop Foster of Boston, was introduced. Miss Foster brought out a generous round of applause by her witty greeting to the delegates of the convention.

Miss Ella Sewall of Boston, extended her greetings also.

Mrs. Stevens presented Mrs. Sarah G. Crosby of Waterville, whom she said was the first woman stenographer of Maine who had ever gone into a court room to do professional work. Mrs. Crosby found the position of official court stenographer was the only one where a woman could do the same work as a man and receive an equal compensation.

Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey of Winthrop Center, read her report on "Reformatory Prison for Women." She said: "The members in charge of this work have taken no aggressive steps during the past year realizing that only through constant and persistent effort can the object of a reformatory prison for women be brought about."

Mrs. George S. Hunt was appointed to carry greetings of love and appreciation to Mrs. Merrill and Miss Patten, two beloved members who were unable to be present.

Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt brought greetings from Mrs. Merrill to the convention.

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## MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The services opened by singing "There is a Land of Pure Delight."

The names of our promoted comrades were read by Mrs. Hall, as follows:

Mrs. Alfred W. Anthony, Lewiston.  
 Miss Mary Lord, Auburn.  
 Mrs. Theodore Prince, Mechanic Falls.  
 Mrs. Abbie Thompson, Lewiston.  
 Mrs. Fenor.  
 Mrs. Nancy Mayo, Hodgdon.  
 Mrs. Serena Kincaid, Mars Hill.  
 Mrs. Mary Gillerson.  
 Mrs. Lydia Varney.  
 Mr. Wm. Penn Varney, Fort Fairfield.  
 Mrs. Angeline Haskell, Bolsters Mills.  
 Mrs. E. E. Stanwood, Brunswick.  
 Mrs. Harriet L. Hallett, Windham Center.  
 Olive Stevens Webb of the L. T. L., Windham Center.  
 Mr. Lewis Smith, Bridgton.  
 Mrs. Mary True, Portland.  
 Dr. D. B. Randall, Portland.  
 Mrs. Mary E. A. Osborne, Portland.  
 Mrs. Ada French Winter, Kingfield.  
 Mrs. Ella Southwick, Kingfield.  
 Mrs. Walter Prescott, Farmington.  
 Mrs. Caroline Soule, Strong.  
 Mr. Chas. Allen.  
 Mrs. J. P. Simonton, Ellsworth.  
 Mrs. J. F. Davis, Ellsworth.  
 Mrs. Caroline Clark, Ellsworth.  
 Mrs. Etta Simpson, South West Harbor.  
 Mrs. Dora Eaton, Brooklin.  
 Mrs. Rebecca Newbert, China.  
 Mrs. Caroline Dow, China.  
 Mrs. Nancy Newell, South China.  
 Mrs. Susie Berry, Gardiner.  
 Mrs. Betsy R. Brown, Waterville.  
 Mrs. Hannah Hunt, Augusta.  
 Mrs. John Parsons, Augusta.

Mrs. Hattie Haskell, Augusta.  
 Mrs. Lizzie Bartlett, Augusta.  
 Miss Mary Deering, Augusta.  
 Mrs. Sawtelle, West Gardiner.  
 Mrs. Etta Spear, West Gardiner.  
 Mrs. Addie Longley, Sidney.  
 Mrs. Sylvester Arau, Camden.  
 Mrs. Hannah Vaughn, Warren.  
 Mrs. R. W. Van Kirk, Rockland.  
 Miss Sophia Spofford, Rockland.  
 Capt. John Merrill, Rockland.  
 Mr. John Blethen, Spruce Head.  
 Mrs. Mary Hall, Damariscotta.  
 Miss M. J. Curtis, Waldoboro.  
 Mrs. Addie Merrill, Norway.  
 Judge Woodbury, Bethel.  
 Mrs. Amelia Hubbard, Stetson.  
 Mrs. Ellen Eldridge, Dexter.  
 Mrs. John Page, Bangor.  
 Mr. Benjamin Plummer, Bangor.  
 Mrs. Eliza S. Green, Bangor Crusade.  
 Mrs. Elizabeth Nickerson, Bangor Crusade.  
 Mrs. Abbie Prentiss, Bangor Crusade.  
 Mrs. Sophronia Snow, Hampden.  
 Mrs. Harriet Oliver, Popham Beach.  
 Mrs. Phœbe Norton, Madison.  
 Mr. N. H. Vining, St. Albans.  
 Mrs. Leland, Sangerville.  
 Mrs. Decker, Brownville.  
 Mrs. Patten, Dover.  
 Rev. Chas. Davison, Greenville.  
 Miss A. A. Hicks, Belfast.  
 Mrs. Frances Elwell, Northport.  
 Mrs. Laura E. Hopkins, Winterport.  
 Mrs. Carrie Cookson, Winterport.

Mrs. Mary Moore.  
 Mrs. H. C. Lovell.  
 Mrs. Sylvester Manson.

Tender and affecting remarks were made by Mrs. Beedy.

Prayer by Mrs. Johnston.

Solo by Miss Hall, "Who Are These Arrayed in White."

Closing prayer by Mrs. Stevens.

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Noon-tide prayer by Mrs. Beedy.

Lincoln county song was sung.

Notices were given, and the convention adjourned after the benediction.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, Sept. 27, 1.30 P.M.

Prayer by Mrs. Harvey.

Miss Lubelle Patrick, superintendent of the Young Woman's Branch, appeared before the committee and said that the Young Women would like an organizer for their department, and suggested the name of Miss Effie M. Littlefield for the position.

The committee recommend that Miss Littlefield be elected as organizer for the Young Woman's Branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The committee strongly recommended that in communities where a Young Woman's Branch cannot be carried on as a separate organization a "Y" Branch of the existing local Union be formed, and this branch should be represented in the Annual Convention by a delegate, and that the constitution be amended to permit this; and it was further recommended that the county "Y" secretaries be ex-officio members of the convention.

The committee recommended that the reports of county superintendents prepared for county conventions be made the final report for the state year, and from these the state superintendents shall prepare the reports for the state convention.

The committee rose.

## CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 2.30 P. M.

Convention called to order by the President.

"Christ For the World" was sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. Harvey of Penobscot.

The secretary read the report of the executive meeting, which was accepted.

Mrs. Anna S. Hunt, chairman of the Board of Superintendents, reported that the board sustain the action before taken by the board in regard to abridgment of superintendents' reports in the Minutes.

Rev. Dr. Dalton, pastor of St. Stephen's church and Rev. Mr. Shepherd, pastor of St. Paul's, were introduced and responded.

Franklin and Piscataquis counties sung their county song.

All joined in singing the refrain "Loyal Leader, May She Lead Us Long," referring to Mrs. Stevens, finishing with the Chautauqua salute.

The department of Homes for Homeless Children was reported by Miss Jennie M. Anthoine. Also financial report of this same department. Both reports were accepted.

Mr. J. B. Donnell and Miss Inez Blanchard, president of the Woman's Literary Union of Portland, were introduced.

Mr. Gerrish for many years president of the Associated Charities of Portland was presented and gave kindly greeting.

Mrs. Helen A. Thomas reported the department of R. R. Employees. By Mrs. Thomas' request, Miss Gordon spoke for this work.

Rev. Mr. Purdy, pastor of the Friend's church was introduced.

Purity work was reported by Mrs. Seamans, superintendent and Rev. Sarah K. Taylor, lecturer on Purity.

Presented Rev. Mr. Corey, pastor of the Methodist church and Rev. Mr. Bisbee, Grand Chaplain of Good Templars.

Also Mr. Grant Rogers, Grand Secretary of the Good Templars, and former County Attorney of Sagadahoc, made a most aggressive and stirring speech which aroused vigorous applause.

"Y" hour brought to the platform a goodly number of young women for the hour given into their charge. The State Y secretary in the chair. Opened by singing the "Motto song" of the Y. W. C. T. U., led by Miss Hall.

Miss Mabel Hadnett, president Danforth Y., Miss Blanche Hardy, the treasurer of the "Y" at Lincolnton, Mrs. L. A. B. Gilmore, Y secretary for the Bath W. C. T. U., and Miss Cora L. Rhodes, president Mars Hill Y, were introduced and made fitting remarks.

Poem, "Helping Somewhere," written and dedicated to the Bangor Y by Miss Mary Crosby was pleasantly read by Miss Carrie Estabrook of Bangor.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt in her own happy manner gave a brief, pithy address.

Miss Teresa F. Arau of Camden, after a few well chosen words, read "Girls of Today."

The State Y report by Miss Lubelle Patrick showed increase of interest and efficiency among the young women.

Paper, "Hygienic Education," by Miss Fronie M. Carson, delegate from Winterport Y, but whose home is in Florida. She was gladly welcomed as a Maine Y.

Miss Alice H. Moore, custodian of the Clara Parrish Fund for Maine, gave a bright little talk on "Ys of the World," speaking especially of Miss Parrish and her work in Japan and Burma.

*Voted:* That the convention send a message of love and greeting to Miss Parrish now in Burma.

Miss Effie M. Littlefield, who had already been recommended by the executive committee as State Y organizer, was introduced. She emphasized the importance of earnestness of purpose and decided principle in the lives of young women.

Miss Anna Gordon in her usual winning way spoke briefly to the young women, referring to the girlhood of Frances E. Willard and her sister Mary.

At the close of the "Y" hour, Miss Hall, of whom we are justly proud, sang one of her beautiful solos.

The thanks of the convention were sent by Miss Emily Miller, to her aunt, Mrs. Emily Frothingham, for gift of flowers for memorial service.

Miss Hall rendered a fine solo.

Mrs. Spaulding reported the department of Unfermented Wine at Sacramento.

Hancock county sung their song.

Dr. Driscoll was introduced.

Mrs. Johnston explained the difference between the State Free Will Offering and the National Organizing Memorial Fund.

Announcements were made and benediction pronounced.

Convention adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 7.30 P. M.

Mrs. Stevens in the chair.

Music by the Second Parish choir.

Scripture read by Miss Anna Gordon.

Prayer by Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey.

Singing by Wentworth Cottage Boys' Loyal Temperance Legion of the State Reform School.

Singing by a quartet of the Second Parish church choir.

Address by Miss Jessie A. Ackerman on the "Great Need of the Hour," which she said was justice, the principle of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, underlying all other principles. Miss Ackerman is one of the most eloquent speakers engaged in the W. C. T. U. work, a world wide traveller, and her address was thrillingly interesting. She spoke for an hour and a half and during that time held the closest attention of the large audience. Her word pictures of the scenes she had witnessed in other lands were placed before the large audience with a master's hand. Her arguments against the legalizing of the liquor traffic were delivered with telling force. She drew tears to the eyes of her hearers more than once in the course of her long address as she pictured the misery and wretchedness



in our own lands caused by the great evil which the W. C. T. U. have been combating so many years.

Solo, "Recessional," by Miss Hall.

Song by the Wentworth cottage boys, "We are Coming to the Rescue."

Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth were introduced to the convention, and a vote of thanks to both officers and boys was passed, for the great pleasure which their presence had given to all present.

Collection.

Benediction by Miss Jessie Ackerman.

Adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, Sept. 28, 8.45 A.M.

Mrs. Stevens in the chair.

Prayer by Mrs. Delano.

Report of committee on appropriations as follows:

State work, \$200; postage, etc., of state work, \$200; bill of secretaries, treasurer and superintendent of Memorial Service as presented; Scientific Temperance Instruction, \$30; Young Woman's Work, \$25; Loyal Temperance Legion, \$15; other superintendents, \$5. The committee recommend that if in the development of the work a small increase of the appropriation would greatly assist, the superintendent shall send a statement of case to the treasurer who will present the request to the general officers who will grant the same if state finances permit.

The committee appointed to decide upon the county entitled to the prize banner, reported that Waldo county has made the largest gain, and therefore is entitled to the banner.

A communication was received from the Maine Suffrage Association which is in part:

\* \* \* "We firmly believe that whenever Suffrage Campaigns are instituted in the state, the work should be initiated and conducted by the Suffrage Association with the

co-operation and help of every individual member of the W. C. T. U. who is already pledged to the franchise department of that organization. We believe, therefore, that the best interests of our movement demand that the initiation of legislation concerning Woman Suffrage, as well as Suffrage Amendment Campaigns, should be conducted by the Suffrage Association. We therefore request the executive committee of the Maine W. C. T. U., to consider these points, which have been presented, not for the purpose of antagonizing or drawing dividing lines, but rather to aid us in arranging a method of procedure whereby we can utilize all our strongest forces, toward the great object of securing the ballot for the women of Maine.

(Signed by)                      LUCY HOBART DAY AND OTHERS."

*Voted:* To reply that we had decided to continue in this work as we have been doing for nearly a quarter of a century, and we intend to ask for full suffrage from the first legislature of the new century to aid the causes for which we are working.

Mrs. Beedy and Mrs. Spaulding were chosen to draw up a resolution favoring a "Homestead Week" for Maine, and also our interest in Good Will Farm and other philanthropic work.

The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 28, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. A. B. Cole.

Minutes of Wednesday were read and accepted. The secretary read the report of executive committee meeting of Thursday morning which was unanimously adopted.

Hon. Hiram J. Knowlton extended a cordial greeting. He said the work of the W. C. T. U. in Maine had been simply marvelous and the good they had done could never be estimated.

Oxford county sung their county song.

Mrs. F. B. Butterfield of the International Union of the

W. C. T. U. of Stanstead, Quebec, and Derby Line, Vt., gave a resume of the plebiscite campaign in Canada.

Miss Florence Thompson, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., brought pleasant greetings.

Mrs. Bailey moved that the credential list of delegates be read by counties.

The report by the chairman, Miss Dow, showed in attendance on the convention: Five general officers, twelve vice presidents, seventeen superintendents, twenty-one county officers, two hundred and eight delegates. Total attendance, two hundred and sixty-three.

Preceding the election of officers Mrs. Stevens called to the chair, Miss Dow, president of Cumberland county.

The convention instructed the president to appoint tellers for the election. First set of tellers: Mrs. Holway, Miss Soule, Mrs. Oakes. Second set: Mrs. Cram, Mrs. Merritt, Mrs. Linscott. Ballots were distributed.

Mrs. Hanson brought \$25 from the children of Mrs. Chas. F. Allen, first president of Maine W. C. T. U., to make her a life member of the N. W. C. T. U. Miss Ginn, then presented \$25 to make Mrs. Lucinda P. Thompson a National life member.

Mrs. Stevens announced that she held a note containing \$25 from Mrs. Emily Deering Jordan in memory of her father, Deacon Rufus Deering, and spoke in high praise of his character and life. She also announced that Bishop Foster of the Methodist church was made a National life member by his daughter, Miss Inez Foster.

Mrs. Stevens called to the platform, Mrs. Allen, Miss Foster, Miss Ginn, Miss Sewall, where they stood with Miss Gordon, National vice president at large. Mrs. Stevens referred to the fact that Mrs. Allen's husband was chaplain of the legislature when the Maine Law was enacted.

The ballots for president being collected showed a unanimous vote for Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens.

On motion, the recording secretary cast the formal ballot of

the convention for Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens. The delegates rose, expressing their joyful approbation.

Mrs. Stevens responded, saying in part, "You have honored me by giving me the highest position ever held by a woman in the State of Maine. Let us draw closer together in our great work, and in so doing, we shall draw closer to Christ. Prayer was offered by Miss Gordon. A beautiful bouquet from Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill was presented to Mrs. Stevens, and flowers from the Androscoggin delegation, by Mrs. Blanchard to both Mrs. Stevens and Miss Gordon.

Miss Anna Gordon made an earnest plea for a membership crusade and asked all present who would try to secure one new member before Oct. 20 to rise. A large majority responded.

Miss Gordon promised to supply a white ribbon bow for each one pledged to obtain a new member.

Mrs. Beedy read the following resolution which was adopted with a rising vote :

*Resolved:* That we, the women of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, pledge our loyalty to the beloved president of our State and National associations, and we give our assurance that we will do all in our power during the ensuing year to increase our membership five hundred.

The remaining officers were elected as follows: Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Cornelia M. Dow; recording secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell; treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Johnston.

Miss Estelle M. Brainerd was nominated as assistant recording secretary, which nomination was confirmed by the convention.

Miss Anna Gordon said she had long desired to be a member of the Maine Union and proposed to become a life member now by paying \$10 into the state treasury. Following her example sixteen persons became life members and nine promoted ones were made memorial members by friends.

This being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Maine W. C. T. U., it seemed a most fitting coincidence that these life and memorial members should number just twenty-five.

Following is the list of those becoming life members:

Anna A. Gordon by herself; Cornelia M. Dow by herself; Clara M. Farwell by herself; Hannah J. Bailey by herself; Estelle M. Brainerd by Kennebec county; Kate DeWitt by Aroostook county; Mary C. Woodbury by Mary E. McDowell; L. M. N. Stevens by Piscataquis county; Gertrude Stevens Leavitt by State Y's; Mr. M. Stevens by Cumberland county; Evelyn A. Harvey by Penobscot county; Francis Willard Hall by Mrs. R. C. Hall; Olive S. Hanson by the counties; Helen M. Delano by Sagadahoc county; Emily F. Miller by Waldo county; Fuller Pierce Studley by his grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Studley; Ellen N. Reynolds by Alice H. Reynolds.

Memorial members: Mrs. Malinda Small by her daughter Mrs. A. S. Johnston; Edwin Forest Littlefield by his daughter Effie M. Littlefield; Mrs. Mary A. Osborne by her sister, Jennie M. Anthoine; Miss Eunice Merritt by her mother, Mrs. E. Merritt; N. S. Fernald by his wife, Mrs. S. J. Fernald; Geo. S. Hunt by his wife, Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt; David Perkins by his daughter, Mary Perkins; Neal Dow by his daughter, Cornelia M. Dow; Dr. C. F. Allen by his wife, Mrs. C. F. Allen.

Many touching and tender allusions were made to the fact that Sept. 28 was the birthday of the beloved and honored founder of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. R. C. Hall gave notice of the following amendments to the constitution:

"That next year, I, or some one in my place, will move to so amend the constitution that it shall provide for the election of a vice president at large.

Secondly, That the editor of the "Star in the East" be made a member of the convention. That "Y" secretaries of local unions be delegates to the state convention.

Thirdly, That the L. T. L. department be made a Branch, to be in harmony with the National."

Miss Dow gave notice, "That next year, I, or some one in my place will move an amendment to Art. 3 of the constitution so

that it shall read, 'and one delegate for every forty paying members of each auxiliary union,' instead of 'one for each twenty-five' as now."

The beautiful prize banner offered by Mrs. Olive Stevens Hanson to the county making the largest increase in membership pro rata was now brought to the platform. It is made of white satin bearing a fine portrait of our state president and an appropriate inscription.

Mrs. Hanson with fitting words presented the banner to Waldo county. It was received joyfully by Miss Emily Miller, Waldo county president.

On motion of Mrs. Johnston the convention tendered to Mrs. Hanson a rising vote of thanks and the Chautauqua salute.

Announcements were made, and with benediction by Rev. Sarah K. Taylor, the convention adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, Sept. 28, 1.30 P. M.

The president in the chair.

Prayer by Miss A. F. Ginn.

The state superintendents of departments were nominated.

The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 28, 2.30 P. M.

Opened by singing Maine state song, written by Isabel Shirley.

Report of the executive committee was read and adopted.

Mrs. Laura T. Stevens, state secretary of the King's Daughters, was presented and made a good speech.

A telegram received from the W. C. T. U. of Rhode Island in convention assembled, read "We send greetings; read Josh. 1-5."

The corresponding secretary was instructed to return greetings from this convention.

Mrs. I. S. Wentworth reported the department of Anti-Narcotics and Miss Belle Downes, Flower Mission Work.

Rev. F. H. Baker, pastor of the Congregational church of

Groveville expressed his appreciation of all that the women of the W. C. T. U. had done for him.

Mrs. Edith M. Oakes, State and County Fairs; Miss Louise Titcomb, Franchise; Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Legislation and Petitions; Miss Alice M. Douglass, Peace and Arbitration, all reported.

On motion of Mrs. Bunker, voted to accept reports of superintendents as a whole.

Vacancies in state superintendents were filled with Mrs. Frances W. Rogers, Greenville, as superintendent of Work Among Lumbermen and Quarrymen and Mrs. Caroline M. Patten, Bangor, Work Among Soldiers and Sailors.

Nominated and elected the following delegates to the National Convention at Seattle, Oct. 20-25: Mrs. Mary McDowell, Portland; Dr. Abbie M. Fulton, Ellsworth; Mrs. Ella M. Jackson, Paris; Mrs. Moses Burpee, Houlton; Mrs. Olive M. Tuttle, Winthrop Center; Miss A. M. Robinson, Bath; Miss Mary Powderly, Stroudwater; Mrs. A. L. Vining, St. Albans; Miss Alice McDowell, Portland.

*Voted:* To leave election of alternates to the general officers.

Nominated and elected as delegates to the World's Convention at Edinburg, Scotland: Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Dr. Abbie M. Fulton, Ellsworth; Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland; Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Portland; Miss Jennie Anthoine, Portland.

*Voted:* To authorize general officers to fill vacancies in delegation.

*Voted:* That a certificate of membership be prepared for the life members of Maine W. C. T. U., bearing a steel engraving of Miss Willard and Mrs Stevens. Committee on same to be Miss Dow, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Johnston, Miss Gordon.

Moved by Mrs. Goss that we have some humane literature for the table next year. Carried.

Ordered, that Mrs. Stickney be an accredited representative from this convention to the Maine State S. S. Association at Portland in October.

Greetings were voted to be sent to the Missouri, West Virginia and Kansas W. C. T. U. state conventions assembled.

Mr. Perrigo was introduced and spoke briefly.

Kennebec county sung their Rallying song, written by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt.

Mrs. Beedy, chairman of the "Homestead Week" committee read her report which was adopted.

Mrs. Beedy spoke for the Dorothea Dix Memorial Association.

Mrs. Cram, representing Biddeford, invited the convention for next year.

In the Symposium, a number of local presidents answered the question: "What next in my Union?" "Gain new members, secure law enforcement, subscribers for State and National papers," were some of the points made.

Mrs. Allen requested all Unions to insure their pastors having the Union Signal.

Many Unions reported subscribing for the Signal for pastors.

Anna Gordon now appeared with baskets filled with little white ribbon badges. One was given to each pledged delegate for the new member whom she shall secure.

Mrs. Crockett, chairman of committee on resolutions, read the report.

*Voted:* To consider the resolutions seriatim and adopt them as a whole.

After amendments, additions and discussion, the resolutions and preamble were adopted as follows:

We, the members of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union assembled in this our 25th annual convention, desire to acknowledge Divine guidance in the past, and in the name of our God to lift up our banners, relying upon Him for help in the future.

Resolved, That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, standing as a unit, strong in the power of Almighty God—steadfastly setting its face against this liquor

system—in defense of the sacred interests of home, will work henceforth, and as never before, for the enforcement of our prohibitory law.

Resolved, That we recognize as the only standard of Purity "A white life for two," and that we will use our influence to prevent the nomination and election to office of immoral men, and to bring to justice the violators of the laws for the protection of women and girls.

Resolved, That we, believing in



equal rights and privileges before the law, pledge ourselves to ask for full ballot for women from our next Legislature. That we emphatically declare against taxation without representation.

Resolved, That, as the causes which led to our most regrettable war furnish to the world an impressive object lesson on the great need of humane teaching, and as the example set by this nation may widely influence humanity, we will seek in all ways to promulgate the law of kindness, and that we will continue to work for peace, because it builds up, while war destroys, and because Christ taught that we should love one another.

Whereas we realize that the education of the rising generation in temperance principles is the great hope for the future,

Resolved, That we call for increased effort on the part of all our Unions for the strict enforcement of the law requiring scientific temperance instruction in the public schools, for more systematic temperance teaching in the Sunday school, for the organization of the Loyal Temperance Legion throughout the state, and for training young temperance speakers through medal contests.

Resolved, That the injurious effects of the use of tobacco upon the young, in cigarettes or any other form, cannot be combated successfully except by example, as well as precept; therefore we urge that no certificate shall be granted to teachers who use tobacco in any form, and that members of churches shall discountenance the use of tobacco by their Sunday school superintendents and all other church officials.

Resolved, That we regard it as a blot upon the good name of our state that criminal or dependent women and girls are still placed in charge of male officials, and that we will continue to strive for a reformatory prison for women, and for the appointment of a matron in

our state prison and police matrons in our cities.

Resolved, That we urge local Unions to work for the enactment and enforcement of "Curfew Laws" in their respective communities, as a safeguard to the boys and girls of our state.

Resolved, That we protest against Attorney Gen. Griggs' interpretation of the Anti-Canteen Amendment to the Army Bill passed by the last United States Congress, and we are looking to the Commander-in-chief of the Army, President William McKinley, to right this great wrong.

Resolved, That we urge upon the Governor of the State of Maine the importance of appointing to the judgeship only such men as by their exemplary lives and avowal of principles, justify the belief that they will impartially and fully execute the laws on the statute books of Maine.

Resolved, That it is the earnest conviction of this convention that all holding official positions in local, county or state Unions, should qualify themselves for such positions by subscribing for and reading our national and state papers, The Union Signal and Star in the East.

Resolved, That we do hereby recommend the Young Crusader, the national organ of the Loyal Temperance Legion, and the Maine Loyal Legioner, a child's temperance monthly published at East Winthrop, as papers likely to prove very helpful in Loyal Temperance Legion work, and urge our white ribboners to extend their circulation to the best of their ability.

Resolved, That we appreciate the honor which has been conferred by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in choosing as its leader our beloved State President, and in view of the great duties and responsibilities which have thereby come upon her, we pledge anew our continued love and loyalty, and our assistance in light-

ening in every possible way the burden of her state work.

Resolved, That we extend sincere thanks to the editors of our state through whose courtesy 1800 columns of temperance and kindred matter, furnished by our press department, have appeared in Maine newspapers during the past year.

Resolved, That the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is in hearty sympathy with every movement for the uplifting of humanity, and we commend to the kindly co-operation of the white ribbon women of Maine, the rescue work of the Temporary Home for women and children, the Good Will Farm, and all other philanthropic societies in our state. We also extend a kindly greeting to the Dorothea Dix Memorial Association and give to it our deepest interest.

In view of the fact that "Old Home Week" has been such an enjoyable success in New Hampshire,

Resolved, That we, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Maine, most respectfully request that our Chief Executive inaugurate a similar measure, which shall bring back to the Pine Tree State, for a happy reunion, annually, Maine's worthy sons and daughters—scattered throughout the nation and world.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to railroad and steamboat officials for reduced rates, to the Portland Union and others who have so kindly received us into their homes and provided for our comfort, to the church officials and local press, to the Second Parish choir, the boys from Wentworth cottage and all others who have brightened the hours of the convention by their sweet singing, to the pages who have been so tireless in serving us, and to all who have helped to make this convention a success.

While the resolution concerning "peace" was being read a white dove flew into the church through an open window, and perched upon the gallery where it remained until Miss Gordon took it in her arms and liberated it out of doors. Mrs. Stevens in her bright manner said that this was a happy omen for the closing hours of the convention.

Presidents of new Unions introduced: Mrs. Bicknell of Norway, Mrs. Chapman of Wayne, Mrs. Grant of East Steuben.

Rev. Mr. Southworth, pastor of Seamen's Bethel, Portland, introduced.

On motion of Miss Shirley all unfinished business was referred to the executive committee.

Moved and seconded that the remaining superintendents' reports be accepted. Carried.

Miss Ginn, state auditor, reported the treasurer's account as correct.

Report of treasurer was then accepted.

With the Aaronic benediction led by Miss Anna Gordon the convention adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 28, 7.30 P. M.

The National president, Mrs. Stevens, presided.

Singing by the St. Lawrence Street church choir.

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans.

The keynote of the evening's meeting was a solo by Miss Sarah Munroe Hall, "Victory it will come, surely come; we march, we march to victory."

Rev. Anna H. Shaw made a very forceful and brilliant address. She dwelt upon the necessity of arousing public sentiment and thought that total abstinence for the individual and prohibition on the part of the state were necessary. She admitted that "She who rocks the cradle rules the world," but thought that woman's influence should extend beyond a mere world in a cradle, and emphasized Miss Frances Willard's thought that we need more women on the streets and more men at the homes, emphasizing the dual work which she believed was divinely given to man and woman.

Miss Anna Gordon made an earnest plea for every woman to put on the white ribbon.

Singing by the choir.

Collection.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding moved the adjournment of the convention, which motion prevailed.

President Lillian M. N. Stevens declared the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union adjourned.

"God be with You till We Meet Again" was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Anna H. Shaw.

CLARA M. FARWELL.

*Recording Secretary.*

Sept. 29, 10 A. M.

General officers' meeting, all officers present.

Miss Brainerd led in prayer.

*Voted:* That the treasurer issue a circular letter to the Unions expressing the wishes of the general officers regarding State Free Will Offerings, the National Memorial Organizing Fund and some points that were discussed with the desire to aid the counties in their conventions.

The general officers rose.

## President's Address.

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Great and unusual pleasure is mine this year in that I am permitted to welcome you, my comrades in a great cause, to my home city. Much that is of interest to all true temperance people centres here. On this very street was born and here lived for ninety-four years the world's Prohibition Hero, Neal Dow. In this church two years ago gathered a great company of people from all walks of life to do honor to his memory. Gratitude, gladness and sadness were mingled as the lessons of his long, useful life were here portrayed. He who was so much alive is not dead to us, his soul is marching on in company with souls of other great reformers who have "fought a good fight" and have passed on to the Heavenly Land.

In this city twenty-five years ago our peerless leader, Frances E. Willard, for the first time publicly expressed her views on woman's ballot from the Home Protection standpoint. She had never felt the curse of strong drink as so many women have, but when the Crusade movement came she at once was interested and while a few women were gathered together at Chautauqua, N. Y., to talk of crystallizing the Crusade movement into organization she came to Boston to see Dio Lewis and to Maine to see Neal Dow, to learn more of what had actuated them to work in temperance lines. It was in a Portland hotel while wondering where she was likely to be led and how she could care for her mother in the new ways opening out before her, that she opened her Bible and her eyes fell on the words: "Trust in the Lord and do good. So shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed."

Writing of this afterward she says, "That was a turning point in life with me. Great spiritual illumination unequalled in all my history before had been vouchsafed to me in the last days at Evanston, but here came clinging faith for what was to me a

most difficult emergency." It is well known that shortly after this Miss Willard declined flattering offers which came to her from the educational field, choosing to cast her lot in with the temperance reformers. Miss Willard would have been a power for good in any walk of life, but the world owes her a debt of gratitude that under the influence of the Divine Spirit she chose as she did, and became the greatest reformer of the century. Appreciation of her will increase as humanity advances, for she belonged far more to the new century upon which we are soon to enter than to the one in which humanly speaking, she lived and wrought.

This is our Twenty-fifth Annual State Convention; I thank you to-day as I often have in my heart for your confidence and love; during the years of our close comradeship yet more do I thank you for your patient, faithful toil in the midst of the ever deepening problems of the temperance cause.

During the last twenty-five years womanhood has moved to a higher place and to a fuller recognition. It has come about largely because woman has worked during these years in many new and heretofore untried ways. Her heart has commanded her to plead, not alone in the home, but in the broader circle, for those things which make for purity and peace and righteousness. There is not a Legislature in our land which has not considered petitions on behalf of the home, presented by the W. C. T. U. Comparatively speaking, there are but few pulpits in our land from which a woman's voice has not gone out in a plea for some of our basic principles or in advocacy of some lines of our departmental work. The work of our hands is receiving such recognition as our fore-mothers never dreamed would come to the faithful daughters in this day and generation.

The greatest factor in bringing this about is the world-wide organization—the largest woman's organization in the world—of which the Maine W. C. T. U. is an important part. We have not in our existence as a society accomplished all that we at times enthusiastically hoped, but we have reason to be encour-

aged and to press on. As a State Society we are organized in every section of Maine. This in itself stands for a great deal in these days of much organization. No other society, so far as I am able to learn, is so thoroughly established in so many towns as is the W. C. T. U. We have been instrumental in securing enactments of several reform laws, especially those for the protection of girls. When our attention was first called to this subject fifteen years ago, in no state in the Union was the age of protection above ten years, and in some it was as low as seven. In all of the states it has been raised; in most of the states to sixteen years, and in those states where women have the ballot to eighteen years.

In common with every state in the Union save three, we have the law requiring temperance education in the public schools. Last winter this law was greatly strengthened by the passage of a bill for the withholding of state aid from those towns where the requirements of the law bearing upon the proper examination of teachers and the instruction of pupils were violated. The chairman of the Legislative Educational Committee emphatically said that it would devolve largely upon the local Unions of Maine to see that this law was made effective. Let us not be guilty of neglect in this respect.

Recently considerable interest has been aroused by the announcement concerning the food value of alcohol as shown by physiological research conducted by Prof. Atwater of the Wesleyan University, Hartford, Conn. It should be carefully noted that Prof. Atwater's experiment dealt only with the relation of alcohol to nutrition and did not touch at all its relation to the brain and nervous system. He claims to have proven that a small amount of alcohol—at most two and a half fluid ounces in twenty-four hours—taken in connection with other food acts as food in producing heat and energy. Unfortunately when alcohol is taken it is not under the same circumstances as those attending Dr. Atwater's patient who was shut up while taking it for days in a small air tight metal chamber. Prof.

Atwater does not give a definition of food. Very likely if he did it would not correspond with what is generally understood by it, for he says, "Whether alcohol is to be called a food or not depends upon the definition of a food." We wish he had given his definition. Dr. Crothers, secretary of the American Medical Association says that Prof. Folie asserts that, "One dram of pure alcohol will so depress the activities of the body as to be recognized and measured by instruments," and he adds, that scientific work in this line is far more accurate than that of physiological chemical experiments. Let us bear in mind that thus far the weight of expert testimony does not coincide with the result Prof. Atwater claims for his experiment.

Dr. N. S. Davis the well known medical authority writes that Prof. Atwater's statements "Do not touch the action of alcohol on the properties of cell protoplasm or the functions of nerve matter, and they contribute nothing toward explaining the manifest connection of alcohol with the prevalence of poverty, vice, crime and both physical and mental disorders throughout christendom."

It is but fair to Prof. Atwater to state that upon being questioned he said a great deal to discourage the idea that moderate drinking is harmless; we need have no fear that our Cause is to be set back by his investigation and declarations. He has proved nothing that can reasonably influence any believer in or worker for the promotion of total abstinence. We prefer to accept the expert and majority testimony of those specialists who declare that alcohol is not a food. However, in order to show how valueless Prof. Atwater's discovery is even from the standpoint of those who differ from us on this point, we will quote from the eminent New York physician, Dr. Cyrus Edison: "Medical science has repeatedly shown that the human system cannot absorb more than one ounce of alcohol in twenty-four hours. Prof. Atwater by his experiments has simply shown that the system is not effected by two ounces in a day, that is, he has shown that there are no harmful results, that at the end of that



period there are no traces of the alcohol found in the secretion of the pores, lungs, or bowels. This I judge to be simply negative results. The subject of his experiment was not harmed by taking two ounces of alcohol during one or two or possibly six days, but who shall say that the same man would not be harmed in six weeks, two months, or a year? Grant the consumption of this stated amount of liquor does not injure physically a certain man, there is nothing to show that the subject, to say nothing of others, will not increase the amount until it has an intoxicating effect. My opinion, and this opinion is based on the observation of persons who use liquors, is that alcohol will do harm *in time* no matter how it is taken. You will find, out of the number of persons who start in to follow the theory that two ounces of alcohol or its equivalent in liquor, taken daily furnishes food for the body, many will get the liquor appetite and become addicted to its use. Alcohol is certainly a food when taken in limited quantities, but there are many other foods that are just as good and are at the same time less dangerous. We use alcohol in medicine. I use it, but I say most emphatically that if every drop was wiped off the face of the earth the people of the world would be a thousand times better off."

Let us, dear comrades, go on aiming to secure for the children through the provision of the Scientific Temperance Instruction Law that which will forearm and fortify them against alcohol—humanity's greatest foe.

Recently I heard Dr. Emerson, President of the Emerson College of Oratory, Boston, give a remarkable address on the brain. Foremost among its enemies he placed alcohol, and as he talked, holding the while in his hands a model of the human brain, he showed remarkable familiarity with his subject; he portrayed the effect of alcohol as a brain poison in such a manner that those who heard him, did they really desire to have a clear brain might well be deterred from ever touching it in any form. The Doctor went on to say that if it were possible for anything to be more harmful to the brain than alcohol he should

name it tobacco. It was gratifying to hear this man who is not classed among the temperance fanatics make stronger statements against tobacco and the cigarette than we are teaching through our department of anti-narcotics. All too slowly the fact is being recognized that the intellect of the boys is being weakened by the cigarette and the brain power of even some of our great men is not what it would be but for the baleful effect of nicotine, and that "heart failure" which comes suddenly to so many over-worked business and professional men should often read "tobacco heart."

The law in Maine aims to protect all under twenty-one from the use of the cigarette, and it is part of our work to try to bring public sentiment up to the standard of the law if it is not already there. Referring to public sentiment and law methinks you are reminded of one of our temperance principles,—Prohibition for the State and Nation. I realize that I am speaking to women who like myself believe that the principle of prohibition is right, hence I need not undertake to prove this, but rather to consider the situation in Maine today in relation to the liquor traffic.

For nearly fifty years our state has had a Prohibitory Law. There are very few if any intelligent people who will undertake to say that this law has not accomplished great and lasting good. Even the opponents of the law are obliged to admit that it is good for the rural districts and is fairly well enforced, but the violation in the cities is quoted by them as proof that the law should be repealed and that there should be substituted for prohibition some form of license. It is significant that this idea does not receive much support. All attempts prove as futile as that made in this city a few months ago in a religious convention when a motion was made condemning prohibition and favoring some form of license resembling the dispensary system of South Carolina, rather than the present Maine law. This proposition was voted down by 54 to 9 and in its place was adopted a strong declaration in favor of prohibition and its vigorous enforcement.

Last winter a petition bearing less than fifty names was presented to the Maine legislature asking for Resubmission of the Prohibitory Amendment. A legislative hearing was appointed, the friends of prohibition appeared in goodly numbers, but no man, and of course no woman, appeared to speak for resubmission. It was interesting to note that the same class of people who decry the law because it does not perfectly prohibit had very little to say about this transaction at the State House last winter. Those interested in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors are the chief opponents of prohibition. The defiant opposition and hatred of brewers and distillers should be proof to reasoning minds that prohibition lessens the consumption of liquor. The excessive drinker and the moderate drinker as a rule are not advocates of prohibition, although there are some remarkable exceptions. I have never found in Maine a strict total abstainer who did not believe that the principle of prohibition is right. Doubtless there are more total abstainers in Maine today than at any previous time, and the majority of the people would be glad to have the Prohibitory Law enforced. Why then is there flagrant violation in some of the Maine cities? Political and selfish interests are sometimes combined to help the forces of evil in this conflict—they are more active in some communities than are the forces of good. The good people do not work so vigorously to uphold the right as the wicked do to promote evil. The classes whose influence is constantly against law and order are, the liquor sellers, the unfaithful officers, the hypocrite and the indifferent; those who are so engrossed in caring for self they have no time or inclination to be in any degree their "brother's keeper." Complex as the problem is we are far from being discouraged. Our faith is strong in the ultimate triumph of our cause. Prohibition is the settled policy of Maine. We know that the conditions in the state are vastly better than would be possible under any system of license. Under prohibition our state has grown to be among the most prosperous in the Union, while previously it was one of the

poorest. For the past thirty years the amount of deposits in the savings banks have increased at the rate of two million a year, and there is one depositor out of about every three men, women and children in the state. I believe these deposits represent much money which but for prohibition would go into the till of the liquor seller instead of the savings banks.

The opponents of prohibition sometimes quote statistics to prove there is more crime in prohibition than in license states. I realize the liability of unfairness in statistical proof, yet I am tempted to make a statement which will in some degree offset declarations made against prohibition.

November 30, 1898, there were behind prison bars in Maine 841 people; the same date in Massachusetts there were 7,451; licensed Massachusetts, 33 prisoners for every 10,000 population; prohibition Maine, 13 prisoners to every 10,000 population; and we should here take into consideration the fact when counting the prisoners in Maine at the close of the year that we count over and over those who if they lived in Massachusetts would have been hanged instead of imprisoned for life. Let us renewedly thank God that in our state we do not license the sale of that which makes murderers and then hang the murderers. I rejoice always that we long ago abolished capital punishment.

We have admitted that the law is violated in some sections of Maine, but claim that it is enforced in the majority of the towns. Very few undertake to sell liquor in Maine without paying the United States revenue tax. There are now fully three hundred incorporated cities, towns and villages where there is no payment of this tax. Moreover it is easily provable that prohibition is better enforced in Maine than are the restrictive features of license laws in licensed states.

While Miss Gordon and I were on the Pacific Coast we studied carefully this phase of the question. The usual restrictions in license laws are sales on Sunday, sales to drunkards, sales to minors—yet we found the saloon wide open on Sunday and the ministers and good people talking about the violation of law in

precisely the same spirit that we talk of it here. There under license we heard discussed the impossibility of preventing sale to drunkards, for who could define a drunkard so to suit all concerned at all times? We found the mothers mourning over the ruin of the boys in their teens through the temptation of the licensed saloon. Oh! the fallacy and wickedness of licensing that which is wrong!

One form of license which is receiving the approval of some really well intentioned people is the dispensary system such as is now in operation in South Carolina. A few years ago the same people—and some of them may be honestly searching for something better than Prohibition—advocated the Norwegian plan but that seems to have now given place in their minds to the dispensary system. Under this system the liquor business is carried on by the state, through what is called a **State Board of Control**. Counties that do not want a dispensary have the privilege of voting it out. Some idea of its value as a temperance measure may be gathered from the fact that there were five dry counties under the old local option law where now there are but two under the dispensary law. The tendency of the dispensary keepers is to push the sale of the goods the same as any other legitimate business might be pushed, for it is by this law made legitimate, and is dignified by being carried on by the state. The man who sells the liquor has the right to claim that he is a law abiding citizen, while the liquor seller in the prohibition states is a criminal under the law of the state, and is so regarded by most people. Statistics go to show that under the dispensary law in South Carolina the sale of distilled liquors has almost doubled, while there has been a slight decrease in the sale of fermented liquors. Moreover there is difficulty in enforcing the dispensary law and there are large numbers who sell liquors without any dispensary license. Let me repeat: the prohibitive features of all license laws whether under the name of Norwegian, dispensary, high license, or mulct law, are harder to enforce than are the provisions of a

clear cut prohibitory law. Let us continue to believe and to proclaim that prohibition is right, that it has blessed our state, and that we will use our utmost endeavors to secure its strict and impartial enforcement.

To be sure ballotless women have not so great an influence in this direction as enfranchised men, but events have proven that we are not ciphers in legal and governmental matters. So with whatever force for good we have let us aim to be equipped with all that will aid in the hastening of the time when our daily prayers may be fulfilled.

I am glad that we have decided to ask the first Maine Legislature of the new century for the full ballot for women. We have a reasonable right to think that if the proper influences are brought to bear the question may be submitted to the people, for it would require a constitutional amendment to give women in Maine the full ballot. Once submitted there would come great agitation, full discussion and wide education upon the subject. All of this we invite for we are sure that the statement made in a report of the Judiciary Committee of the Forty-eighth Congress of which Thomas B. Reed was chairman, bearing upon woman's suffrage is sound logic:

"We conclude then, every reason which in this country bestows the ballot upon man is equally applicable to the proposition to bestow the ballot upon woman, that in our judgment there is no foundation for the fear that woman will thereby become unfitted for all the duties she has hitherto performed."

Sooner or later woman will cease to be counted in among the irresponsible, defective and criminal classes (Indians, idiots, criminals, insane) and will be given her rightful privileges. There is no force in the argument that women themselves do not want the ballot. Admitted that all women do not, it is unfair to withhold it from the many who do. Those who do not care to use it could do the same as some men now do—stay away from the polls. Let us work earnestly as a Society to secure that which will be a strong weapon in helping

"The Cause that lacks assistance  
Against the wrong that needs resistance."

This has been a most eventful year. The shadow of war still rests upon us, but we are comforted by the proceedings and the spirit of the Peace Conference at The Hague, and while we can but deeply deplore that the story of war will blot the last page of this century's history, we should gratefully remember that this has been the most peaceful of all centuries, and the prophecy is already made that the twentieth century will be markedly one of peace and good will and that "Christ's better law-fellowship for all the world," is hastening on.

As is well known, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is established in nearly fifty nations of the world. We are well organized in Hawaii and in due time we hope to have our banner set up in Cuba and the Philippines. I sincerely wish that Cuba and the Philippines were today regarded alike and treated alike by our Government. I am pleased to believe that they are right who declare that the Filipinos are as capable of self-government as the Cubans, and I wish they might be given the opportunity of trying to prove that this is true.

I thank you for the promptness with which you have responded to the request to send petitions for the rejection or expulsion of Brigham H. Roberts from the Fifty-sixth Congress. One of our basic principles is Purity, we therefore cannot too loudly protest against the action of Utah in electing as a United States Congressman one who is a confessed polygamist and an open champion of polygamy, thus breaking the solemn compact made with the Nation as to the condition of State-hood.

Our petitions in regard to the Army Canteen were also helpful. A few days ago I heard Gen. Grout of Vermont, who is on his ninth term as United States Congressman, declare that notwithstanding petitions were often sneered at, they were a wonderfully good stimulant, and he advised us never to be weary of this kind of work for it surely brought in good returns. There is no doubt that Congress voted to prohibit "the sale of intoxicat-

ing drinks in any encampment or fort or in any premises used for military purposes by the United States." This bill was approved March 2d, but on advice of Attorney General Griggs the law was nullified by the secretary of war. The people are loudly protesting against this defiance of their will. Reform and church societies are acting concertedly, an appeal to the President has been made, and the new secretary of war may not agree with the views of his predecessor. United States Senators Frye, Gallinger, Hansbrough, Harris, Pettigrew, Thurston, are among the many who are outspoken in the opinion that the language of the bill is not susceptible of any such construction as has been put upon it by the Attorney General. Truth for a time may be thus cruelly crushed, but it will rise again and at its rise will come the downfall of falsehood and injustice.

"No truth so low but God will give it crown  
No wrong so high but He will hurl it down."

The action of Secretary John D. Long in prohibiting the use of liquor in the United States Navy should be a source of great rejoicing to all true patriots as well as to the temperance people. We should be grateful that when the North Atlantic Squadron was in Portland harbor the nature of the reception and entertainment tendered by the city of Portland did not conflict with the spirit of the prohibitory law of Maine or of the United States Navy, inasmuch as no liquors were served or provided by order of the City Government.

The attitude on total abstinence taken by some of the large business corporations of our country is suggestive and encouraging. This is notably true of insurance and railroad companies. Many of the latter require total abstinence in their employees and not long ago the Southern Pacific railroad gave an order to stop the sale of all intoxicating drinks along the line of its road, in all the restaurants under its control, giving as the reason that it was difficult to keep employees from drink while they were tempted on every side, and though there had been



some revenue from the sale of liquor it was all too small compared with losses that came through negligence and accident as the result of liquor drinking. Strange that neighborhoods and states, and nations too, are so slow in learning such practical lessons.

What shall I say of the work of our many departments? Were it not that a large part of the convention is devoted to reports and discussions upon these I should speak of each and all of them in detail. I rejoice that the superintendents have done so much in Preventive, Educational, Evangelistic, Social and Legal lines.

During the year the "Y" Branch has had many encouragements; the membership has increased and the strength and efficiency of the young women have been very apparent. Efforts should be made to organize "Y" Branches in every town and when this cannot be done the young women should be urged to join the Mother Union. As "Y" members they are entitled to the same privileges as are the white ribboners, the same representation at State, National and World's Conventions, etc. We need their youthful enthusiasm, their ready and hearty co-operation in carrying on our work. Let us leave nothing undone on our part to win many more to join our ranks.

We are fortunate in having as an honored and beloved guest of the convention Miss Anna A. Gordon, vice president National W. C. T. U. and the L. T. L. superintendent of the World's W. C. T. U. We shall, I trust, hear from her often during the convention. Now as heretofore we must emphasize the importance of training aright the children. Many Unions pay too little attention to this department. During our tour in the West the children's meetings brought out large audiences and prominent ministers and educators told us that these meetings did more than all others in moulding aright public sentiment, not alone for the present, but for coming generations. I hope the report of our superintendent of Homes for Homeless Children will show that homes have been secured this year for many

needy little ones. Well nigh two hundred little waifs have during the last seven years through our Society been placed in good homes, mostly by adoption. Many of them were taken from the almshouses, others from even worse surroundings; the work has been quietly but steadily carried on. Considering the size and strength of our Society it is but little for us to provide homes for twenty-five children annually. Each local Union should be watchful, not alone for the homeless child but for the childless home, aiming to bring the two together. This work on behalf of the children (most of them in this condition because they have been robbed by the curse of strong drink) has been greatly blessed. Let us go on with it.

“He built a house, time laid it in the dust;  
 He wrote a book, its title now forgot;  
 He ruled a city, but its name is not  
 On any tablet graven, or where rust  
 Can gather from disuse, or marble bust;  
 He took a child from out a wretched cot,  
 Who on the State dishonor may have brought,  
 And reared him in the Christian's hope and trust.  
 The boy, to manhood grown became a light  
 To many souls, and preached for human need  
 The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.  
 The work has multiplied like stars at night  
 When darkness deepens; every noble deed  
 Lasts longer than a granite monument.”

Tomorrow in the memorial service we will speak the names of those who within the year have gone from the “twilight of earth to the eternal day of Heaven.” Tender and loving and appreciative words will be spoken, and as we realize that one by one we are gathering home, let us draw closer to each other and strive to live nearer to God.

I thank you again and again my dear comrades, for all the patience, faithfulness, hope and charity exemplified by you in your work for God and humanity. There is in the heart of the true white ribboner no thought of personal gain or personal ambition, no thought of self except self-sacrifice.

God gave us a great leader, a glorious example. While we

shall never see her like again we may all seek to reach those heights of goodness attained by her, for it was her goodness that made her great. Her life was shaped by the Golden Rule of Christ and her loyalty to Him was always manifest by word and deed. "The most inexorable force in all the universe is love." May such measure of love divine come to us as will help us to be patient and forgiving, seeking not our own but others highest welfare, aiming in all things to fulfil the law of Christ, for

"When all shall heed the words He said  
Amid their daily cares  
And by the loving life He led  
Shall seek to pattern theirs,  
Then He who conquered death shall win  
The noblest conquest over sin."

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I make the following recommendations bearing upon points which I have not emphasized in my annual address.

1. That we repeat at this convention the Law Enforcement resolution and that we follow it up with earnest action, noting carefully the helps and the hindrances.

2. I recommend that we study carefully the proposition of revising the law relating to Sheriffs and their Deputies so that the responsibility will rest upon the municipal officers alone and not upon two sets of officers, each often claiming that the other does not do his full duty.

3. In the interest of Purity, which is one of our basic principles, I recommend that we use our utmost influence to prevent the nomination or election or retention of immoral men to fill or hold positions of trust and honor.

4. I recommend the careful study of the Curfew Ordinance. The law has had excellent effect wherever adopted, as it already has been in many cities of our country including Bangor, Lewiston and Auburn. The W. C. T. U. of Canada has a department of Curfew Bell and Neglected Children.

5. I hope Maine will before long arrange to care for all dependent children without sending any to the almshouses. If they cannot be cared for by the charitable institutions or better still by adoption into families, the state would do well to provide boarding homes on the plan which successfully operates in some of the states.

6. Let us emphasize and try to bring into practice the great principle established by Elizabeth Fry eighty years ago, that none but women should be employed in the superintendence and care of women prisoners.

7. I wish we might do more toward banishing impure literature, indecent pictures, exhibitions and advertisements. Our laws relating to such are fairly good and we should avail ourselves of all the protection that the law provides and try to have the law strengthened.

8. Distribute temperance literature in all the various ways recommended by the literature superintendent. Each white ribboner should have handy for reference and study the Catalogue of the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association and the Annual Leaflet of the National W. C. T. U.

9. Strive to make the meetings of the local Union interesting. Aside from the business have papers or addresses upon our department work followed by discussion. Sometimes invite friends who are not members, and occasionally have a social hour or evening with refreshments, inviting the honorary members.

10. Aim to hold union gospel temperance meetings when our basic principles and departments of work shall be presented. As a rule the pastors cordially lead or co-operate in such meetings if requested to do so.

11. Have Medal Contests and hold membership contest meetings—in short do everything to carry out the Do Everything Policy.

12. Take the *Union Signal* and *Star in the East*. Subscribe for your pastor if he does not already have them.

13. Some Unions have established W. C. T. U. libraries beginning with a few of the best temperance books. I wish *all* Unions would try to do this as it would be a wise method of helping the teachers and reaching many homes.

14. I sincerely hope that efforts will be made in towns where it has not already been done, to place "The Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard" in the libraries. Also that a portrait of Miss Willard be placed in the school buildings. One of the most satisfactory pictures is what is known as the "Official Picture," a fine etching—a small reproduction of which appears in our convention program.

15. Observe *all* of the Red Letter Days. Each Union in Maine should promptly respond to the National Call for \$2.00 for the Municipal Organizing Fund and to any plans made by the State Convention to advance our cause.

16. Always wear the white ribbon. Let it be a perpetual reminder that we are opposed to the liquor traffic and working to hasten its overthrow and with it all of its attendant evils.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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In this the twenty-fifth annual report of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union there is very little that is new to present. In the address of our President you have listened to an exhaustive resume of the situation in the state, past, present and prospective, and from the vice presidents you will later learn of the details in the several counties, and from the efficient superintendents of our thirty and more departments you will learn something of efforts put forth and results reached.

The growth from the very small beginnings of twenty-five years ago has been steady in organization, membership and aggressive, effective work in departmental and other lines, until now we have 176 Unions. Should the treasurer's report show a slight falling off from last year, it indicates only a slight fluctuation which we expect to more than make up in the year upon which we are about to enter.

Twelve new Unions have been organized during the year and a very hopeful sign of this growth is that the young women are arousing to their responsibility in this work of protection to the homes and children of our state. Kennebec, Penobscot and York have each one new Union, Hancock, Oxford and Washington two each, while little Waldo has made a gain of two "Ys" and one "W." Of this county we predict great things for next year and are today wondering if she is to carry home the coveted prize banner.

Each county has held a convention during the months of May, June and July, some of our home forces, Miss Yates, Mrs. Seamans, Miss Littlefield, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt and Mrs. Mary Grace Canfield having been speakers at several, while Mrs. Conklin of New York attended others.

Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, one of our round the world missionaries, filled many engagements in the State during the early

spring. Your Corresponding Secretary visited the conventions of Kennebec, Oxford and York counties.

Owing to the fact that corresponding secretaries' reports have come in from but a portion of the Unions it is impossible to give certain facts and figures satisfactorily, but we are safe in saying that a large proportion of the 176 Unions have responded to the call for \$2 to the National Organizing Fund and the home call for a thanksgiving offering. The treasurer's report will show the figures in this matter.

One fact was very clearly defined in each report, namely, that the women of Maine have not lost faith in the cause they have espoused because of discouragements and hindrances, but are strong in their convictions of right and determined in their attitude against the gigantic evil so long combated.

In closing there is one thing your corresponding secretary desires to urge upon the local and county corresponding secretaries, and this is more corresponding. If you will look up in your dictionaries the definition of the word corresponding, you will find that it should not be *all* or even *mostly* on one side.

CORNELIA M. DOW.

## Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Bal. on hand from last year,	\$181 15	Expenses of last Convention,	\$139 45
Receipts from last convention,	82 74	Sent Nat'l Dues,	441 28
"    "    State dues, in-		Expense of State Report,	75 45
cluding one dollar from		Bill for stationery, postage, etc.,	30 18
members-at-large,	1,316 45	Expended in State Organization,	91 86
Receipts from L. T. Legions,	7 40	Contributed to Willard Memor-	
Sale of State Reports,	6 01	ial Fund,	76 00
"    Leaflets,	55	Expense of Prison Day,	5 00
Gifts from local unions for ex-		Paid Interest on Headquarters,	150 00
tension of State work,	158 49	"    toward Headquarters re-	
Gift from Miss Anna A. Gordon,	50 00	pairs,	100 00
"    "    other friends	50 00	Paid Supts. appropriations,	188 08
(Collected by Mrs. Olive Hanson)		"    Mrs. Stevens, postage	
Gift from Mrs. H. J. Bailey to		bill, etc.,	200 00
Dept. of Scientific Tem-		Paid Mrs. Stevens, appropriation,	200 00
perance Instruction,	50 00	"    Cor. Sec's bill	12 67
Gift from Mrs. L. M. Howard,	100 00	"    Rec. Sec's bill,	21 09
"    "    "    L. M. N. Stevens,	45 00	"    Treasurer's bill,	30 00
"    "    C. H. Farnham		"    toward this year's Con. Ex.	3 60
(through Miss Dow)	2 25	Purchased 500 Stevens and Gor-	
Gift from Mrs. Emily Stevens,	1 00	don Souvenirs,	25 00
Life membership fee from			
Miss Dow,	10 00		
Receipts for Nat. Memorial		Bal. in Treasury,	
Organizing Fund,	76 00		
Total	\$2,137 04		\$2,137 04

## HEADQUARTER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
From State Treasurer for un-		Running expense of Head-	
paid bills of previous year,	\$100 00	quarters,	\$545 07
Rents,	839 99	Extraordinary repairs,	561 35
Donations for extraordinary		Deficit on Star account,	16 55
repairs,	165 00		
Other sources,	20 00		
		Cash,	
	\$1,124 99		\$1,122 97
			2 02
			\$1,124 99



## GIFTS BY COUNTIES.

Androscoggin,	\$ 7 96	Oxford,	5 00
Aroostook,	11 25	Penobscot,	13 17
Cumberland,	55 02	Sagadahoc,	21 64
Franklin,	2 00	Somerset,	1 00
Hancock,	4 25	Waldo,	12 00
Kennebec,	9 60	York,	8 60
Knox,	5 00		
Lincoln,	2 00		
			<hr/>
			\$158 49

## DUES BY COUNTIES.

		GAIN	LOSS
Androscoggin,	\$79 50		\$10 65
Aroostook,	130 70		7 70
Cumberland,	216 30		26 10
Franklin,	57 60	9 30	
Hancock,	57 10	13 90	
Kennebec,	143 70	15 85	
Knox,	86 90		8 80
Lincoln,	38 40		11 40
Oxford,	47 40	17 50	
Penobscot,	123 30	10 65	
Piscataquis,	44 20	60	
Sagadahoc,	31 30		3 20
Somerset,	71 25	9 15	
Waldo,	57 90	22 90	
Washington,	53 70		5 40
York,	76 20	15	
Members-at-large,	1 00		
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	\$1,316 45	\$100 00	\$73 25

Gain in excess of loss, \$26.75.

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the Treasurer's accounts with their vouchers and find them correct.

ALMIRA F. GINN, *Auditor.*

## State Organizer.

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Summary of work during the year by the state organizer and lecturer, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary: 122 afternoon and evening addresses; 13 talks to school children; 18 gospel services conducted; organized four Unions; re-organized two Unions and one Y. W. C. T. U.; added 24 honorary and 211 active members to the organization.

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## Young Woman's Branch.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Lubelle B. Patrick, Groverville.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Miss Alice Pearle Robbins, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Miss Etta M. Walker, South Windham; Franklin, Miss Annie B. Case, Farmington; Kennebec, Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. Luella M. Littlefield, Vinalhaven; Oxford, Mrs. Emily Emmons, West Paris; Penobscot, Miss Florence Beale, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. S. E. Dell, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Miss Lottie M. Cobb, Bowdoinham; Somerset, Miss Ena Tucker, Pittsfield; Waldo, Miss Effie M. Littlefield, Winterport; Washington, Miss Cora Smith, Jonesport; York, Miss Ella Wilson Ricker, South Berwick.

Successful Methods of Work: The Branch has been especially successful in financial endeavors, having made good the pledge of \$50 for the Clara Parrish Fund, the largest sum raised for her last year by any one state. The young women are becoming more deeply interested in white ribbon work, and more efficient workers, having grown not in numbers but in real worth. A closer union among the workers has produced excellent results. An unusual number of young women were

present at the '99 convention, nearly every "Y" being represented, while the young women's conferences were overflowing with enthusiasm, and ambition to undertake great things for the coming year.

Further Suggestions: That our efforts for gaining the co-operation of the colleges and to establish in these colleges and higher schools the Somerset Y. W. C. T. U., be redoubled. That every white ribboner make a special effort to enlist the young women, thus helping to increase their membership to the mark set—five hundred.

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## Loyal Temperance Legion.

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Superintendent, Miss Annie C. Bagley, Norway.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mary E. Mitchell, Chases' Mills; Aroostook, Myrtle Ames, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. Etta Warren, Bolster's Mills; Hancock, Ella Warren, Stonington; Kennebec, F. B. Mitchell, Randolph; Knox, M. H. Adams, Spruce Head; Oxford, Florence Whitcombe, Norway; Penobscot, H. A. Abbott, Orono; Piscataquis, Mary E. Hathern, Atkinson; Washington, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, Cherryfield.

Successful Methods of Work: Study of manuals, the infant grade, chalk talks, reading for seals, "We Lend a Hand," part of the work; much singing and the training of the children in W. C. T. U. methods as far as possible.

Further Suggestions: I would suggest that superintendents follow the National as far as possible, that we may have many graduates the coming years and in time organize a State L. T. L. Would also ask that they write often to their state superintendent and keep her informed in regard to work done by their L. T. L's.

## Hygiene and Heredity and Physical Culture.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, Harrison.

County Superintendents: Cumberland, Mrs. Emma L. Blake, Yarmouthville; Hancock, Mrs. A. F. Greely, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Helen Ladd, Hartford Square, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. Marion Norton, Warren; Oxford, Mrs. Hiram Gatchell, East Brownfield; Piscataquis, Miss Anabelle E. Hobbs, Milo; Somerset, Mrs. May Felker, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. A. E. Clark, Belfast; Washington, Miss Cora M. Wright, Pembroke.

Successful Methods of Work: Classes for study, distribution of literature, mothers' meetings, physical culture classes, work for good sanitary condition in schools.

Further Suggestions: More consecration to the betterment of body, mind and soul, so mysteriously united.

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## Scientific Temperance Instruction.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, Augusta.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. H. M. Wilder, Chases' Mills; Aroostook, to be supplied; Cumberland, to be supplied; Franklin, Mrs. G. C. Purington, Farmington; Hancock, Miss Mary A. Carroll, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Kate C. Pishon, Augusta; Knox, Miss C. M. Farwell, Rockland; Lincoln, Mrs. J. E. Nichols, Round Pond; Oxford, Mrs. O. M. Mason, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. Fannie B. Damon, Dexter; Piscataquis, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Miss Ann M. Robinson, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. M. L. Boynton, East St. Albans; Waldo, Mrs. Etta Savery, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. M. L. Plummer, Addison; York, Mrs. E. A. Clarke, Kennebec.

Successful Methods of Work: There are two reasons for great encouragement as regards this work: First, the prompt-

ness with which our Unions are placing the Scientific Temperance Instruction law in the hands of our teachers and school superintendents; second, the awakening interest on the part of our teachers as shown in the placing of this subject on the program of county teachers' institutes.

**Further Suggestions:** Local superintendents of this department should be secured in every Union and their addresses sent to the state superintendent; personal visitation of schools should be a marked feature of their work; every county superintendent should be in communication with the local superintendent; the School Physiology Journal should be in the hands of our teachers—there are in Maine only 102 subscribers. The county worker's letter with directions for work is invaluable to county and local superintendents, and the schedule of courses of study to school superintendents. These and other helps can be obtained of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, 23 Trull St., Boston. Copies of our Scientific Temperance Instruction law and the leaflet of recommendations for teachers will be sent by the state superintendent of this department on application.

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## Sunday School Work.

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Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney.

County Superintendents: Androscogging, Mrs. S. J. Jewett, Mechanic Falls; Aroostook, Mrs. L. R. Sprague, Sprague's Mills; Cumberland, Mrs. Violet E. Wheatley, Peaks Island; Franklin, Mrs. Josephine Jenkins, Kingfield; Hancock, Mrs. A. M. Lawton, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Miss Hattie L. Hoxie, South China; Knox, Mrs. E. W. Cobb, Union; Lincoln, Mrs. A. J. Lockhart, Pemaquid; Oxford, Mrs. C. S. Littlehale, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. Josephine L. Craft, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. W. E. Curtis, Brownville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Helen M. Delano, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. J. L. Machlin, Anson; Waldo,

Mrs. O. G. Huzzy, Waldo Station; Washington, Mrs. Emma Campbell, Pembroke; York, Mrs. M. A. Moulton, Buxton.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Especial care to make the temperance lesson of the quarter interesting and instructive, careful preparation on the part of the teacher, the wide circulation of temperance papers, and the placing of temperance books in the libraries. Let there be a great increase this year. Let the fourth Sunday in November be made temperance Sunday indeed.

**Further Suggestions:** I repeat from last year, secure representation in Sunday School conventions and interview Sunday School workers finding out the most successful methods. Have temperance rallies, uniting all the Sunday Schools of the place. Have temperance concerts, short addresses before the school, use the pledge. Seek out the children from homes where the blight of intemperance has entered. In a word let us serve in ways old and new.

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## Temperance Literature.

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Superintendent, Mary E. Bishop, 684 Congress St., Portland  
 County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. R. M. Pulsifer, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Chas. Dunn, Houlton; Cumberland, Eliza Jordan, Upper Gloucester; Hancock, Annie Westcott, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Jennie Hodgkins, Gardiner; Knox, Mrs. Sarah Brastow, Rockport; Piscataquis, Marcia Blethen, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Bath; Waldo, Mrs. Clara Cottrell, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. M. Vose, Calais.

**Successful Methods of Work:** A large amount of literature has been circulated in the lumber camps and among the sailors the past year. Boxes in railroad stations, post offices and other public places have been kept filled, and merchants in small towns have been supplied with leaflets to place in bundles, etc., etc.

## Influencing the Press and Union Signal Reporter

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Superintendent, Mary L. French, Auburn.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Kate Wilder, Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Mrs. Jennie S. Dunn, Houlton; Cumberland, to be supplied; Franklin, Mrs. Harriet F. Keyes, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Vinnie S. Warren, So. Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. Jennie A. Packard, East Winthrop; Knox, Miss Cora J. Loring, Rockland; Lincoln, Miss Jennie S. Hayward, Boothbay Harbor; Oxford, Mrs. Annie Swett, South Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. Percia V. White, Orono; Piscataquis, Mrs. Sarah A. Martin, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. John Jackson, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Rebecca Lawrence, Shawmut; Waldo, Miss Emily F. Miller, N. Searsmont; Washington, Mrs. E. C. Drisko, Machias; York, Miss Anna Kimball, Kennebunk.

Results: About 1,800 columns bearing on temperance, purity, suffrage, arbitration and the different departments of the Union's work, contributed by eighty-nine press superintendents have appeared in about eighty Maine papers during the year. In a few instances objectionable advertisements have been removed.

Further Suggestions: Give more attention to religious and agricultural papers. Keep the work more prominent than the workers. Appoint in each Union the member best qualified for press work and then do not take it out of her hands. Avoid frequent change in superintendents in county or local Union. Let local superintendent furnish news to those conducting columns in adjacent towns. When regular space cannot be obtained, contribute occasional articles, and especially newsy paragraphs, which all papers want. Hold a special meeting in the interest of this department March 1st, (the birthday of Mrs. Stevens, who was the first national press superintendent) in accordance with the plan presented in the *Union Signal* last winter by the national superintendent.

## School Savings Banks.

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Superintendent, Elizabeth Upham Yates, Round Pond.

No county superintendents.

Successful Methods of Work: Done by state superintendent, no county superintendents being secured. Now the work is better known, hope to secure some. Got a resolution in favor of the movement adopted by the State Federation of Clubs and hope with their assistance to push it in our cities.

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## Proportionate and Systematic Giving.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Hattie Mayo Dunn, Houlton.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Mrs. R. A. Bradbury, Titcomb; Cumberland, Mrs. Vena M. Hall, Cumberland Mills; Kennebec, Miss Annie M. Nichols, Lamb's Corner; Knox, Miss A. L. Crie, Rockland; Waldo, Mrs. Lois E. Stearns, Belfast.

Successful Methods of Work: Good reports come from Kennebec and Cumberland counties, where this subject has been presented in pulpit and personal interviews, and much literature has been distributed.

Further Suggestions: I would suggest that the state superintendent be informed as soon as possible in regard to changes in her county superintendents.

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## Anti-Narcotics.

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Superintendent, Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Berwick.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Helen L. Atwood, 65 Goff St., Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. J. D. F. White, Bridgewater; Cumberland, Mrs. Emma Duran, Westbrook; Franklin, Mrs. Minnie Kyes Allen, Jay; Hancock, Mrs. Victoria



Rand, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Annie Woodsum, China; Knox, Mrs. Maggie Godfrey, Spruce Head; Lincoln, Mrs. Susie Curtis, Waldoboro; Oxford, Mrs. Helen Crooker, Norway; Penobscot, Mrs. S. U. Matthews, Upper Stillwater; Piscataquis, Mrs. M. E. Jackson, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. J. F. Purington, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Bessie E. Prescott, St. Albans; Waldo, Mrs. Anna E. Harkness, Camden; Washington, Mrs. J. Dudley, Pembroke; York, Mrs. Frances Haines, Biddeford.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Plenteous distribution of literature, personal work with tobacco users, sermons and addresses, public meetings for discussion of subject, preparing programs on Narcotics for Grange, C. E., and Epworth League meetings, work among children in schools and elsewhere.

**Further Suggestions:** Get children in schools to write short essays on tobacco, it will interest both parents and children; get tobacco posters of Mrs. L. R. Sprague, Sprague's Mills, to put up in school rooms, post offices, depots, stores, etc. Ask business men, and petition firms and corporations not to employ cigarette smokers. Watch for victims of the drug habit and help them if possible to become free. Isaiah 32:20. Gal. 6:9.

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## Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.

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**Superintendent, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy.**

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. George W. Wagg, Auburn; Aroostook, Miss Belle Downes, Houlton; Cumberland, Mrs. Homested, Portland; Franklin, Mrs. Harriet Scales, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. M. B. Perry, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Lizzie Towle, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. E. O. Burgess, Thomaston; Oxford, Mrs. Emery Bonney, So. Paris; Penobscot, Bangor Crusade; Washington, Mrs. Maria B. Hill, Machias.

## Reformatory Prison for Women.

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The committee on Reformatory Prison for Women deplore the unfortunate conditions of the unfortunate women of Maine who are inmates of our penal institutions, whose condition grows more deplorable every year. They are studying how it can be alleviated, but are forced to realize that it can not be changed in a single year or perhaps in many years.

But they believe that with the spread of intelligence in regard to methods of reform and with a knowledge of the progress in this direction made by other states, Maine will come to see its great need of a reformatory prison for women. For this your committee are hoping and praying, but not without the conviction that it can only be affected by constant and persistent effort. They would urge the dissemination of knowledge of the need and importance of this work, upon every state worker and invite her co-operation.

We have visited the only reformatory prisons for women in the United States, viz: the prison at Sherburne, Mass., and that at Indianapolis, Ind., and were kindly received and entertained by the efficient and honored superintendents of each. It was indeed a privilege to see Mrs. Ellen C. Johnson at home with her work, of which she was so much a part that she included herself in speaking of it. To our inquiry, she replied, "I do not think you will find, anywhere in Massachusetts, 350 women together, who are more orderly or quiet than we."

Last June, Mrs. Johnson went as a delegate to the International Council of Women, held in London. After presenting her work to the convention, as if it were the culminating act of her long and successful life, she was the next day called to enter the higher sphere. May the mantle of her special talent fall upon others, and especially in our state, may the opportunity soon be available where this gift may be utilized to the saving of those who otherwise must sink into utter ruin of body and soul.

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
HELEN COFFIN BEEDY,  
CLARA M. FARWELL.

## Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

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Superintendent, Miss Jennie M. Anthoine, 23 Winter St., Portland.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. E. Y. Newman, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. H. B. Forbes, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. L. M. Bennett, Deering Center; Franklin, Mrs. Nelson Gould, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. L. J. Call, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Nellie Perkins, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. John Stetson, Thomaston; Lincoln, Mrs. S. F. Winslow, Waldoboro; Oxford, Mrs. Ellen D. Pierce, East Hiram; Penobscot, Mrs. Wm. H. Carr, Dexter; Piscataquis, Miss Addie D. Chamberlain, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Louisa F. Packard, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. H. F. Evans, Madison; Waldo, Mrs. K. W. Thorndike, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. S. Killinger, Danforth; York, Mrs. R. H. Goodwin, West Lebanon.

Successful Methods of Work: Thirty-one children have been cared for during the year; at present the Department is boarding and clothing four entirely, and clothing three who are in free homes. Of the children who have passed through the hands of your superintendent, eight of them have needed to be clothed, either wholly or partly.

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## Work Among Lumbermen and Quarrymen,

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Superintendent, Mrs. Alice B. Bigelow, Auburn.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Georgia Torsey, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Sophia S. Howe, Ashland; Cumberland, Mrs. Sarah McLellan, South Windham; Franklin, Emily I. Nash, Strong; Hancock, Mrs. P. C. Clark, Southwest Harbor; Oxford, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield; Penobscot, Mrs. N. L. Perkins, 334 Union St., Bangor; Piscat-

âquis, Mrs. Frances L. Rogers, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Lelia Knight, Bath; Somerset, Miss Belle Clark, Bingham; Washington, Mrs. G. H. Condell, Calais; York, Mrs. J. O. Harmon, Buxton.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Distribution of literature and comfort bags, visitation of lumbermen's families and in houses where men board and spend their evenings.

**Further Suggestions:** Appointment of state missionary to visit camps; and every county superintendent be allowed three or five minutes in county and state convention to state the requirements of work in her own district; then one or two minutes given every woman in convention who is interested in this department to give suggestions.

## Work Among Railway Employees.

**Superintendent, Mrs. Helen Thomas, Greene.**

**County Superintendents:** Androscogging, Mrs. Helen Thomas, Greene; Aroostook, Mrs. Ralph Seeley, Fort Fairfield; Franklin, Mrs. George Walker, Farmington; Kennebec, reported by Miss Alice Clough, Winthrop Center; Knox, reports good work done; Piscataquis, reported by Mrs. Frances Rodgers, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Addie Robbins, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Olive Marcia, Shawmut; Washington, Mrs. Mary Stone, Machias.

**Successful Methods of Work:** The most successful counties are those who have done the most personal work.

**Further Suggestions:** I would suggest that each superintendent keep an itemized account of work done and report to your state superintendent as early as possible after county convention.

## Sabbath Observance.

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Superintendent, Frances S. Moody, Bath.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. G. W. Clark, Mechanic Falls; Aroostook, Mrs. A. S. Knight, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center; Hancock, Mrs. Sarah F. M. Rich, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Clara G. Bowry; Knox, Miss Alzira Crie, Rockland; Lincoln, Mrs. Almeda Havener, Broad Cove; Oxford, Mrs. Littlehale, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. P. Hubbard, Stetson; Piscataquis, Mrs. Elsie Sherburne, Milo; Sagadahoc, Mrs. John McDonald, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Julia Bowdoin, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. W. B. Conant, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. O. A. Curtis, Additon Point; York, Mrs. George Fogg, Sanford.

Successful Methods of Work: The work of 1899 proved more successful by sending to each county superintendent a sufficient number of report blanks, for the local Unions in their county to fill out and send to me early in September.

Further Suggestions: Some prefer to write out all the little details, and when they are strikingly interesting it is well to do so; but a comprehensive report is more desirable. I find it is well to prompt each local Union to provide themselves with a larger amount of Sabbath Observance literature and generously distribute it amongst all classes.

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## Purity.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Augusta Malcom, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. L. A. Smart, Logan; Cumberland, Mrs. Belle M. Bennett, Bridgton; Franklin, Mrs. A. Hunnewell, Kingfield; Hancock, Mrs. Inez M. Small, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. J. Albert Jenkins, Lamb's Corner; Knox, Mrs.

Ella M. Wentworth, Rockport; Oxford, Mrs. Fannie Burnell, East Hiram; Penobscot, Mrs. L. L. Varney, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. Hattie M. Sturtevant, Milo; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Nancy Clark, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. F. H. Brown, Fairfield; Waldo, Mrs. Mary Staples, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. Susan M. Grant, East Steuben; York, Mrs. L. P. Lawry, Kittery Depot.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Mothers' meetings held, sermons preached, lectures given, the co-operation of supervisors and teachers obtained, literature distributed, books circulated, the curfew law put in operation, talks to school children, and personal work done wherever possible.

**Further Suggestions:** More earnest endeavor along all these lines, eternal vigilance in the home and the school, on the part of parents and teachers, and more systematic reports gathered from local superintendents.

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## Flower Mission.

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**Superintendent,** Belle P. Downes, Houlton.

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. Addie Burden, Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Belle B. Downes, Houlton; Cumberland, Laura A. Hatch, Brunswick; Hancock, Mrs. Laura J. Small, Stonington; Kennebec, Mrs. Frances E. Hussey, Vassalboro; Oxford, Isabel H. Stickney, East Brownfield; Penobscot, Mrs. Albert Durgin, Orono; Somerset, Mrs. Annie M. Frost, Pittsfield; Waldo, Ellen E. McKinley, Waldo; Washington, Mrs. Abbie E. Nash, Cherryfield.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Much work has been done; the sick visited, flowers, plants and slips, food, fruit, jelly, scrap-books, literature and clothing distributed.

**Further Suggestions:** Flowers used for church decorations afterwards taken to sick and shut-ins.

## Mercy.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Luella M. Littlefield, Vinalhaven.

Co. Supts: Androscoggin, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Main St., Lewiston; Cumberland, Mrs. Etta Warren, Bolster's Mills; Hancock, Mrs. Violet Goss, Stonington; Kennebec, Miss Frances Mitchell, Randolph; Knox, Mrs. Luella M. Littlefield, Vinalhaven; Lincoln, Miss Emelie F. Sidelinger, New Castle; Oxford, Miss Phebe M. Buxton, Bethel; Penobscot, Miss Mary Crosby, 12 Fifth St., Bangor; Piscataquis, Miss Annie Varney, Greenville; Somerset, Miss Jennie Pollard, Solon; Waldo, Mrs. Cassie Roberts, Belfast.

Successful Methods of Work: Publishing laws against cruelty, distribution of literature, formation of Bands of Mercy among the children.

Further Suggestions: I would suggest every effort be made to interest Unions in organizing Bands of Mercy.

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## State and County Fairs and Expositions.

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Superintendent, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Susan French, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. H. B. Forbes, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ellen F. Webb, Windham Center; Franklin, Mrs. Luella Reynolds, Farmington; Hancock, no superintendent; Kennebec, Mrs. Lucy Wyman, Sydney; Knox, Mrs. H. M. Robbins, Union; Lincoln, Miss A. F. Ginn, Damariscotta; Oxford, Mrs. Martha B. Chapman, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. E. R. Horton, Dexter; Piscataquis, Mrs. E. N. Oakes, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan P. Carey, Bath; Somerset, no superintendent; Waldo, Mrs. Carrie Hardy, Winterport; Washington

Miss M. C. Hunter, Cherryfield; York, Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Success has attended the efforts of superintendents in nearly every instance where they have worked for a strict enforcement of the law regulating state and county fairs.

**Further Suggestions:** That Unions in or near communities where fairs are held be on the grounds, always wearing the white ribbon, and be alert for any violation of law, reporting same to the proper officers. Try to interest other societies in making the fair grounds a decent place for men, women and children.

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## Legislation and Petitions.

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Superintendent, Mrs. L. C. Lamb, 67 East Ave., Lewiston.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate DeWitt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ada E. Jordan, East Otisfield; Franklin, Mrs. Helen C. Beedy, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Caroline Guptil, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center; Knox, Mrs. A. E. Bradford, Union; Oxford, Mrs. Annie Sweet, South Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. E. R. Horton, Dexter; Waldo, Miss E. F. Miller, North Searsmont; Washington, Mrs. E. M. Sprague; York, Mrs. E. J. Cowell, West Lebanon.

**Successful Methods of Work:** We have reports from twelve counties. Much work has been done in some counties by presenting petitions, signed by the leading men and women of the cities or towns, to the governor, mayor and other municipal officers, asking for the better enforcement of the prohibitory law. Petitions were presented at many public gatherings; committees were appointed to look after the liquor element.



**Further Suggestions:** We would suggest, that we redouble our efforts to make the law enforcement resolution a success; that we make a study of the state laws—let every Union have a copy of them; that we continue asking our U. S. senator and representative to “give their influence and vote” for the passage of the “Grout bill,” and for the unseating of Roberts, the Utah polygamist.

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## Franchise.

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**Superintendent, Louise Titcomb, Stroudwater.**

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. L. C. Lamb, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate De Witt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Geo. S. Hunt, Portland; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Rebecca Warren, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, no superintendent yet chosen in place of Mrs. Crosby; Knox, Mrs. A. S. Mills, Union; Lincoln, Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro; Oxford, Miss Jennie Kimball, East Hiram; Penobscot, no superintendent; Piscataquis, Mrs. M. F. Hobbs, Milo; Sagadahoc, Miss Kate W. Spinney, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. A. L. Vining, St. Albans; Waldo, Miss Josephine Hardy, Winterport; Washington, Mrs. S. J. Purington, Calais; York, no report.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Reports received from eight counties, Franchise literature distributed, 20 books, 6,500 pages, newspapers and pamphlets, 200. This does not include many lectures and sermons.

**Further Suggestions:** We would recommend that every county should appoint its superintendent, and insist that she report to the state, and so far as possible that local Unions report to her. Systematic work must be followed closely to ensure good success.

## Peace and Arbitration.

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**Superintendent, Alice May Douglas, Bath.**

**County Superintendents:** Oxford, Rev. Caroline Angel, Norway; Kennebec, Mrs. Mabel L. Bailey, Winthrop; Somerset, Mrs. M. E. Barker, North Anson; Waldo, Mrs. Gerrie M. Cook, North Troy; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan Carey, Bath; York, Mrs. Gerrie Cook, North Troy; Piscataquis, Mrs. Agnes Bennett, Guilford.

Reviews. Thousands of pages of literature have been distributed, petitions circulated, special peace meetings held and sermons preached in the interest of the cause.

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## Work Among Foreign Speaking People.

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**Superintendent, Mrs. Laura T. Stevens, Brunswick.**

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. Emma Albee, Eastern Ave., Lewiston; Arrostook, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Cumberland, Mrs. S. E. Moors, box 28, Casco; Franklin, Miss Mary Leavitt, North Jay; Piscataquis, Mrs. Ella M. Getchell, Foxcroft.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Children secured as members of L. T. L., women induced to join W. C. T. U., distribution of literature in English and foreign languages, foreign children kept in school and in some cases comfortable clothed, house to house visitation. The book "The Beautiful Life of Frances Willard" introduced into foreign families. Armenians give excellent return for any favor or advice; are industrious, honest and sober.

**Suggestions:** More attention should be paid house to house visitation, and to mothers' meetings. Increase circulation of literature.

## Suggestive Outlines

### For the Social or Literary Portion of Local Union Meetings

*All Books and Leaflets referred to can be obtained of the  
W. T. P. A. unless otherwise stated.*

#### JANUARY.

One Red Letter Day in this month, January 3d, Madam Willard's birthday, called "Mother's Day." Appropriately observed by holding meetings directly concerning home interests, such as: Mothers' Meetings, hygienic meetings on household sanitation, healthful cookery, clothing, etc., wholesome reading and amusements.

Helpful hints can be obtained from the books, "A Great Mother," "Childhood, its care and culture," "Helps for Health Meetings," "Hygiene of the Home," Home Leaflets, Mothers' Leaflets, etc.

#### FEBRUARY.

Contains one Red Letter Day, February 22nd, Washington's birthday. This month contains also Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 12th. General topic for this month, Patriotism.

Would advise Unions to take up as responsive readings for this month, Vol. 6 of the L. T. L. Lesson Manuals. Appropriate studies can be arranged of our nation's progress as developed by temperance and anti-slavery movements.

Books of reference: "The Temperance Movement," by H. W. Blair; some "Life of A. Lincoln."

February contains the every memorable day to White Ribboners, February 17th, Miss Willard's Heavenly Birthday. The state executive request local Unions on this day, or as near as is possible, to hold a Willard thank offering meeting; at which time an offering shall be taken, \$2.00 of which shall be sent to the national W. C. T. U. for organizing work.

#### MARCH.

One Red Letter Day, March 20th, birthday of Neal Dow, called "Prohibition Rally Day." General topic for the month, "Prohibition"

Study lives of noted prohibitionists; study our state and national laws on the temperance question.

Select Leaflets from "Timely Talks," "Signal Lights," Voters' Leaflets, etc. Responsive readings from Vol. 7 of L. T. L. Manuals.

## APRIL.

Red Letter Days, April 3d, Sabbath Observance Day ; April 21st, Teacher's Day, birthday of Frœbel.

Appropriate studies for this month are the departments of Sabbath Observance and Sunday School Work ; also origin and growth of the Kindergarten.

Books of reference : "The Story of Ruth," prize story on Sabbath Observance, (order from Mrs. James H. Earle, Newton, Mass. ; price 10 cents or thereabout), Leaflets for Sunday School workers, Life of Frœbel, and Kindergarten publications.

## MAY.

Contains no Red Letter Day.

Would suggest continuation of April topics under head of *General Evangelistic Work*, selecting from its various departments.

Book of reference : "The Pledge and the Cross," by Mrs. S. M. J. Henry, also Department Leaflets.

## JUNE.

Red Letter Day, June 9th, birthday of Jennie Cassedy.

Study social and reformatory work under the heads of Parlor Meetings, Flower Mission, State and County Fairs, Prison, Jail and Almshouse.

Interesting programs of great literary merit could be arranged from Rev. Wilbur F. Craft's book entitled, "Christian Sociology," (direct to Mr. Craft's, Washington, D.C.) ; select leaflets bearing on above topics and departments.

## JULY.

Red Letter Day, July 4th, National Independence Day, also birthday of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt. General topic, "Christian Citizenship."

Studies in Scientific Temperance Instruction in Public Schools, and Work among Foreigners, recommended.

Helps : Physiological Journal obtained of Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, 23 Trull St., Boston, Mass., Department Leaflet No. 101, programs from Craft's book on "Christian Sociology," Leaflets on "Christian Citizenship."

## AUGUST.

Red Letter Day, August 3d, Fresh Air Mission Day, also birthday of Lady Henry Somerset. General topic, Preventive Work.

Special departments: Narcotics and Non-Alcoholic Medication.

Helps: Department Leaflet 231, Notes from the History and Progress of National Temperance Hospital, package No. 3 Anti-Tobacco and Cigarette Leaflets, studies from the life and works of Lady Henry Somerset.

#### SEPTEMBER.

Red Letter Days, Sept. 22, birthday of Mrs. Mary Clement Leavitt; Sept. 28, Children's Harvest Home, Membership Crusade Day, Miss Willard's birthday. Topics: World's W. C. T. U. Missionaries, Notes of the World's Work from *Union Signal*.

For meeting on Children's Harvest Home, send ten cents for material to Mrs. Helen G. Rice, No. 1597 Washington St., Boston.

For meeting nearest Sept. 28, read sketches from Miss Willard's life or Mrs. Esther T. Housh's Leaflets and Leaflet No. 60.

#### OCTOBER.

Red Letter Day, Oct. 3, Woman's Sunday. General topic, Franchise: Woman in the Home and Church, Woman in Education and Literature, Woman in Business, Woman in Government.

Books of Reference: "Woman in Pulpit," "A Young Woman Journalist," National Leaflets Nos. 5, 28, 33, 42, 43, 44, 47, Department Leaflets Nos. 81, 82, 83.

#### NOVEMBER.

No Red Letter Day. Thanksgiving, Department Studies, Charitable Work, Lumbermen's Work. General topic, God's Hand in W. C. T. U. History.

References: Package No. 1 Leaflets.

Books: Woman and Temperance, Do Everything, page 53, Thumb Nail Sketches, page 54.

#### DECEMBER.

Red Letter Days, Dec. 19, Peace Day; Dec. 23, Crusade Day.

For a meeting on Peace and Arbitration send for literature to county or state superintendent.

State superintendent's address, Miss Alice May Douglas, Bath.

Books of reference: Memories of Crusade, Woman and Temperance.

Discussion: Wise and Unwise, Selfish and Unselfish Christmas Giving. Review Local Work for the year.

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

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### PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of the 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.

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## Constitution.

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### 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 Record-

ing 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 paying a 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.

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### By-Laws.

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#### 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, 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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.

### County Constitution.

#### ARTICLE I—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### 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 Recording and Corresponding 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 county general officers, county superintendents of departments, presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers of local Unions, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every ten paying members of the local Union.

## 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 sometime within May or June.

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

The duties of 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, and report a digest of these to the County Convention and to the State Superintendents as required by the State Constitution.

## ARTICLE VI.

Local Unions shall pay to the County Treasurer an amount equal to ——— cents annually for each of its members for county work.

## ARTICLE VII—AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous 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 ——— 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 County 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 1st, 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.

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## By-Laws.

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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 Alms-house Work. Reformatory Prison for Women. Securing Homes for Homeless Children. Railroad Employees. 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.

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### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION.

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#### 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 of 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.]

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAWS.

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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 victualer, 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.*

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## CIGARETTE LAW.

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### CHAPTER 333.

AN ACT to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors:

SEC. 1. Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

SEC. 2. Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

[Approved March 27.]

## IMPURE LITERATURE LAW.

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*[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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*[Laws of 1885, Chap. 348.]*

Whoever knowingly, sells, lends, gives away, or shows to any minor child, any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or any printed paper, devoted to the publication, or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust or crimes; or circulates, posts, or causes to be circulated or posted in any conspicuous or public place, any picture, handbill or poster containing obscene, indecent, or immoral representations; or in any manner hires, uses, or employs any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or who, having the care, custody, or control of any minor child, permits such child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute any book, magazine, pamphlet, or newspaper coming within the first paragraph of this section, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by fine not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

## Annual Meetings.

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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
1894,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AUBURN
1895,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	HOULTON
1896,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BELFAST
1897,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BATH
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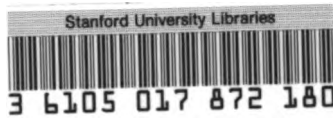












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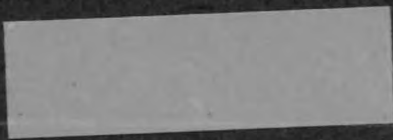






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## Plan of Work.

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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* 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."

## Memorial Members of Maine W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Malinda Small	Mr. Geo. S. Hunt
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Mrs. Mary A. Osborne	Gen. Neal Dow
Miss Eunice Merritt	Dr. C. F. Allen
Mr. N. S. Fernald	Mrs. Ellen N. Reynolds

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# State Officers for 1900-1901.

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REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
**Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union**

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CALAIS, Sept. 26, 8.30 A.M.

Ante-Executive Committee of the Maine W. C. T. U. called to order by President Stevens. Prayer by Miss Miller. Roll call of officers. The treasurer and Mrs. Beedy were named as a committee to award the prize banner to the county making the greatest gain.

Committee on appropriations appointed: The treasurer, Mrs. Delano of Sagadahoc, and Mrs. Curtis of Piscataquis.

The corresponding secretary presented the declination of Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans to act longer as state organizer, on account of the illness of her mother. The corresponding secretary was requested to express to Mrs. Seamans the regret and sympathy of the executive committee.

*Voted:* To recommend Miss Effie M. Littlefield as state organizer.

Arrangements were made for seating the delegates.

The committee rose.

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CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 9.30 A. M.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Congregational Church, Calais, September 26-28, 1900.

The church was very prettily decorated with flags, ferns and flowers, and around the walls were hung the banners of the various county unions. The platform was also decorated with

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American and English flags, beautiful potted plants, ferns and cut flowers. Flags were also draped opposite the platform under the organ loft, while immediately in front on either side placed upon easels were portraits of the late Frances E. Willard, founder of the National and World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Devotional meeting led by Miss Gordon.

Convention called to order by President Stevens.

Solo, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," by Miss Hall.

Then followed the responsive reading of the Crusade Psalm led by the general officers, after which the Crusade Hymn, "Give to the Winds Thy Fears," was heartily sung by all present, led by Miss Hall.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Susan Grant.

Roll call by recording secretary: 4 general officers, 13 county presidents, 14 state superintendents were present; also business manager and editor of the Star in the East.

Minutes of executive meeting read and accepted.

The following committees were appointed by the chair: Credentials—Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Boothby and Mrs. Grant; Courtesies—Mrs. Vose, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. Spaulding.

Program accepted by vote of convention, subject to necessary changes.

Miss Jameson and Miss Powderly elected as pages.

Miss Littlefield declined to act as state organizer, as she expected to be away from home a large part of the coming year. Resignation accepted.

The corresponding secretary was called to the chair and Mrs. Stevens read a carefully prepared and valuable address, which was accepted with thanks.

At the noontide hour prayer was offered by Miss Anna Gordon.

*Voted:* That the report of the press superintendent be made the order of the day, directly following report of Star in the East.

Doxology sung and the convention adjourned.



## CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 2 P. M.

The convention was called to order by President Stevens. "How Firm a Foundation" was sung, led by Miss Hall, after which Mrs. Beedy offered prayer. "Come Thou Almighty King" was sung by the convention.

Minutes of morning meeting read and approved.

Report of corresponding secretary was read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and referred to the auditor. The auditor's report was accepted, after which the report of the treasurer was accepted.

Among the gifts received was emphasized that of \$25 from Miss Elinor Barrett to the "Y" organizing fund. The corresponding secretary was instructed to express the thanks of the convention to Miss Barrett for her generous gift.

Miss Littlefield said the Y's also wished to express their appreciation of the gift.

Mrs. Beedy moved that a vote of thanks be given Mrs. Hanson for her painstaking work in collecting money for Headquarters and other State work, also to all others who have assisted in this work. Carried.

*Voted:* That Miss Anna Gordon be recognized as a full member of the convention.

Mrs. Talbot of Massachusetts, Mrs. McWha, president Charlotte County, and Mrs. Clark, president St. Stephens Union, were presented and spoke briefly. Mrs. Mary Sedgwick Main read a most cordial greeting from the New Brunswick Union.

Mrs. Main was asked to convey the greetings of the convention to their sisters across the border.

The reports of the business manager and editor of Star in the East were read and accepted with a hearty vote of thanks.

Report of superintendent of Press Work, Miss Mary L. French, given, supplemented by remarks from Miss Cobra Loring.

Report of superintendent of Homes for Homeless Children was given, followed by remarks, and a solo by Miss Hall, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep."

The corresponding secretary read a summary of Mrs. Seaman's work as state organizer. A letter was read by Mrs. Stevens from Miss Estelle M. Brainerd, expressing her love for the convention and her regret that she must decline a re-election as assistant recording secretary.

*Voted:* To send the thanks of the convention to Miss Brainerd for her soul inspiring letter, coupled with sincere sympathy with her in her deep sorrow.

The question box was opened and questions answered, interspersed with most interesting discussion.

Notices were given, announcements made, and the convention adjourned after singing the doxology.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 7.30 P. M.

Music by the choir.

Scripture reading by Miss Miller.

Prayer by Mrs. Canfield.

Solo, "The Holy City," by Miss Hall.

Addresses of welcome were given by Ashley St. Clair, Esq., on behalf of the city, Rev. F. S. Rice for the churches, Mrs. Susan M. Grant for Washington County, Mrs. E. Maria Vose for Calais Union.

Mrs. Stevens responded to the addresses of welcome and spoke at length on the situation, especially of prohibition.

"Onward, Christian Soldier," was sung by the choir. Collection. Benediction by Rev. F. S. Rice.

#### EXECUTIVE MEETING, Sept. 27, 8.30 A. M.

Meeting called to order by President Stevens.

Prayer by Mrs. Delano.

The following explanation was made: The Y's, or members of the Young Woman's Branch of our work, join under the same

test of membership as do those who join the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The pledge is always the same, and is found in the several constitutions. The state constitution requires that thirty cents per member shall be paid into the state treasury sent through the county treasurer. The local membership fee differs, over that the state has no control, provided it is a sum equal to thirty cents.

The committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 9.45 A. M.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. Peasley.

Meeting called to order by the president. "Rock of Ages" was sung, led by Miss Hall.

Minutes of afternoon meeting read and approved.

Minutes of executive meeting read and accepted.

Mrs. Goss was appointed to take subscriptions for the minutes, and Mrs. Robbins for the Star in the East.

The corresponding secretary announced to the convention that Mrs. Lucy A. Snow of Windham Center, superintendent of Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work, was unable to be present on account of illness, and a note of loving sympathy was sent to Mrs. Snow by the convention.

Report of the World's Convention made the order of the afternoon, Friday, at three o'clock.

At this point occurred a lively and interesting discussion on the evils of cigarette smoking, and, inasmuch as the facts of the breaking of the law concerning the sale of cigarettes in certain prominent quarters was brought out, the subject was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Dr. E. H. Vose of Calais was introduced to the convention and was given a regular convention reception. Dr. Vose gave a brief but interesting history and description of the British and American flags that adorned the wall back of the platform and also gave a brief but comprehensive history of the Anglo

Saxon race from the beginning of history up to the present time. The genial doctor's remarks were entertaining and were heard with close attention by those present.

Report of resolutions committee made.

*Voted:* To consider the resolutions seriatim, and adopt them as a whole.

After a number of resolutions had been read, it was voted to defer further consideration to the afternoon meeting.

At twelve o'clock, prayer was offered by Mrs. De Witt.

After singing, the convention adjourned.

## CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by the state president.

Prayer by Mrs. Condell, Calais.

Solo by Miss Hall.

The resolutions were again taken up and adopted as recorded:

We, members of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled in this, our twenty-sixth annual convention, realizing our dependence upon God, desire to render unto Him thanksgiving and praise for the many blessings and mercies of the past and to look to Him for strength and guidance in the future.

We reaffirm our faith in the great principles for which we have stood as an organization.

These principles include total abstinence for the individual; prohibition for the state and nation; one standard of purity for men and women; equal suffrage with educational test for both sexes; arbitration between nations; education along temperance lines; cultivation of public sentiment; Christian citizenship and the recognition of the Sabbath as a day of rest.

Prohibition—We believe that the total prohibition of the manufact-

ure, importation and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes is the duty of the state and nation; that government should not only punish, but prevent crime by removing the causes; and since the attitude of our government is determined by the wishes of the people expressed through the ballot, we, from whom the right of suffrage is unjustly withheld, call upon the Christian voters of our state to carry the principles of the religion they profess into their political life, and laying aside differences of opinion on minor issues, to stand together on the side of righteousness in relation to this blot upon our Christianity, and this menace to our country, the iniquity of the liquor traffic.

Enforcement—We rejoice in the recent signal victory for law enforcement in the election of Rev. S. F. Pearson, an avowed prohibitionist, as sheriff of Cumberland

county, seeing in it a striking proof that the people even of our largest city believe that the prohibitory law of Maine can be enforced, and desire its enforcement; we affirm that similar results can be secured in other counties (and this victory should encourage and stimulate us to renewed and vigorous efforts towards the just enforcement of the prohibitory law throughout the state.

**Suffrage**—Whereas, The organization of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union stands for the protection of the home against intemperance and impurity, and whereas, its members earnestly believe that "the vote of woman" would be an added force in favor of good government, and in the enactment and enforcement of righteous laws which affect the home life, and the welfare of all women, therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue the department of franchise, until full and equal suffrage be granted to the women of Maine.

**Peace and Arbitration**—We view with sorrow the present military uprisings, and while regretting that so many, even professing Christians, are still loud in their praise of warfare, which is but a "relic of barbarism," we reiterate our advocacy of arbitration as the only rational and Christlike method for the settlement of state, national and international differences.

**Purity**—(a) Admonished by the pulpit and the records of the press and the criminal courts,

Resolved, That we will increase our efforts for purity, striving not only to oppose vice but to discourage everything which has an immoral tendency, and to encourage all things which make for purity and integrity of character.)

(b) Inasmuch as there can be nothing more illogical than the appointment of law-breakers to enact, expound or administer our laws, we protest against the nom-

ination, election and retention in office of immoral men; and believing that it is of special importance that those occupying the judge's bench should be men of unblemished character, we, therefore, law-abiding women, desiring to respect both the good sense and the integrity of our rulers, solemnly pray the appointing powers of our state, that the judges of all our courts, from the pettiest municipal desk to the supreme bench shall be chosen from among the upright and honorable lawyers of whom the state has a sufficient number to furnish every bench within her borders.

**Canteen**—Whereas, the action of the United States Congress in passing the anti-canteen bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in the army canteen was nullified by the attorney general of the United States, sustained by the executive,

Resolved, That we hereby express our condemnation of such interpretation and will do all in our power to aid the passage of the new anti-canteen bill at the coming session of Congress.

**Education**—Of the Young—We call for increased effort on the part of all our unions for the strict enforcement of the law requiring instruction in the public schools concerning the effects of alcohol and narcotics, for more systematic temperance instruction in the Sunday school, for the organization of the Loyal Temperance Legion throughout the state, and for the training of young temperance orators through medal contests.

**Curfew**—We heartily congratulate those cities and towns which have secured the enactment of the curfew law; and we earnestly urge all local unions in their respective localities to persist in their efforts to establish this safeguard for the boys and girls of Maine.

**Philippines**—The reports which have come to us from reliable sources, of the deplorable condi-

tions now existing in the Philippines as the result of their occupation by the army, fill us with indignation and alarm. We learn of the establishment of the saloon under the protection of the American flag, and the introduction into our army of licensed prostitution, a system abolished some years ago in the armies of Great Britain by act of parliament. These abominations have filled our army hospitals with thousands of our young soldiers, while the permanent moral as well as physical deterioration can not be estimated. We plead with those in authority to fulfill their obligations to the American nation as well as to the Philippines, since the avowed policy of the United States is to civilize, educate and Christianize the peoples in our new possessions, and, in the name of Christian womanhood we implore, that all the degrading conditions which now surround our soldiers (who are in service to uphold the honor of our country), may be speedily abolished.

**Cigarettes**—Having received information at only one remove from a member of the faculty, that cigarette smoking is practiced by students of the University of Maine, we wish to record our sense of the lamentable injury which this practice works upon the physical, mental and moral man; and we believe that it would conduce much to the strength and influence of our state if our state university should imitate the regulations of the United States academy, of Bates college and other progressive institutions, and receive no students who will not refrain from cigarette

smoking, and the use of tobacco in other forms.

**National and State Papers**—We commend to all members our national and state papers, The Union Signal and The Star in the East, as a necessary equipment for intelligent and effective work.

**Thanks**—We tender our thanks to the railroad and steamboat officials for reduced rates, to the Calais union and others who have so kindly received us into their homes and provided for our comfort, to the church officials and all who have helped to make this convention a success.

The following resolutions were offered from the floor and adopted by the convention:

Whereas it has been stated by Hon. C. E. Littlefield that the building on Widow's Island, fourteen miles from Rockland, constructed by government for a naval hospital but never used, would undoubtedly be given to Maine for a reformatory prison for women, and as a bill has been introduced into Congress for this purpose: Resolved that the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union do all in its power to secure an enactment by the Maine legislature, providing for the acceptance and the establishment and support of a reformatory prison for the criminal women of Maine.

Resolved, That the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union endorse the movement which has been inaugurated in our state, looking towards the faithful observance of the Sabbath day and which we understand, will this winter come before our legislature.

Miss Crosby offered a resolution from the floor which, after being read, was referred to the committee on resolutions, to be added to the list after abridgment.

A telegram of greeting from the Maine Congregational Conference was read and received with thanks, Miss Gordon being instructed to make suitable reply.

Reports of superintendents were read as follows:

Work among Railroad Employes—Mrs. Helen A. Thomas, Greene.

State and County Fairs—Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft.

Flower Mission—Miss Belle Downs, Houlton.

Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work—Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy of Bangor, followed by discussion.

The Cumberland county delegation sang their county song, which was heartily applauded.

Moved and seconded, That the executive committee be instructed to take action towards the introduction into the University of Maine of the full anti-tobacco idea, as at Annapolis and Bates. Carried.

Rev. M. McComb of Eastport and Rev. W. W. Ogier of Calais were called and presented to the convention. Both gentlemen made brief addresses, and wished the Woman's Christian Temperance Union God-speed in their work.

Report on Franchise given by Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt.

The superintendent had prepared leaflets for distribution among the delegates.

*Voted:* To allow the seats of the delegates to be filled by visitors at 7.15 P. M.

Solo, "Peace, Wonderful Peace," by Miss Hall.

Benediction by Rev. Mr. Ogier.

Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 27, 7.30 P. M.

Music by the choir.

This being Y evening, Miss Effie M. Littlefield, State Y organizer, opened the meeting and introduced the presiding officer, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, honorary secretary Y branch.

Scripture reading, Miss Grace Sprowl.

Prayer, Mrs. Eliza Snell Long.

Reports of work done, and greetings, were presented from the various towns and cities by Miss Nason, Bangor, Miss Fernald, Lincolnville, Miss Chapman, Wayne, Miss Blanchard, Bath, Miss Sprowl, Waldoboro, Miss Treat, Winterport, Miss Butterfield, Danforth.

Representations of Miss Parrish's work (speakers in costume), Miss Treat, Japan, Miss Powderly, Burma, Mrs. Gilmore, China and India.

Address, Miss Effie Littlefield.

A message to the Ys, Miss Gordon.

Brief remarks, Mrs. Stevens.

Message from Miss Parrish, by Mrs. Beedy.

State Y song was sung, led by Miss Hall.

Collection.

Aaronic benediction by Mrs. Stevens.

Adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, 8.30 A. M.

Meeting called to order by the president.

Prayer by Mrs. Beedy.

Program for evening arranged.

Nomination of officers for Y. W. C. T. U.

Recommended that the recording secretary, when having the reports of the year published, have sufficient extra copies of the president's address, the state constitution, the plan of work, and extracts from the public laws printed to place a copy in the hand of every member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and that the same be distributed by the local presidents at state expense.

*Voted:* To make each county president the head of the organizing department of the county, with permission to ask for such help from the state as may be necessary, which will be granted as far as possible.



*Voted:* To leave the appropriation for the department of Temperance Literature with the treasurer.

*Voted:* To drop department of Lecturer on Purity.

Nominations of superintendents of departments were made. The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 28, 9.30 A. M.

Devotional meeting conducted by Miss Gordon.

Convention called to order by President Stevens, who read some of Miss Willard's beautiful words.

The hour designated on the program for the Memorial Service having arrived, "Just for Today" was sung by Miss Hall.

Mrs. Hall read the long list of comrades called up higher, as follows:

Mrs. Hannah Mabry, Turner; Mrs. Ruth Bray, Auburn; Mrs. Oliver Faybeau, Mrs. Hester Litchfield, Mr. Oliver Newman, Lewiston; Mrs. Carrie R. Jewett, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Bertha Milliken, Bridgewater; Mr. David De Witt, Presque Isle; Mrs. J. B. Donnell, Mrs. Amelia F. Purdy, Mrs. Mary J. True, Portland; Mrs. Anna Chadwick, Bolster Mills; Mrs. Mary F. Melcher, Mrs. Althea Lucas, Cumberland Mills; Mrs. Susan Field, Deering; Mrs. Clara Shurtleff, Mrs. Rose Morgan, Mrs. Fannie A. Holt, New Gloucester; Mrs. Abbie Phinney, North Gorham; Mrs. Katherine Field, East Windham; Mrs. Reed Rogers, Gray; Mrs. Martha Bodge, East Windham; Mrs. Newell Hackett, Mrs. Nelson Gould, Mrs. F. V. Stewart, Mrs. M. H. Fowler, Farmington; Mrs. E. P. Packard, Wilton; Mrs. Joseph Myers, Stratton; Maj. John Wesley, Farmington; Mrs. J. P. Simonton, Mrs. Black, Ellsworth; Mrs. Mary A. Lovejoy, Mrs. Augusta W. Sawtelle, Miss Bertha Stackpole, Rockland; Mrs. F. L. Davidson, Appleton; Mrs. George Fossett, Mrs. Lucinda Lovett, Union; Mrs. Margaret Stetson, Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, Newcastle and Damariscotta; Mrs. Mary Winslow, Waldoboro;

Mrs. Florence Varley, Bethel; Mrs. Ventres, Mrs. Eliza Morrison, East Corinth; Mrs. Sylvia Stewart, Bangor; Mrs. Greenleaf Fogg, Mrs. Albert Chick, Bangor Crusade; Rev. Geo. E. Field, D. D., Bangor; Prof. F. F. Harvey, Orono; Mrs. S. G. Patten, Dover and Foxcroft; Mrs. Harriet M. Dunning, Brownville; Mrs. Harriet Kingsbury, Atkinson; Mrs. Abigail Nickerson, Swanville; Mrs. W. A. Luce, Unity; Mrs. Susan Hardy, Ellingwood Corner; Mrs. Ruth Jordan, East Steuben; Mrs. Hiram B. Adams, Mrs. John Leonard, Eastport; Mrs. Lucy Mitchell, Mrs. Virginia Lawry, Kittery; Rev. Mr. Longley, Madison; Rev. W. L. Brown, Hampden; Mrs. H. Lizzie Dinsmore, and Chester Lunt, a member of the L. T. L., Dover.

Prayer by Mrs. Johnston.

"Face to Face" was sung by Miss Hall.

Closing prayer by Mrs. Stevens.

A telegram was received from Parkersburg, W. Va.

Final report of committee on credentials presented, showing 152 delegates in attendance.

The order of the day was called, which was the election of officers.

The chair appointed the following tellers: Mrs. Curtis of Penobscot; Mrs. Potter of Lincoln; Mrs. Richards; Mrs. Eaton, of Washington; Mrs. Cleaves; Mrs. Nichols of Washington.

The president called Miss Gordon to the chair.

Ballots were distributed and collected.

Mrs. Stevens was unanimously elected president.

Piscataquis county, the native county of Mrs. Stevens, sang in her honor the county song.

Miss Cornelia M. Dow, corresponding secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell, recording secretary, and Mrs. A. S. Johnston, treasurer, were unanimously elected.

As Mrs. Brainerd could not longer serve as assistant recording secretary, Miss Farwell asked for time to select some one for this office, which was granted.

Delegates to National Convention were chosen as follows:  
Mrs. R. B. Warren, Island Falls; alternate, Miss Belle Downes, Houlton.

Mrs. A. E. Bradford, Union; alternate, Miss Mary L. French, Auburn.

Mrs. M. C. McDowell, Portland; alternate, Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Portland.

Miss Almira Ginn, Waldoboro; alternate, Mrs. E. E. Jenkins, Kingfield.

Mrs. Olive A. Holway, Augusta; alternate, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Wayne.

Mrs. Bernard Rogers, Pembroke; alternate, Mrs. A. H. Eaton, Calais.

Mrs. Sarah Lord Cram, Biddeford; alternate, Mrs. S. J. Fernald, Portland.

Mrs. N. G. Curtis, Brownville; alternate, Mrs. H. B. Hooke, Dover.

Mrs. E. R. Horton, Dexter; alternate, Dr. Abby Fulton, Ellsworth.

Y delegate, Miss Effie M. Littlefield, Winterport; alternate, Miss Mary L. Powderly, Stroudwater.

Delegate-at-large, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; alternate, Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland.

Mrs. Harvey offered a few words of grateful prayer in honor of the birthday of our sainted leader, Miss Willard; Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt repeated a beautiful little poem.

Adjourned after singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 28, 1.30 P. M.

Called to order by the president.

Prayer by Miss Ginn.

Report of committee on appropriations as follows:

State work, \$200; postage, etc., of state work, \$200; bill of

secretaries, treasurer and superintendent of Memorial Service as presented; Scientific Temperance Instruction, \$30; Young Woman's Work, \$50; Loyal Temperance Legion, \$50; other superintendents, \$5. The committee recommend, that if in the development of the work a small increase of appropriation would greatly assist, the superintendent shall send a statement of the case to the treasurer, who will present the request to the general officers who will grant the same if state finances permit.

Miss Ginn was continued as state auditor.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding and Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt were elected as a special committee to assist the committee for securing a reformatory prison for women.

*Voted:* That the selection of the resolutions committee be left with the general officers.

The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 28, 2 P. M.

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was sung.

Prayer by Mrs. Morrill.

Minutes of morning meeting read and approved.

Report of executive committee adopted.

Telegram from Mrs. A. W. Clark.

Rev. Mr. Bridgham, Rev. Mr. Belyea, Rev. Mr. Kerby and Rev. J. A. Lillas were introduced, and made interesting remarks.

*Voted:* To reconsider the vote by which the resolution offered by Miss Crosby was adopted.

The resolution was read and, after discussion, laid on the table.

Mrs. Beedy, delegate to the World's Convention at Edinburgh, gave a most entertaining account of the convention.

The department of Reformatory Prison for Women, instead of making a report, offered a resolution which was adopted.

Mrs. Hooke of Dover was presented, and said her father and mother were baptized in India by Dr. Judson.

Mrs. Hall moved that the constitution be so amended that the editor of the Star in the East be made a member of the state convention. Carried.

Mrs. Hall also moved that Y secretaries of local unions be made members of the state convention. Carried.

Moved that the L. T. L. department be made a Branch, to be in harmony with the National. Carried.

*Voted:* To accept the reports of the superintendents.

*Voted:* To refer the reports of the absent superintendents to the executive committee, and have them printed in the minutes.

The nominations of the superintendents were confirmed.

A poem of welcome was sent to the convention, which was gratefully received, but not read for lack of time.

The following were made life members: Mrs. Mary C. McDowell, by herself; Mrs. Susan M. French, by her daughter, Miss Mary L. French; Mrs. Emma E. Thompson, by Miss Cornelia M. Dow.

*Voted:* To have a life membership list in each year's report.

Invitations for the next convention were received from Dover and Foxcroft, Biddeford and Bar Harbor. Referred to executive committee.

All unfinished business was referred to the executive committee.

Doxology sung. Adjourned.

CONVENTION, Sept. 28, 7.30 P. M.

Meeting called to order by President Stevens.

Music by the choir.

Scripture reading by Miss Dow.

Prayer by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt.

Duet, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Mrs. Mason and Miss Hall.

The counties were either represented by their presidents in bright little speeches, or by the singing of county songs.

Mrs. Beedy presented the prize banner to Washington county, as that county had made the greatest gain during the year.

One verse of "America" sung.

Mrs. Stevens introduced Miss Anna A. Gordon, vice-president-at-large of the National W. C. T. U., and world's superintendent of Loyal Temperance Legion Work, who delivered the address of the evening, her subject being, "The W. C. T. U.—Past, Present and Future."

Collection.

Miss Gordon said it had always been her happy privilege to make a present on Miss Willard's birthday, and in memory of the delightful way in which the Convention had been entertained she wished to make Mrs. E. Maria Vose a member of the Maine W. C. T. U. Mrs. Vose thanked Miss Gordon for her kind thought of her.

Mrs. A. B. Crockett read a resolution of thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Miss Hall sang "Victory," and every heart thrilled with the prophecy.

Moved that the convention do now adjourn. Carried. President Lillian M. N. Stevens then declared the Twenty-sixth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union adjourned.

"God be with you till we meet again," was sung.

Benediction by Rev. C. G. McCully of Calais.

CLARA M. FARWELL,  
*Recording Secretary.*

## President's Address.

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I rejoice greatly in the increased and renewed activity among the Young Women, the organization of many Y's and the addition of young women members to existing unions. I am pleased to know that the young men are joining as honorary members, and in some instances uniting with the local society on the same basis as the young women so far as the local work is concerned, the difference being, all of their membership fee is retained for local work, while that of the young women is divided the same as that of their older sisters in the W. C. T. U., thus entitling them to representation in County, State, National and World's W. C. T. U. Conventions. It is desirable that the offices be held by the young women, and if the young men are really chivalric they will encourage and make this plan easy to carry out.

I heartily hope and pray that the Y's may make a gain in Maine of five hundred, and so have a part in Benefit Night at the coming National Convention in Washington, D. C., the last of November.

I cannot say too much in praise of the remarkably good work done by this branch in Maine this year, of Miss Effie Littlefield as organizer and those associated with her. I would say much more on this point, were it not that this branch of organization will be considered later in the convention, and besides an entire evening is to be given to the young folk to tell their own story in their own delightful way.

One department under Preventive is Non-Alcoholic Medication.

The National superintendent, Mrs. Allen, is capable and enthusiastic, and has just brought out a most valuable book, copies of which are for sale at this convention. I wish one might go into every home in the State.

I presume there is not a person here who does not know of some one who has acquired the appetite for alcoholic drink by taking it first as a medicine. It is indeed encouraging to know that some of the leading physicians do not prescribe it, and that nearly all others do so less frequently than formerly, and that when the family physi-

cian is asked for substitutes for alcoholics he usually finds them. I recommend the careful study of this question. Let it be the topic in mothers' meetings, in the home circle, as well as at the regular local union.

At our last convention we discussed fully the position taken by Prof. Atwater concerning alcohol as a food.

His declarations have not perceptibly affected the temperance question other than to lead to investigation and study, which has advanced rather than retarded the total abstinence theory. Those engaged in the liquor business of the country took advantage of the wave of public interest created by Atwater's funny experiment and with their accustomed alertness planned to attack in subtle ways the scientific temperance instruction laws, which exist in every state and territory, save Georgia and Utah; but their weak devices did not carry. The scientific temperance instruction laws still stand, and in several states have been made stronger, and although the W. C. T. U.'s of Virginia have worked and petitioned for the law several years, it was not given them until last winter, when it was granted without one dissenting vote and promptly signed by the Governor. The white ribboners of Georgia and Utah confidently hope that their next state legislatures will give the same laws to these delinquent states. The teacher or the superintendent who is a drinker is not much sought after these days, and while he may now and then be tolerated for a time, it is under a conscientious protest, and the consciences of the people concerning the right example for their children will have right of way sooner or later. Let us do our part that it may not be anywhere in Maine long delayed. I am assured that ninety per cent. of our educators are with us. We have great reason to be thankful that Maine is blessed with a state superintendent of schools who is interested in the moral welfare of the youth of the state, and we are grateful indeed that he arranged to have Miss Eleanor Barrett of Emerson College, Boston, attend the Maine summer schools as instructor of scientific temperance.

The chairman of the educational committee of the last legislature declared that a great responsibility rested upon the white ribboners, that they were largely responsible for the present law, and that they more than any others could by expressing their interest, encouraging the teachers and educators, help to make it effective. Let it not be said that any of us failed in this respect. We shall be interested



and helped by the report our able superintendent of this department, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt, will bring to us.

The Evangelistic divisions of our work are many, and are, as you know, those which more especially or directly appertain to, or are characteristic of the gospel. Not that any of our departments are different in this, but such departments as Sabbath observance, purity, mercy, work in the prisons and almshouses, bible readings, etc., come more directly in this line, and with our "Do Everything" policy we need them all, and I am thankful that they are carried on in this state with such consecrated women at the heads of the several departments. But after all, in my opinion, there is nothing more in accord with the gospel of Christ than to seek to overcome by legislation that which is the greatest hindrance to the building up of Christ's kingdom upon the earth; hence I rejoice in all that has been done along the line of legislation and petitions, and I heartily recommend that we do more and more of this kind of work. It always pays, although all may not be able to readily see the results.

I believe that our law enforcement resolution, which we have stood by during the last few years, has helped to arouse public sentiment in favor of law and order. It is not my purpose to speak at length this morning on prohibition and the recent victory in Cumberland county. I hope there is not a member of this convention, in fact, I am sure there is not, who for a moment allows herself to think that there is a better or more effective way to overcome the liquor traffic than by prohibiting it. Let us never confound the effectiveness of prohibition with the unfaithfulness of the officers, and let us never believe that the people of Maine are not in favor of prohibition and its enforcement. I urge that the local union and each member of the local union shall give all of its influence in favor of upholding our righteous law. Let no member say she has no influence; this would be equivalent to admitting that she had no friends, and that she did not trust God.

Taken as a whole we have had a great deal to encourage us during the last year. To be sure we have been disappointed in the Anti-Canteen bill, but the end is not yet. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union did all in its power for the passage of the bill, and we are not "cast down" by what seems temporary defeat. It is only temporary.

In every section of the country where I have been, I have found

great dissatisfaction, even among the so-called "administration people," in regard to the attitude of our government toward the canteen and the dreadful conditions which exist in the Philippines. We have organized a W. C. T. U. in Manila. Mrs. Moots, a capable white ribboner and a woman with the true missionary spirit, is the president.

A proposition has been made for the establishment of a temperance home and hospital there under the supervision of Mrs. Moots. We hope and believe this plan will be carried out.

Under supervision and sanction of American authorities the brothel and saloon flourishes in Manila. We are told on reliable authority that there are in the Philippines about two hundred army canteens where liquor is sold, and about four hundred American saloons, the principal support of which comes from the American soldier now in the Philippines. Of the sixty thousand American soldiers who have been in the hospitals, one of the chief surgeons declared that fifteen thousand of these cases were caused directly by drink. This estimate is corroborated by other testimony. We are reliably informed that nine out of the eleven suicides among the soldiers in the Philippines of which we read with such pathetic interest, were caused directly by drink. We also learn that liquor sold in the canteens has the same effect as liquor sold from the regular saloon, and that instead of reducing the number of saloons they multiply in the canteen districts. Is all this of no interest to the mothers of boys, and how can they refrain from uniting and helping the National W. C. T. U. and every other agency which is endeavoring to right this awful wrong? The National W. C. T. U. has under way a plan of work bearing upon this great national disgrace, and we hope it will meet with the co-operation of all good women everywhere, and that the result will be as satisfactory to us as the efforts put forth to keep a polygamist from being a member of the United States Congress. Let us work loyally with the good men of our nation who are exposing the atrocious situation in the Philippines and who have at heart the best interests of this Government. I depend upon the women of Maine to act well their part; in fact, they never fail.

I recognize with deep appreciation the work done by the civic league, by Christian Endeavorers in some localities, and by other organizations, for the advancement of temperance sentiment and for

the enforcement of the prohibitory law. I recommend that we cordially co-operate with all these movements.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to you all for honoring our state as you have in responding to the call from the national to help the memorial organization fund by a gift from each union of two dollars. The last time that I heard the national treasurer mention the subject, she said that Maine had outranked all of the other states in the amount given, and as she told me this I thought of what our promoted leader often said of the women of Maine, that there were none more loyal, more devoted, more generous. There are many memorials in many places erected to her memory, but I am sure the greatest and the best, and the one which from her heavenly home she will smile upon most approvingly, is the successful effort to build up by increased membership and large plans the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. If each of the ten thousand unions in our country would respond to the call for two dollars, the National W. C. T. U. would be enabled to reach many fields where real temperance missionary work is needed. I am sure that each union which gives the two dollars to the memorial fund will be greatly blessed in the giving. I have often said that there is no society in the world that does so much work with so little money as the W. C. T. U.

I am confident that the local unions can have more money to work with if they make the right effort. First, secure more members, this is the best financial basis; secure more honorary members. Many local unions have a long list of men who are glad to sign the pledge and pay the annual membership fee to help the local work, and some unions have in addition to this a list of annual contributors among the men who decline to sign the pledge, but are glad to help the local work. I recommend that all unions try to raise money in this way.

While in the Northwest we heard wonderful reports of financial prosperity in the local unions brought about by the medal contests. I wish more in this line might be done in Maine. The reason we do not have more money to work with is because we do not ask for more. There are wealthy and well-to-do people who would respond to the right sort of an invitation to give. Let us in the right spirit ask and we shall receive.

I recommend we use our influence toward the repeal of the fee

system and in favor of paying all officers a fair salary without tempting them to create unjust fees under sanction of law.

I recommend that we continue to use our utmost influence to prevent the nomination or election of immoral men to fill or hold positions of trust and honor. We certainly should be encouraged by the good results of our efforts in the past.

I recommend that we continue our efforts to bring into practice that great principle established by Elizabeth Frye over eighty years ago, that none but women should be employed as superintendent and in the care of women prisoners.

I recommend that we be more active in trying to banish impure literature, indecent pictures, exhibitions and advertisements. As a rule the municipal officers when properly appealed to will help in the suppression of all these.

The law of our state forbids the manufacture, sale or giving away of cigarettes to any person under twenty-one. We helped to secure this law; are we helping to enforce it? There is not a local union that cannot, backed by this law, banish the cigarette from its community. When we see a boy with a cigarette we should feel the same as if we saw him taking a less subtle poison and hasten to rescue him and stop the source of supply. Educators and other good people are wonderfully sympathetic in efforts to overcome the cigarette curse.

I have not spoken at length upon the importance of woman's suffrage. I refrain from doing this because the capable, experienced state superintendent, Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, will present the report and our plan of action. I am more and more deeply convinced that the ballot in the hands of women would help the temperance cause and every other good cause which needs assistance, and I urgently recommend that the petitions be faithfully circulated, that the legislators and other influential friends be interviewed, and that we try to convince them that there are thousands of women in Maine who desire the ballot, and who are well fitted to use it in the interests of the best government.

I wish we might all take the pledge that Miss Willard proposed years ago and which she always kept:

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

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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The survey of the work of the year just closing is encouraging and gives promise for better results in the future. Twelve of the counties have organized one or more new Unions and only seven have been obliged to drop unions from the list. Aroostook, Cumberland, Penobscot, have each three new ones; Knox, Lincoln and Waldo, two; Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc and Somerset, one; while Piscataquis and Washington have each added four. Of these twenty-seven new Unions, twelve are Y's. That the young women of our state are aroused to the needs of organized work along the lines of total abstinence and purity is cause for thankfulness and encouragement, and gives great promise for our future.

Forty-nine Unions report more or less activity in efforts to secure a better enforcement of our prohibitory law, and we feel sure that since the recent expression of public opinion through the ballot-box in Cumberland county in regard to law enforcement, our Unions all over the state will take new courage and make renewed and more strenuous efforts during this year.

At our last convention we resolved to ask our governor to inaugurate an "Old Home Week" for Maine, and in the spirit of that resolution the week was observed at state headquarters with "open house," our president being in attendance each afternoon. The offices were prettily arranged with quaint old furniture and dainty china and glass of "ye olden time" from which tea and fruit lemonade were served to our many callers. These numbered three hundred and fifty-one, representing twenty-nine states—from Maine to California, North Dakota to Florida—District of Columbia, England and New Brunswick. The happiest feature of this celebration on our part was the carrying out of the plan of our president in having a well-curb

and veritable old well-sweep placed on the banking just outside the office. Tin dippers were provided for the use of the passers by, who fully appreciated the barrel of ice-water which was kept constantly fresh with running water. These did not register, but it was a motley throng representing all classes of society and many nationalities. As an outcome of this, the Portland Union is maturing plans for a permanent watering place for man and beast on the sidewalk in front of headquarters.

Our work among the children shows twenty Loyal Temperance Legions in the state and much effort to secure enforcement of the Temperance Instruction and Cigarette laws.

To the annual call of the National for two dollars from every Union in the country to form a Willard Organizing Fund, there have responded three Unions in Androscoggin county, seven in Aroostook, sixteen in Cumberland, five in Franklin, four in Hancock, six in Kennebec, five in Knox, four in Lincoln, five in Oxford, four in Penobscot, one in Piscataquis, three in Sagadahoc, four in Somerset, five in Waldo, three in Washington and eight in York, and by figures gathered from the reports we find that two thousand, nine hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty cents (\$2,913.20) in excess of the dues have been raised to carry on the work during the last year. The facts and figures do not report or represent in full the work, even in the few lines mentioned, as they are culled from one hundred and forty-one Unions only (this being the number which have reported), instead of our full number, one hundred and ninety-five. Let us *all* report another year.

CORNELIA M. DOW.

# Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance in treasury,	\$347 38	Expenses of last convention,	\$125 28
Convention collections,	70 79	Sent Clara Parrish Fund,	50 00
Rec'd from sale of souvenirs,	6 15	Expense of printing State Re-	
"    "    Neal Dow cards,	1 00	port,	96 65
"    life membership fees,	150 00	Postage and express on same,	22 68
"    memorial member-		Expended in state organizing,	181 48
ship fees,	100 00	Expended in literature for state,	53 78
From Maine Y's for Clara Par-		Passed to Y Organizing Fund,	
rish Fund,	50 00	donated by Miss Eleanor	
Gifts,	54 00	Barrett,	25 00
From dues,	1,352 78	Sent through treasurer's hands	
"    members-at-large,	4 00	to Willard Memorial Fund,	81 00
"    L. T. L. dues,	5 65	Sent through treasurer's hands	
"    sale of reports,	9 05	to National Hospital,	2 00
For Willard Memorial Fund	81 00	Paid president's appropriation,	200 00
"    Temperance Hospital,	2 00	"    postage, stationery, etc.,	200 00
From sale of literature at		"    superintendents' appropri-	
Headquarters,	3 54	ations,	175 00
	<u>\$2,237 34</u>	Sent National dues,	452 26
Deducting disbursements,	1,791 82	Contributed to World's W. C.	
		T. U. exhibit,	28 36
Balance in treasury,	\$445 52	Expended for Neal Dow cards,	5 00
		Repairing grounds at Head-	
		quarters after Old Home	
		Week,	12 00
		Life membership certificates, in-	
		cluding seals and stamps,	11 48
		Expense of Prison Day,	10 00
		Treasurer's bill,	30 00
		Paid deficit on Star,	15 32
		Sect's blanks and Con. calls,	6 00
		Suffrage petitions,	5 00
		Postage incurred at Headq'rs,	3 53
			<u>1,791 82</u>

## DUES AS RECEIVED FROM COUNTIES.

		GAIN.	LOSS.
Androscoggin,	\$ 75 15		\$ 4 35
Aroostook,	136 55	\$ 5 58	
Cumberland,	217 50	1 20	
Franklin,	54 60		3 00
Hancock,	50 43	6 67	
Kennebec,	123 50		20 20
Knox,	77 10		9 80
Lincoln,	40 50	2 10	
Oxford,	63 50	6 10	
Penobscot,	126 00	2 70	
Piscataquis,	59 60	15 46	
Sagadahoc,	34 50	3 20	
Somerset.	62 40		9 35
Waldo,	75 00	17 10	
Washington,	74 10	20 40	
York,	82 35	6 15	
		<u>\$86 66</u>	<u>\$46 70</u>

Gain in excess of loss, \$39.96.

## HEADQUARTERS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
Balance from last year,	\$2 02	Fuel,	\$155 19
Donations,	78 95	Light,	49 90
Rentals,	874 77	Water, ice and street sprinkling,	32 25
All other sources,	2 43	Furnishings,	90 63
		Repairs,	209 55
		Housekeeper,	107 00
		Taxes and interest,	229 80
		Postage and loan,	5 32
			<u>\$879 64</u>
		Balance on hand,	78 53
	<u>\$958 17</u>		<u>\$958 17</u>

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

## REPORT OF THE STATE PAPER, STAR IN THE EAST.

The fact that the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union publishes monthly an official organ bearing this name may not be known to all the members of this convention,



or to a large proportion of our members throughout the state. But such a paper has been issued for eleven years, and although it is considered invaluable to many of our workers and to others who want to know what the workers are doing, it reaches even in this eleventh year less than one-fourth of our membership.

Perhaps some here, today, can devise some plan by which many more of our members can be made to see the importance of sustaining and reading this monthly message. If so, the business manager would gladly adopt the plan.

In the first issue of 1900 a prize was offered to any who would send in four new subscribers to the paper, and thirty of these little pins bearing the face of our beloved leader, Frances E. Willard, have been sent out to the winners. This offer holds good during this convention.

There have been received 991 subscriptions for the Star and 335 for the Signal. Sixty-two more subscribers to our paper would have made it self-sustaining. Cannot we make it so this year?

#### FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENSES.
Subscribers for Star and Union Signal,	Paper for Star, \$ 24 00
\$525 72	Printing twelve editions, 240 00
	Mailing Star, 5 14
	Receipt cards printed, 6 00
	Postage, 2 25
	W. T. P. A.—for Union Signal, 263 65
<hr/> \$525 72	<hr/> \$541 04

CORNELIA M. DOW, *Business Manager.*

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the treasurer's accounts with their vouchers and find them correct

ALMIRA F. GINN, *Auditor.*

# Superintendents' Reports.

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## STATE ORGANIZER.

Summary of work during the year by the state organizer, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans: 77 afternoon and evening addresses; several talks to children; 10 Gospel services conducted; organized six Unions, and added 155 members to the organization.

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## STATE Y ORGANIZER

Brief summary of six months' work: 42 addresses on W. C. T. U. and Y work; organized two W Unions, five Y Unions and two Y Branches; 962 letters and postals written; 480 Annual Leaflets and 6,800 pages of literature distributed; added 156 active and 42 honorary members to the organization. Miss Eleanor Barrett organized one Y Union, and Miss Mabel Freese organized two Y Unions.

Suggestions: More extensive work on the part of county secretaries of Y work; a definite outline of work for each local Y Union; more public meetings, followed by personal work; a systematic campaign for new members, and special recognition given to new members; special White Shield and White Cross work; renewed efforts to establish Y's in colleges; more co-operation with L. T. L. workers in helping advance the Children's work; and an increase of earnest study on the part of each Y member to become more perfectly acquainted with "White Ribbon" methods of work.

### **YOUNG WOMAN'S BRANCH.**

Superintendent, Miss Lubelle Patrick, Groverville.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Miss Alice Pearle Robbins, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. Laura E. Ingalls, South Bridgton; Franklin, Miss Annie B. Case, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Cora Guptill, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, 23 Stone Street, Augusta; Knox, Miss Alice H. Moore, Camden; Lincoln, Miss Ella E. Chapman, Jefferson; Penobscot, Miss Florence M. Beale, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. S. E. Dill, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Lydia A. B. Gilmore, Woolwich; Somerset, Miss Ena Tucker, Pittsfield; Waldo, Miss Effie M. Littlefield, Winterport; Washington, Miss Cora Smith, Jonesport; York, Miss Ella W. Ricker, South Berwick.

Successful Methods of Work: The Branch has been especially successful in increasing membership. Never before have so many new Y Unions and Branches been formed in one year. A Y organizer, Miss Littlefield, was appointed at last convention and results of her work have been felt through the State. Earnest, capable workers are coming forward from the ranks of the young women and the heartiest co-operation of the mother Union has always been given. A day during the Ocean Park Assembly in August was in charge of the Y Branch, which was called a success.

Further Suggestions: That the work for increased membership still be vigorously pushed.

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### **LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.**

Superintendent, Miss Annie C. Bagley, Norway.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. M. E. Mitchell, Chase Mills; Aroostook, Mrs. Myrtle Ames, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. William Davis, Harrison; Kennebec, Mrs.

Jennie Packard, East Winthrop; Knox, Mrs. Hattie Adams, Spruce Head; Oxford, Mrs. B. F. Spaulding, Buckfield; Penobscot, Mrs. H. A. Abbott, Orono; Piscataquis, Mrs. Mary E. Hathern, Atkinson; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Susan N. Montgomery, Bath; Washington, Mrs. C. A. Ricker, Cherryfield.

**Successful Methods of Work:** I know of no method so successful as the following of the National plan in all its details.

**Further Suggestions:** I would suggest that more attention be paid to training the children for future W. C. T. U. workers. Let them help the Union in everything that it is possible for them to and thus let them become familiar with the work. Would also urge all who are members of the Sunshine Society to continue their good work.

## **HYGIENE AND HEREDITY AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.**

**Superintendent, Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, Harrison.**

**County Superintendents:** Aroostook, Mrs. M. E. Luce, Caribou; Cumberland, Mrs. Helen Martin, Otisfield; Hancock, Mrs. A. F. Greely, Ellsworth; Kennebec, N. Maria Plimpton, Litchfield; Knox, Mrs. Marion Norton, Warren; Oxford, Mrs. Hiram Gatchell, East Brownfield; Piscataquis, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft; Waldo, Mrs. A. E. Clarke, Belfast; Washington, Miss Cora M. Wright, Pembroke.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Work for sanitary conditions of schoolhouses, for clean streets, for hygienic dress, etc., physical culture classes, drill among children, mothers' meetings, etc.

**Further Suggestions:** Make more effort to secure co-operation of teachers, that children may be taught the laws of health. Introduce the subject in L. T. L.'s. Live up to the "Do Everything" policy in this department.

**NON-ALCOHOLIC MEDICATION.**

Superintendent: Mrs. A. L. Vining, St. Albans.

County Superintendents: Knox, Mrs. Herbert Hawes, Union; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Llewellyn Oliver, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. Rand, Fairfield.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.**

Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Mrs. L. R. Sprague, Sprague's Mills; Cumberland, Mrs. Violet E. Wheatley, Peaks Island; Franklin, Mrs. Josephine Jenkins, Kingfield; Hancock, Mrs. A. M. Lawton, South West Harbor; Kennebec, Miss Hattie L. Hoxie, South China; Knox, Mrs. E. W. Cobb, Union; Lincoln, Mrs. A. J. Lockhart, Pemaquid; Oxford, Mrs. O. S. Littlehale, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. J. Parker, East Corinth; Piscataquis, Mrs. W. O. Curtis, Brownville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Helen Delano, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. J. L. Macklin, Anson; Waldo, Mrs. O. G. Huzzy, Waldo Station; Washington, Mrs. Emma Campbell, Pembroke; York, Mrs. Emily Jordan Mills, Limerick.

Successful Methods of Work: Teaching the Quarterly Lesson interestingly, presentation of the pledge, distribution of temperance papers, placing temperance books in Sunday-school libraries, temperance concerts, securing a place on the Sunday-school convention programs for the presentation of our work, and preparing a full report for the county convention, after which, sending it to the state superintendent.

## TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

Superintendent: Mary E. Bishop, 684 Congress St., Portland,  
 County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. R. M. Pulsifer,  
 Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Chas. Dunn, Houlton; Cumberland,  
 Mrs. Eliza Jordan, Upper Gloucester; Franklin, Mrs. Clara  
 Chamberlain, Wilton; Hancock, Annie Westcott, Winter Har-  
 bor; Kennebec, Jennie Hodgkins, Gardiner; Knox, Mrs. Sarah  
 Brastow, Rockport; Piscataquis, Marcia Blethen, Foxcroft; Sag-  
 adahoc, Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Bath; Waldo, Mrs. Clara Cottrell,  
 Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. M. Vose, Calais.

Reports have been received from twelve counties. The usual amount of literature has been distributed.

Mention is made of the temporary removal of the W. C. T. U. box from Union Station, Portland, on account of repairs; but the officials say it shall be put in its place again. Soon after a "raid" in Bath the box was stolen from the men's room in the depot there, an act of revenge, no doubt.

The Harrison and Otisfield Unions have succeeded in getting Scientific Temperance Instruction taught in the public schools of those towns.

Successful Methods of Work: Your superintendent thinks that this department should receive a little praise for the awakening of public sentiment, as shown by the recent election in Cumberland county. All the Unions in the above county report a great deal of literature circulated. Lumber camps have been kept supplied, boxes in railroad stations kept filled, and country merchants have been supplied with leaflets to put in bundles, etc.

Results: An awakened public sentiment, a more thorough knowledge of the evils of alcohol and narcotics.

## ANTI-NARCOTICS.

Superintendent: Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Berwick.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Helen Atwood, 65 Goff St., Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. J. D. F. White, Bridgewater; Cumberland, Mrs. Emma F. Duran, Westbrook; Franklin, Mrs. Minnie Kyes Allen, Jay; Hancock, Mrs. Victoria Rand, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Anna Woodsum, China; Knox, Mrs. Maggie Godfrey, Spruce Head; Lincoln, Mrs. Susie Curtis, Waldoboro; Oxford, Miss Eva Richards, South Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. S. U. Matthews, Upper Stillwater; Piscataquis, Mrs. Myrtie Jackson, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. J. F. Purington, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Bessie E. Prescott, St. Albans; Waldo, Mrs. Anna E. Harkness, Camden; Washington, Mrs. J. Dudley, Pembroke; York, Mrs. Francis Haines, Biddeford.

Successful Methods of Work: Distribution of literature, formation of anti-cigarette leagues, Anti-Tobacco Gem distributed, putting anti-tobacco posters and cigarette law in schoolrooms, stores and postoffices, public addresses and sermons. Dealers have been persuaded to give up sale of cigarettes and tobacco.

Further Suggestions: Send to Mrs. Charlotte Angstman, 277 Putnam Ave., Detroit, Mich., for her book, "The Power of the Tobacco Habit"; circulate it. Continue to get signers to anti-cigarette pledge and send to Mrs. Ingalls; also send her the newspaper clippings regarding evil of cigarettes. A great advance in public sentiment is noticeable. Let us help it along with all our might.

## SCHOOL SAVINGS BANKS.

Superintendent: Elizabeth Upham Yates, Round Pond.

County Superintendents: Cumberland, Mrs. Celia V. Berry, Cumberland Mills; Hancock, Mrs. Rosalie Arey, Stonington; Kennebec, Miss Frances Mitchell, Randolph; Knox, Miss

Fannie Gushee, Appleton; Lincoln, Mrs. E. U. Yates, Round Pond; Oxford, Mrs. O. M. Mason, Bethel; Somerset, Mrs. Annie M. Frost, Pittsfield.

Successful Methods of Work: Appeals to school boards and teachers, and co-operation with the Federation of Women's Clubs and Maine Pedagogical Association.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Superintendent: Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center.

Results: One president of two local Unions in one county reports 45,000 pages of literature distributed. Another in the same county tells of 800 garments made or repaired and given to the needy, the president having a basket for the members to keep supplied with clothing for this purpose, a practice worthy to be recommended and followed, as we can easily imagine that the door to the hearts of the recipients was always open to the wondrous story of Him who "came not to be ministered unto but to minister." Some hundreds of mothers', almshouse and social meetings reported; more than 200,000 pages of literature sent out; prisoners visited and corresponded with; souls saved, the power of appetite thereby destroyed, till your superintendent was fain to cry out as she read:

"They look like women in uniform,  
They look like women of war."

Further Suggestions: Yet if there is one thing more than another she feels to recommend, it is more enthusiasm in this department the coming year, so that when reports of our work are read in our conventions and meetings, cases like these should be expected, multiplied, and when so reported be received with responsive words of praise, bursts of holy



song and even shouts of victory from the whole evangelistic constituency.

Your superintendent has herself attended by request some six or seven funerals; made the interests of our cause a part of the subject matter of many religious services (through months in hospital, etc., these opportunities have been fewer than in most years); held some thirty meetings by appointment, and has had the great joy of welcoming some new born souls into the church of Christ.

Dear sisters, let us be like the "beloved Persis" who, Paul tells us, "labored much in the Lord."

### **UNFERMENTED WINE AT SACRAMENT.**

Superintendent, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou.

There has been much work done in the past in all the counties, and through influence of pastors. With the exception of the Episcopal and Catholic churches fermented wine is not used, owing to the efforts put out by the W. C. T. U. But every county president must look out for the interest of their county.

### **PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING.**

Superintendent, Miss Annie M. Nichols, Lamb's Corner.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Mrs. R. A. Bradbury, Titcomb; Cumberland, Mrs. Vena M. Hall, Cumberland Mills; Kennebec, Miss Annie M. Nichols, Lamb's Corner; Knox, Miss A. L. Crie, Rockland; Somerset, Mrs. Mary E. Neal, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. Lois E. Stearns, Belfast.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Sermons from pastors, personal interviews, distribution of literature—8,130 pages having been sent out or personally distributed by state superintendent.

**Further Suggestions:** Let each Union send twelve cents to the state superintendent for material for a department meeting. See August, 1900, "Star" for program. Local presidents of Unions having no superintendent, please take notice.

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### **SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN.**

**Superintendent,** Jennie M. Anthoine, 23 Winter St., Portland.

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. E. Y. Newman, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. H. B. Forbes, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. L. M. Bennett, Deering Center; Franklin, Mrs. Nelson Gould, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. L. J. Call, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Nellie Perkins, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. John Stetson, Thomaston; Lincoln, Mrs. S. F. Winslow, Waldo; Oxford, Mrs. M. A. Oxnard, Norway; Penobscot, Mrs. Wm. H. Carr, Dexter; Piscataquis, Mrs. Addie L. Chamberlain, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Louisa F. Packard, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Abbie Hilton, Bingham; Waldo, Mrs. K. W. Thorndike, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. Skillinger, Danforth; York, Mrs. R. H. Goodwin, West Lebanon.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Twenty-six children have been cared for during the year. At present the department is boarding and clothing four entirely, and clothing four who are in free homes. Of the children who have passed through the hands of your superintendent, ten of them have needed to be clothed either wholly or partly.

**Further Suggestions:** Feeling that this is one of the most important branches of our work, we would suggest that each Union be ever on the alert to do something for these helpless ones.

## **WORK AMONG RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.**

Superintendent, Mrs. Helen Thomas, Greene.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Helen Thomas, Greene; Aroostook, Mrs. Ralph Seeley, Fort Fairfield; Franklin, Mrs. George Walker, Farmington; Kennebec, reported by Miss Alice Clough, Winthrop; Knox, Mrs. George Hayden, Rockland; Penobscot, Laura Clement, Shirley; Piscataquis, Mrs. Florence Gerrish, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Addie Robbins, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Olive Marcia, Shawmut; Waldo, Mrs. Addie McIntyre, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. Mary Stone, Machias; York, Mrs. A. M. Bradbury, Saco.

Successful Methods of Work: Personal work is more successful than any other method which I have tried.

Further Suggestions: Would suggest that county superintendents keep an accurate account of all work done, and see that this department is taken up by every local Union where practicable.

## **WORK AMONG SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.**

Superintendent, Mrs. Caroline M. Patten, 31 Forest Ave., Bangor.

County Superintendents: Cumberland, Mrs. N. B. Sterling, Peaks Island; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Lake Kyes, North Jay; Hancock, Mrs. D. C. Clark, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Rose Swain, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. Herbert Hawes, Union; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Ida Spinney, Popham Beach; Somerset, Miss Bessie Kimball, Pittsfield; Waldo, Mrs. W. E. Decrow, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. G. Bibber, Eastport; York, Mrs. L. F. Rand, Cornish.

Successful Methods of Work: Reading matter sent to South American Seaman's Home, Coast Missionary, and out going

vessels. Testaments, comfort bags, books and papers sent to vessels.

Further Suggestions: That each county and local Union provide a sum of money for its superintendent to use; that the superintendents keep an itemized account of work done, and also answer all letters and postals promptly.

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### **WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN AND QUARRYMEN.**

Superintendent, Frances S. Rogers, Greenville.

County Superintendents: Cumberland, Sarah W. McClellan; Oxford, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney; Somerset, Mrs. O. R. Brown; Washington, Mrs. G. H. Condell.

Successful Methods of Work: Sending reading matter to camps, filling wall baskets, distributing among children of lumbermen at their homes and at school, in barber shops and similar places.

Further Suggestions: Comfort bags and good books. Please send testaments and singing books, and juvenile papers and books for lumbermen's children.

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### **SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**

Superintendent, Frances S. Moody, Bath.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. G. W. Clark, Mechanic Falls; Aroostook, Mrs. A. S. Knight, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center; Hancock, Mrs. Sarah F. M. Rich, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Clara G. Bowry; Knox, Miss Alzira Crie, Rockland; Lincoln, Mrs. Almeda Havener, Broad Cove; Oxford, Mrs. Littlehale, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. P. Hubbard, Stetson; Piscataquis, Mrs. Elsie

Sherburne, Milo; Sagadahoc, Mrs. John McDonald, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Julia Bowdoin, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. M. B. Conant, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. O. A. Curtis, Additon Point; York, Mrs. George Fogg, Sanford.

**Successful Methods of Work:** I do not know of any more successful method of work than that suggested in 1899.

**Further Suggestions:** I would suggest that each superintendent should be more prompt in sending to the state superintendent their reports early in September, many coming too late for my own report.

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### PURITY.

**Superintendent, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary.**

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. Augusta Malcom, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. L. A. Smart, Logan; Cumberland, Mrs. Belle M. Benett, Bridgton; Franklin, Mrs. A. Hunnewell, Kingfield; Hancock, Mrs. Inez M. Small, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. J. Albert Jenkins, Lamb's Corner; Knox, Mrs. Ella M. Wentworth, Rockport; Oxford, Mrs. I. M. Swett, South Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. L. L. Varney, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. Hattie M. Sturtevant, Milo; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Nancy Clark, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. F. H. Brown, Fairfield; Waldo, Mrs. Mary Staples, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. Susan M. Grant, East Steuben; York, Mrs. L. P. Lawry, Kittery Depot.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Sermons preached, lectures given, books loaned, literature distributed, curfew law enforced, mothers' meetings held, petitions circulated, and personal work done.

**Further Suggestions:** Needed, a deeper realization of the importance of this work, especially among mothers, teachers and children, and more attention paid to reporting what is done.

## PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART.

Superintendent, Mrs. Inez L. Small, South Deer Isle.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. L. C. Pulsifer, Auburn; Cumberland, Mrs. S. B. Varney, Windham Center; Franklin, Mrs. Nellie Alvord, Kingfield; Hancock, Inez L. Small, South Deer Isle; Knox, Mrs. E. M. Wentworth, Rockport; Sagadahoc, Miss Kate W. Spinney, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. C. E. Peterson, Hartland; Waldo, Mrs. S. W. Bicknell, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. Susan Grant, East Steuben.

Successful Methods of Work: Distribute literature which shows the importance and need of this department. Place the "plan of work" in the hands of each local superintendent. Secure at least one lecture from every pastor who takes an interest in the young people.

Further Suggestions: Systematic work must be done in order to insure success. Each county superintendent should correspond regularly with state superintendent. Local superintendent can visit public schools and try and secure the teachers' co-operation, and report all work done. Every white ribboner can use her influence, and both by precept and example help along this line.

## MERCY.

Superintendent, Miss Mary Crosby, 12 Fifth St., Bangor.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Main St., Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. Fannie M. Scott, Bridgewater; Cumberland, Mrs. Etta Warren, Bolster's Mills; Hancock, Mrs. Violet Goss, Stonington; Kennebec, Mrs. Jennie A. Packard, Winthrop; Knox, Mrs. Luella M. Littlefield, Vinalhaven; Lincoln, Miss Emily F. Sidelinger, Newcastle; Oxford, Miss Phebe M. Buxton, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. W. J.

Crockett, 49 Park View Ave., Bangor; Piscataquis, Miss Anna W. Varney, Greenville; Somerset, Miss Jennie Pollard, Solon; Waldo, Mrs. Cassie Roberts, Belfast; York, Mrs. Lizzie Manson, Kittery.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Bands of Mercy in L. T. L.'s, Epworth Leagues, Sunday and day schools; gift and sale of leaflets and books of National Department of Mercy, Humane Educational Committee, Audubon Society, Anti-Vivisection Society and American Humane Society; circulation of "Our Dumb Animals"; loan of "Black Beauty" and other reading to stable boys and drivers; Humane Calendar and bird charts hung in schools; state law posted in public places; abusive drivers remonstrated with; letters to parents of offenders; original articles against bird-millinery read at convention and published in newspapers; editors and teachers talked with and encouraged; schools studying birds; anti-feather pledge circulated; letters to senators in behalf of Lacey and Gallinger Bills; tanks of water for thirsty animals; humane literature sent to jails; the poor assisted, and a crippled boy helped to a High school education.

**Further Suggestions:** It should be steadily kept in view that the purpose of this department is to lessen the cruelty of the world; that this is largely to be accomplished by educational methods; that we ourselves should not perpetrate or abet any form of cruelty; that we should be alert to discern the progress of the world in this reform and prompt to lend our hand where it is needed, whether in the sphere of home, school, trade or congress. Finally, that we should learn to report, each one for the assistance of all others engaged in the task.

## **FLOWER MISSION.**

Superintendent, Belle B. Downes, Houlton.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, M. Addie Burden, Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Belle B. Downes, Houlton; Cumberland, Frances Thayer, South Windham; Franklin, Hattie E. Linscott, Bean; Kennebec, Mrs. Frances E. Hussey, Vassalboro; Somerset, Annie M. Frost, Pittsfield; Waldo, Ellen E. McKinley, Waldo; Washington, Abbie E. Nash, Cherryfield.

Successful Methods of Work: Flowers, plants and slips, scrap-books, literature, food and clothing distributed among sick, aged and destitute; flowers provided on Decoration Day, for funerals and for church services.

Further Suggestions: Have one meeting a year of every local Union devoted to the Flower Mission Department. Arrange it as near to June 9th, Miss Cassedy's birthday, as possible.

## **WORK AT STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS.**

Superintendent, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Susan M. French, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate De Witt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ellen F. Webb, South Windham; Franklin, Mrs. Luella E. Reynolds, Farmington; Knox, Mrs. H. M. Robbins, Union; Lincoln, Almira F. Ginn, Damariscotta; Oxford, Mrs. Martha B. Chapman, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. C. E. Green, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. E. N. Oakes, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan P. Cary, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Sarah L. Rogers, Pittsfield; Waldo, Mrs. W. H. Twombly, Monroe; Washington, Margaret C. Hunter, Cherryfield; York, Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford.



**Successful Methods of Work:** Where attempted, we have in most instances been successful in the enforcement of the law. Through this department we reach the great mass of humanity, and very effective personal work has been done on our fair-grounds by our white ribboners in securing new members, also interesting people in "mercy work" and in the department of Securing Homes for Homeless Children.

**Further Suggestions:** Try to get first-class agriculturists and women on fair boards. If you wish to petition, begin to work early and in the proper place. Fair boards generally meet in January. Begin with them. Petition for the withholding of the state stipend from fairs violating the law. Interest other societies and influential persons to work with and stand by you.

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### LEGISLATION AND PETITION.

**Superintendent,** Mrs. L. C. Lamb, 67 East Ave., Lewiston.

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. Alice B. Biglow, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate De Witt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ada E. Jordan, East Otisfield; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Kennebec, Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center; Knox, Mrs. A. E. Bradford, Union; Penobscot, Mrs. E. R. Horton, Dexter; Sagadahoc, Miss Kate W. Spinney, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. A. L. Vining, St. Albans; Waldo, Miss E. F. Miller, North Searsmont; York, Mrs. E. J. Crowell, West Lebanon.

**Successful Methods of Work:** There has been a general awakening on the part of the people in regard to the better enforcement of the prohibitory law. Petitions have been sent to mayors, selectmen and other municipal officers; many personal letters written to members of congress, urging them to use their influence and vote for the anti-canteen bill. Congress

was besieged with petitions, letters and telegrams from the home constituency, for this measure. The success of our petitions to congress, which prevented the seating of the outlaw Roberts in that law making body of men, was a great victory for women.

**Further Suggestions:** Since the importance of this department is being realized as never before by our women, let every county that has no superintendent see to it that one be appointed, as the work of the coming year will be one of great interest. Specifically, petitions to legislatures; systematic effort to enforce existing laws; a course of study and reading for local Unions.

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### FRANCHISE.

Superintendent, Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, 165 State St., Portland.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Alice B. Bigelow, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate De Witt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Miss Louise L. Titcomb, Stroudwater; Franklin, Mrs. Helen C. Beedy, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Rebecca Warren, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. Sarah G. Crosby, Waterville; Knox, Mrs. A. S. Hills, Union; Lincoln, Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro; Oxford, Miss Jennie Kimball, East Hiram; Piscataquis, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Brownville; Sagadahoc, Kate W. Spinney, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. A. L. Vining, St. Albans; Waldo, Miss Josephine Hardy, Winterport; Washington, Mrs. Grant.

**Successful Methods of Work:** The same as in previous years—suffrage meetings in Unions for study and debate; public suffrage meetings; the distribution of suffrage literature, and articles on suffrage for Press Department.

**Further Suggestions:** Every Union is requested to obtain definite information on these points: How many members endorse the Franchise Department; how many believe in the ballot for women because of association with and work for the W. C. T. U. In obtaining the annual dues, please ask these questions of each member. Attend town meetings.

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### **PEACE AND ARBITRATION.**

**Superintendent, Alice May Douglas, Bath.**

**County Superintendents:** Cumberland, Mrs. Lucy A. Hawkes, Windham Center; Kennebec, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Jones, South China; Oxford, Rev. Caroline Angel, Norway; Piscataquis, Mrs. Agnes Bennett, Guilford; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan Carey, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. M. F. Bunker, North Anson; York, Miss Gertie Cook, North Troy.

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### **PRISON, JAIL AND ALMSHOUSE WORK.**

**Superintendent, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy.**

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. George W. Wagg, Auburn; Aroostook, Miss Belle Downes, Houlton; Cumberland, Mrs. Homestead, Portland; Franklin, Mrs. Harriet Scales, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. M. B. Perry, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Lizzie Towle, Augusta; Knox, Mrs. E. O. Burgess, Thomaston; Oxford, Mrs. Emery Bonney, South Paris; Penobscot, Bangor Crusade; Washington, Mrs. Maria B. Hill, Machias.

## **WORK AMONG FOREIGN SPEAKING PEOPLE.**

Superintendent, Mrs. Byron Stevens, Brunswick.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Emma Albee, Eastern Ave., Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou; Cumberland, Mrs. S. E. Moors, Box 28, Casco; Franklin, Miss Mary Leavitt, North Jay; Piscataquis, Mrs. Ella M. Getchell, Foxcroft.

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## **SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.**

Superintendent, Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. H. M. Wilder, Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Mrs. R. B. Warren, Island Falls; Cumberland, Mrs. John Hamblen, Bridgton; Franklin, Mrs. Geo. C. Purington, Farmington; Hancock, Miss Mary A. Carroll, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Kate C. Pishon, Augusta; Knox, Miss Elcanor L. Griffith, Rockport; Lincoln, Mrs. J. E. Nichols, Round Pond; Oxford, Mrs. O. M. Mason, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. Florence Porter, Howland; Piscataquis, Miss M. E. Averill, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Miss Ann M. Robinson, Bath; Waldo, Mrs. Etta Savery, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. M. L. Plummer, Addison; York, Mrs. E. A. Clarke, Kennebec.

**Successful Methods of Work:** The work of Miss Mabel Freese in Bangor with a course of study arranged for 175 children of five grades shows beyond dispute that a success may be made in this line of effort. It is hoped these lessons will be published for the use of teachers. Institutes and Summer schools have given places on their programs to this department of our work.

**Further Suggestions:** An assistant superintendent of Scientific Temperance Instruction Work for rural districts may greatly aid the regular local superintendent appointed by the Union;

school superintendents should be furnished with copies of the Scientific Temperance Instruction laws to be given with the certificate to each teacher after examination; Scientific Temperance Instruction Work should have place in regular W. C. T. U. and "Y" programs; a Temperance Day in public schools would be helpful; the School Physiology Journal should be furnished to all teachers giving oral instruction. Every County Superintendent should give directions to local superintendents and expect from them faithful reports; schools should be visited by local superintendents and Union members and inquiries made as to amount of temperance instruction which is not optional but compulsory. The example of one school superintendent who assembled all the primary pupils of suitable grades with their teachers for practical talks on temperance and the way in which it can best be taught might be imitated.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union

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### PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of the 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.

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## CONSTITUTION

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### 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 Record-

ing 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, Editor of *Star in the East*, Y Secretaries of Local Unions, 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 paying a 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.

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## BY-LAWS

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### 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, 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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.

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### COUNTY CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### 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 Recording and Corresponding 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 county general officers, county superintendents of departments, presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers of local Unions, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every ten paying members of the local Union.

**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 sometime within May or June.

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

The duties of 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 and report a digest of these to the County Convention and to the State Superintendents, as required by the State Constitution.

**ARTICLE VI.**

Local Unions shall pay to the County Treasurer an amount equal to — cents annually for each of its members, for county work.

**ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.**

The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous 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 ——— 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 County 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 1st, 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.

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## 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 Employees. 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 until 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.

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### 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 to any person to teach in the public schools of 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.]

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### 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 offense; 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.*

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## CIGARETTE LAW.

### CHAPTER 333.

**AN ACT** to prohibit the mauufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors.

**SEC. 1.** Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

**SEC. 2.** Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

**SEC. 3.** This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

[Approved March 27.]

## 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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[*Laws of 1885. Chap. 348.*]

Whoever knowingly, sells, lends, gives away, or shows to any minor child any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or any printed paper, devoted to the publication, or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust or crimes; or circulates, posts, or causes to be circulated or posted in any conspicuous or public place, any picture, handbill or poster containing obscene, indecent, or immoral representations; or in any manner hires, uses, or employs any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or who, having the care, custody, or control of any minor child, permits such child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, any book, magazine, pamphlet, or newspaper coming within the first paragraph of this section, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by fine not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

[*Public Laws of 1897. Chap. 213.*]

**AN ACT for the better protection of girls.**

Whoever being more than twenty-one years of age has carnal knowledge of the body of any unmarried female child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than two years.

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### **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LAW.**

**SEC. 34.** Whoever sells intoxicating liquor contrary to law shall be fined fifty dollars and costs and imprisoned thirty days. For default, thirty days extra.

Subsequent convictions, two hundred dollars and costs, and six months' imprisonment.

In default of payment, six months' additional imprisonment. Clerks, servants and agents are equally guilty with the principal and shall suffer like penalties.

## Annual Meetings.

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1877,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	RICHMOND
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1879,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BANGOR
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Mrs. Malinda Small	Mr. David Perkins
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Mrs. Mary A. Osborne	Dr. C. F. Allen
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Mr. N. S. Fernald	1901.
Mr. Geo. S. Hunt	Miss Harriet A. Leavitt

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### Life Members of Maine W. C. T. U.

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Miss Anna A. Gordon	1900
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Miss Estelle M. Brainerd	Mrs. Emma E. Thompson
Miss Adelaide S. Johnston	Mrs. E. Maria Vose
Mrs. Evelyn A. Harvey.	Mrs. J. McLennan
Mrs. Helen Delano	1901
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Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey	Mrs. S. W. Ricker
Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt	Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan
Mrs. Kate De Witt	Mrs. R. C. Hall
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Francis Willard Hall	Mrs. L. J. Spaulding

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State Headquarters, 150 Free Street, Portland.



# Superintendents of Departments.

FOR 1901-1902.

## I. ORGANIZATION.

Work Among Foreign Speaking People—Mrs. Byron Stevens, Brunswick.

Young Woman's Work—Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, 169 Westbrook St., Portland, Honorary Secretary; Miss Lubelle B. Patrick, Groveville, General Secretary; Mrs. Effie Littlefield Murray, Bath, Associate Secretary; Winifred Vose, Calais, Fellowship Secretary; Alice M. Burbank, Calais, 2d Fellowship Secretary; Alice H. Moore, Rockland, State Organizer; Miss Eleanor G. Barrett, Bath, Assistant Organizer; Mrs. Lydia A. B. Gilmore, Woolwich, Custodian of Funds.

L. T. L. Work—Miss Annie C. Bagley, Norway, Honorary Secretary; Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames, Fort Fairfield, General Secretary.

## II. PREVENTIVE.

Hygienic Reform and Heredity and Physical Culture—Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, Harrison.

Non-Alcoholic Medication—Mrs. A. L. Vining, St. Albans.

## III. EDUCATIONAL.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford.

Sunday School Work—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield.

Temperance Literature—Mrs. V. K. Rollins, Hebron.

Influencing the Press and Reporter for Union Signal—Miss Mary L. French, Auburn.

Anti-Narcotics—Mrs. Florence Nickerson, Portland.

W. C. T. U. Medal Contests—Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, So. Windham; to be supplied.

## IV. EVANGELISTIC.

Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work—Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center.

Unfermented Wine at Sacrament—Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou.

Systematic Giving—Miss Annie M. Nichols, Lamb's Corner.

Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work—Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington.

Reformatory for Women—Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland.

Securing Homes for Homeless Children—Miss Jennie M. Anthoine, Portland.

Work Among Railroad Employes—Mrs. Helen A. Thomas, Greene.

Work among Soldiers and Sailors—To be supplied.

Work Among Lumbermen and Quarrymen—Mrs. Frances W. Rogers, Greenville.

Work Among Light House Keepers—Mrs. Estelle Stanley, Duck Island Light Station, McKinley, Me.

Sabbath Observance—Miss Frances S. Moody, Bath.

Purity—Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary.

Purity in Literature and Art—Mrs. Inez L. Small, South Deer Isle.

Mercy—Miss Mary Crosby, Bangor.

Memorial Services—Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland.

School Savings Banks—To be supplied.

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Flower Mission—Miss Belle Downes, Houlton.

State and County Fairs—Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft.

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# Directory of Maine Unions

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*County Treasurer*—Mrs. E. K. Smith, Lewiston

### PRESIDENT.

### COR. SECRETARY.

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*County Treasurer*—Mrs. Kate De Witt, Presque Isle

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Fort Fairfield Y	Miss Mina French	" Harold Goodhue
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Hodgdon	" Annie E. Benn	" Alma Haskell
Houlton	" Frances McLeod	" Leonora Carr
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Island Falls Y	Miss Ethel McCormick	Miss Nellie Staples
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Mars Hill	" Lizzie York	" Maud Pierce
Mars Hill Y	Miss Cora Rhodes	Miss Edith Clark
New Limerick	" M. D. Clough	Miss Isabell James
Oakfield	" Annie Drew	Mrs. Sadie Drew
Presque Isle	" Frank Haskell	Miss Vila Kitchen
Robinson	" Georgia Hackett	Mrs. Amber Robinson

	PRESIDENT.	COR. SECRETARY.
Smyrna	Miss Rebecca Robinson	Mrs. Hannah Lilley
Sprague's Mills	" Mary Powers	Miss Ermina M. Bragdon

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, South Windham.

*County Treasurer*—Mrs. Emma E. Thompson, 170 Brackett St., Portland.

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Bridgton	" Lucy M. Weymouth	" Sarah E. Whitney
Brunswick	" Byron Stevens	" John S. Towne
Brunswick Y	Miss Eglantine Miller	Miss Rebecca Hope
Cape Elizabeth		" Lena Hannaford
Cumberland Mills	Mrs. Geo. E. Morrill	Mrs. H. E. Cotton
Deering		" C. M. Goodrich (Stevens Ave., Portland)
East Windham	" Josephine Merrill	" A. A. Varney
Freeport	Miss Brenda L. Soule	Miss Eva L. Hersey
Gray	Mrs. Abbie A. Smith	Mrs. Clara Dow
Harrison	" Lilla Cole	" Myra M. Patrick
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North Gorham	" Ann M. Westcott	Mrs. A. D. P. Moses
Otisfield	Miss Harriet J. Loring	" Lottie Holden
Peaks Island	Mrs. N. B. Sterling	" Mary Ackley
Portland	Miss Cornelia M. Dow	" A. B. Cole (16 Avon St.)
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Stroudwater	Miss Anna Boothby	Miss A. F. Quinby
South Windham	Mrs. M. A. Edwards	Mrs. Abbie Morton
Westbrook	" N. A. Whitney	" S. J. Gilkey
West Gorham		" I. H. Cobb
Windham Center	" M. Kate Varney	Miss Cynthia S. Carter
Yarmouth	" Sarah Gerow (Yarmouthville)	Mrs. A. S. Snow

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*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. Harriet P. Keyes, Farmington.

*County Treasurer*—Mrs. Luella E. Reynolds, Farmington.

Farmington	Mrs. Sarah B. Purington	Mrs. Eva Whitney
Kingfield	" Imogen F. Norton	" L. S. Hunnewell
North Jay	" C. M. Keyes	" Iola A. Emery
Stratton	" Harriet Moody	" Laura E. Blanchard
Strong	" Nancy T. Daggett	Miss Addie McLain
Wilton	" Nancy W. Fuller	Mrs. G. H. Bass

## HANCOCK COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. Rebecca S. Warren, South Deer Isle.*County Treasurer*—Mrs. A. W. Clark, Southwest Harbor.

## PRESIDENT.

## COR. SECRETARY.

Bar Harbor	Mrs. Hannah B. Jordan	Miss Juliet Nickerson
Ellsworth	" Laura Moore	Mrs. Ann F. Greeley
So. Deer Isle	" Inez L. Small	" Rebecca S. Warren
Southwest Harbor	" A. M. Lawton	" A. W. Clark
Stonington	" Laura J. Small	" Violet Goss
Winter Harbor	" Mrs. Cora Guptill	" Rubie J. Tracy

## KENNEBEC COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Miss Emily S. Weeks, Vassalboro.*County Treasurer*—Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, 23 Stone St., Augusta.

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Augusta Y		" Edith Kittridge
China	" Edna Hunnewell	Mrs. Katharine M. Brown
Gardiner	" Jennie A. Hodgkins	" Addie Berry
Hallowell	" W. H. Perry	" J. W. Schafer
Kent's Hill	" Adelaide D. Newton	Miss Alice Gould
Monmouth	" Helen M. Haynes	" Laura P. Smith
Sidney	" Josie Blaisdell	" Gertrude Weeks
South China	" R. M. Jones	" Harriet L. Hoxie
Vassalboro	Miss Emily S. Weeks	Mrs. Phebe A. Pinkham (East V.)
Wayne	Mrs. Orpha A. Chapman	" Hattie T. White
Wayne Y	Miss Alice Wing	Miss Nan Moulton
Waterville	Mrs. Sarah B. Crosby	Mrs. Abbie J. Tubbs
Winthrop Center	" Hannah J. Bailey	" Cora L. Rollins

## KNOX COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Miss Alice H. Moore, Rockland.*County Treasurer*—Mrs. A. E. Bradford, Union.

Appleton	Mrs. Mary E. Hanley	Mrs. W. O. Currier
Camden	Miss Carrie Barrows	" D. F. Wardsworth
Camden Y	" Bessie L. Bowers	" Leo F. Strong
Friendship	Mrs. Susan Bradford	Rev. Alfreda Brewster
Rockland	" R. C. Hall	Miss Clara M. Farwell
Rockport	" S. C. Brastow	Mrs. Ella M. T. Wentworth
Spruce Head	" C. P. Waldron	Miss Agnes Snow
Thomaston	" John Stetson	Mrs. Amelia H. Whitcomb
Union	" M. A. Thompson	" E. M. Cobb
Union Y	Miss Alice M. Young	Miss Carrie M. Bradford
Vinalhaven	Mrs. Luella Littlefield	Mrs. Lida White
Warren	Mrs. Marion Norton	Mrs. Marion H. Mallett

## LINCOLN COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro.*County Treasurer*—Mrs. Nellie Wellman, Dresden Mills.

## PRESIDENT.

## COR. SECRETARY.

Boothbay Harbor	Miss Jennie Hayward	Mrs. Frances Spurling
Bremen	Mrs. Gertrude Shivell	" Laura E. Turner
Dresden Mills	" M. E. Wellman	Miss J. Maude Barker
East Jefferson	" Eva Bond	Mrs. Jennie A. Meserve
East Jefferson Y	Miss Ella E. Chapman	Miss Nina Linscott
Newcastle and Damariscotta	" Almira F. Ginn (Damariscotta)	Mrs. Amanda Bryant (Newcastle)
Nelle Burger Y, Waldoboro	" A. Louise Stetson	Miss Helen C. Stetson
New Harbor	Mrs. Annie E. Fossett	Mrs. Annie R. Poland
Round Pond	" Mary Palmer	" Harriet Munro
Waldoboro	" Emma Potter	" S. F. Winslow

## OXFORD COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. Annie M. Barnes, Norway.*County Treasurer*—Mrs. Fannie N. Clifford, Hiram.

Bethel	Mrs. Sarah F. Billings	Mrs. Emma W. Chandler
Brownfield	" E. A. G. Stickney (East Brownfield)	" Lena M. Blakè (East Brownfield)
Buckfield	" Clara Withington	" Cyrus Irish
Hiram	" Fannie C. Clifford	Miss Evie M. Hanson (East Hiram)
Norway	" Elizabeth Bicknell	" Belle Dutton
Norway Y	" Inez S. Cummings	" Grace B. Bicknell
Rumford Falls	" Emma J. Crowe	" Mary Louise Bisbee
South Paris	" Abel Pottle	Mrs. Elizabeth W. Morton
West Paris	" Julia Rich	" Emily L. Emmons

## PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

*County Cor. Secretary*—Mrs. Martha Wentworth, Bradford.*County Treasurer*—Mrs. S. H. Bates, 34 Garland Street, Bangor

Bangor Crusade	Mrs. L. B. Wheelden	Mrs. C. S. Bancroft, Ohio St.
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Bangor Y	Miss Mabel Nason	Miss Mabel Dealing
Bradford	Mrs. Martha B. Wentworth	Mrs. Gertrude Smith
Charleston	" Sarah T. Johnson	" Sarah Tibbetts
Danforth	" D. H. Powell	" L. A. Smart (Logan)
Dexter	" E. R. Horton	" Flora Carr
East Corinth	" Melvina Parker	" Amanda Riley
Enfeld	" Lilla Howes	Miss Beatrice Shorey
Garland	" W. G. Libby	Mrs. B. M. Avery
Hampden Corner	" Ellen N. Cushman	" Violetta Smith

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Lincoln Y	Miss Edna Haynes	
Montague and Howland	Mrs. Maude E. Bates	Mrs. Addie Bragg
	(Montague)	(Montague)
Millinocket	" Susan Wyman	Miss Bina Weymouth
Oldtown	" Helen F. Hayward	Mrs. Cora Twitchell
Oldtown Y	" N. H. A. Gammon	Miss Edith Buzzell
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Orono Y	Miss Nellie B. White	Miss Effie M. Deering
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REPORT OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
**Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.**

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SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BIDDEFORD, Sept. 23,  
7.30 P. M.

Ante-Executive Committee of the Maine W. C. T. U. called to order by President Stevens. Prayer by Mrs. Susan M. Grant. The corresponding secretary was requested to attend to seating the delegates.

Recommended that the treasurer's report be postponed from the usual time till just previous to the election of officers. The committee rose.

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The Twenty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union assembled at the Second Congregational Church, Biddeford, Sept. 24, 1901.

The church was handsomely decorated for the convention. The decorations for the most part were confined to the pulpit platform in the auditorium, where the sessions were being held. There was a background of the National colors flanked with broad bands of white and a profusion of green, while all about the platform were huge bouquets of bright hued flowers and green, the front of the platform being edged with flowers and green. Occupying a commanding position amid the decorations was the portrait of Miss Frances E. Willard. On one side was a portrait of President McKinley, on the other a portrait of President Stevens. About the walls were hung the ban-

ners of the different county unions in the state, while the auditorium was divided off by counties, each division being marked by a banner inscribed with the name of the county.

Over the entrance to the vestry on the floor below was an arch of evergreen, and above the main entrance to the church was a large white banner bearing in letters of black the name of the organization, and bidding everybody welcome to the convention.

The exercises began with a devotional service led by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

The convention was called to order by the president.

Singing, "Rock of Ages," led by Miss Sarah Monroe Hall.

Reading of Crusade Psalms led by general officers.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney offered prayer.

A touching tribute was paid to President McKinley by Mrs. Stevens, as follows:

Looking around at the beautiful decorations this morning in which the American flag is conspicuous, we must be mindful of the great sorrow that has come to our Nation, and as true patriots our hearts have all been saddened, I am sure the telegram sent to Mrs. McKinley on behalf of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which you are a part, voices your sentiments. On Saturday morning a few hours after the spirit of President McKinley took its flight to the land of peace and joy, we wired to Mrs. McKinley these words:

"We extend to you our deep and affectionate sympathy. May the love of God comfort you and His grace sustain you in the overwhelming sorrow that has come to you and our Nation."

We are mindful, too, of the noble christian spirit manifested by the martyred President from the moment he was struck by the bullet of the assassin until he was entering the valley of shadows he chanted "Nearer, my God, to Thee." Shall we not as lovers of our country, as those desirous of promoting its highest and holiest interests arise and sing "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

Roll call by the recording secretary.

Committees on courtesies and credentials appointed by the

president: Courtesies—Mrs. Foss, Mrs. Thomas, Saco; Mrs. Fogg, Mrs. Dudley, Biddeford; Miss Tukey, Damariscotta.

Credentials—The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Alice H. Moore, Mrs. R. C. Hall.

*Voted:* That the program be accepted subject to the necessary changes that may arise.

The able and helpful recommendations of the president were unanimously accepted with applause.

One verse of "America" was sung.

The noon-tide prayer was offered by Mrs. A. S. Johnston.

Miss Anna A. Gordon, though a life member of the Maine W. C. T. U., was made a member of the convention and its privileges by a rising vote. Her response was a most delightful one.

The reports of committees on Reformatory for Women, and Soldiers and Sailors given. Announcements were made, and the convention adjourned, after singing the doxology.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 24, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by President Stevens.

"Coronation" was sung, and prayer offered by Mrs. C. Y. Newman.

Report of Influencing the Press given.

Report of corresponding secretary read, and adopted by a rising vote.

The following reports were given:

Scientific Temperance Instruction.

Flower-Mission.

Fairs.

S. S. work.

*Voted:* As Mrs. Spaulding, the faithful president of Aroostook county, is detained at home by ill health, to send her by the corresponding secretary a telegram of affectionate greeting

and sympathy. Mrs. Snow asked that the secretary refer Mrs. Spaulding to the twentieth psalm.

*Voted:* To send a loving greeting to Mrs. M. T. W. Merrill, one of our oldest and best beloved members. Also the same to our trusted missionary, Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, kept from the meeting by the serious illness of her mother.

Financial report of the Star in the East by the publisher, Miss Dow, and editorial report by Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, adopted with thanks.

*Voted:* That a Red Letter day be adopted for securing subscribers to the Star in the East.

Mrs. Stevens urged the delegates to take the Union Signal.

Miss Moore called the attention of the delegates to the Y almanac.

Mrs. Estelle Stanley urged upon the convention the desirability of providing some good reading for the children of the keepers of the isolated light houses of the state.

Notices were given.

"Blest be the Tie that Bind," sung.

Adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 24, 7.30 P. M.

Meeting opened by singing "Onward, Christian Soldier."

Scripture lesson read by Miss Anna A. Gordon.

Prayer by Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt.

"Abide with Me," sung by Miss Hall.

Addresses of welcome were given: For the city, Mayor Nathaniel Walker; for the churches, Rev. C. E. Bradlee; for the Biddeford W. C. T. U., Mrs. Frances Haines.

Response for the State W. C. T. U., Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy.

Miss Hall sung "Some Glad Day," the audience joining in the chorus.

Mrs. Stevens delivered an able address on "Prohibition."

"Rock of Ages" was finely rendered by the Universalist chorus choir.

Collection.

Benediction by Rev. H. F. Moulton.

Adjourned.

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CONVENTION, Sept. 25, 9 A. M.

Service of prayer and praise led by Miss Anna A. Gordon.

Solo, "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Convention called to order by the president.

Minutes of morning and afternoon meetings read and approved.

Mrs. Mary A. Davis, President National Free Baptist Woman's society, and Mrs. Davis, of Rochester, N. H., were introduced and briefly responded.

*Voted:* To send telegrams of greeting to New Hampshire, South Dakota, and Minnesota State conventions now assembled.

Mrs. Snow suggested the 67th psalm as appropriate for So. Dakota.

Report of Homes for Homeless Children made and adopted. Moved and seconded that a rising vote of thanks be given Miss Anthoine for her faithful and untiring work in this department. Carried.

Report of Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work, Peace and Arbitration given.

Introduction of Rev. A. W. Pottle, of So. Paris, and Miss Christine Tinling, of London. Both spoke a few words of great interest.

The chairman of committee on resolutions reported. Moved and seconded that the resolutions be considered seriatim. Carried. The consideration of the resolutions was interrupted by the coming of the noon hour for prayer.

Prayer was offered by Miss Tinling.



*Voted:* That the continued discussion of the resolutions be the special order for three p. m.

Announcements.

Doxology.

Benediction by Rev. A. W. Pottle.

Adjourned.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 25, 1.30 P. M.

The committee called to order by the president.

Prayer by Miss Brainerd.

Committee on appropriations appointed, the treasurer and Mrs. Blanchard.

Recommended that the next annual convention of the Maine W. C. T. U. be held during the third week in September, provided the general officers think it will be for the benefit of the organization.

The committee rose.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 25, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by President Stevens.

Singing, "Jesus Lover of my Soul."

Prayer by Mrs. H. J. Bailey.

Reports of Red Letter days by Miss H. J. Loring, and Loyal Temperance Legions by Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames.

Most helpful remarks were made by Miss Anna Gordon.

At three o'clock, by special order, the resolutions were taken up and discussed at length; voted to postpone farther consideration till after the election of officers.

"How Firm a Foundation" sung.

Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt reported for the Franchise department. She also conducted a very entertaining suffrage drill representing the discussion in a local union over petitioning for the ballot.

Mrs. and Mrs. J. W. Hovey were presented and both spoke heartily in favor of woman suffrage.

The corresponding secretary and Mrs. Beedy were elected as a committee on apportionment.

"Abide with Me" sung.

Adjourned.

#### CONVENTION, Sept. 25, 7.15 P. M.

The meeting was in charge of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, honorary secretary of the Maine Y Branch, presided.

The demonstration, as it was called, was by the children of the Loyal Temperance Legion. Included among the children were the local organizations and one from Old Orchard. The children had been carefully drilled for the occasion, and went through the exercises with admirable precision.

The children, numbering fifty or more, formed in the vestibule and marched down the auditorium on each side. All carried small flags and marched two abreast, singing one of the songs of the L. T. L. The Old Orchard Legion formed on the floor in front of the platform, after marching down the auditorium, while the other children ascended and ranged themselves in rows on the platform. The exercises, consisting of singing and repeating of verses, were then carried out. As they sang they waved their flags. The singing was especially fine and the sight presented by the children, most of them being little girls dressed in white, was one of rare beauty.

The members of the old Orchard L. T. L., after ascending the platform, sang "Some Glad Day," after which they left the platform, one by one, each presenting Mrs. Stevens, who had a seat at the front of the platform, with a handsome bouquet.

In response, Mrs. Stevens said that, beautiful though the

flowers were, they were not as beautiful nor would they continue so long in her memory as the beauty of the scene presented by the children while they were going through their exercises.

The members of the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union then took seats on the platform, after which the regular program of the evening was opened with singing "My Country, 'tis of Thee," in which the audience joined. Mrs. George R. Ricker was accompanist for the evening.

After the 144th Psalm had been read by Miss Ella Ricker, of Berwick, prayer was offered by Mrs. Lydia A. B. Gilmore, custodian of the Y fund of Maine.

Miss Sarah Munroe Hall, of Rockland, sang the "Star of Bethlehem" in her usual admirable manner.

Miss Alice H. Moore, one of the prominent organizers in the Y branch, spoke on "What I have Seen."

Miss McKellar gave a violin solo that was finely rendered, and was followed by the next speaker, Mrs. Effie Littlefield Murray, of Bath. Mrs. Murray especially emphasized the necessity for the young women of the Y branch to live active Christian lives, and closed by saying that the watchword which they ought to be guided by was "Whatever He saith unto you, do."

Mr. McKensie Murray spoke on "Our Honorary Members." As an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association, which was engaged in work very similar to that of the W. C. T. U., he brought the greetings of that organization.

After Miss Hall had sung "The Battle Song of the Y's," Miss Anna Gordon, one of the National vice presidents of the W. C. T. U., spoke briefly. She had been greatly encouraged, she said, by the interest shown in the W. C. T. U. movement in Maine, and particularly by the work of the Y branch.

Miss Christine Tinling, our English comrade, in an eloquent speech, made a very able presentation of the temperance

movement in Great Britain, after which Miss Ethel Ricker sung a beautiful solo.

The last number on the program was a short address by Mrs. Stevens.

The meeting closed with the State Y song and a collection.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, 8.30 A. M.

Called to order by the president

Prayer by Mrs. Manson.

*Voted:* To create a department for work among the light house keepers of Maine, the special object being to supply the children of these isolated families with temperance and other helpful books and papers.

Mrs. Estelle Stanley, of McKinley, was made superintendent of the department.

Mrs. Stanley to consult the corresponding secretary in regard to the literature for the department.

*Voted:* To allow each state superintendent two pages, about 700 words, for her report in the minutes.

The committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 9 P. M.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. A. Frances Flanders, of Biddeford.

Singing, "What a Friend We have in Jesus."

Convention called to order by the president.

Reports of Systematic Giving, and Prison, Jail, and Alms-house work.

At 9.45 the Memorial service was held.

Solo, by Miss Hall, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere,"

Reading of Memorial List by Mrs. Hall.

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## MEMORIAL LIST.

Miss Harriet A. Leavitt, Mrs. A. A. Lane, Mrs. Margaret Burnham Dennison, Mrs. Robert Douglas, Mrs. Mary R. Woodbury, Mrs. S. F. Pearsons, Miss Celia M. Patten, Miss Mary Wingford, Mrs. Elizabeth Fickett, Portland; Mrs. John Merserve, Westbrook; Mrs. Elizabeth Weston, Bolsters Mills; Mrs. Dr. Haskell, Mrs. Sarah Marble, Bridgton; Mrs. Mary Patten, Brunswick; Mrs. Dolly Hunt, Mrs. Phoebe Newcomb, Cumberland Mills; Mrs. Elmira Moore, East Windham; Mrs. N. P. S. Leighton, Peaks Island; Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, Yarmouth; Mrs. Cynthia N. Lord, Kennebunk; Mrs. Eleanor M. Ricker, Mrs. Eliza Corson, West Lebanon; Mrs. Samuel Toley, Mr. Samuel Toley, Miss Annie Davis, Kittery Point; Mrs. A. O. Perry, Limerick; Mrs. A. C. Dawley, Old Orchard; Mrs. Sarah J. Purington, Mrs. Monson, Mrs. Clara Rideout, Mrs. Charles Clark, Calais; Mrs. Maria Wallace, Millbridge; Mrs. Bessie Smith, Harrington; Mrs. Sophia D. Putnam, Mrs. Florence Collins, Mrs. Annie Frost, Mrs. Gussie Lee Jones, Winthrop; Mrs. Lucilla C. Sturtevant, Wayne; Mrs. Frances Patten, Bath; Zilpha McDonald, Brownfield; Mr. Augustus Haskell, New Gloucester; Mrs. Emma Case, Mrs. Annie E. Wade, Rockland; Mrs. Ernestine Mason Gilley, Southwest Harbor; Mrs. Emily J. Dexter, Dover; Mrs. Knowles, Foxcroft; Hon. Russ Snow, Atkinson; Mr. Oscar Holway, Mrs. Caroline M. Haskell, Augusta; Mr. William Small, Ft. Fairfield; Mrs. Lucinda P. Thompson, Newcastle and Damariscotta; Miss Ina R. Avery, East Jefferson; Elisha Sanford, Dover; Mrs. Mary McArthur, Miss Jennie Kimball, Hiram; Mrs. E. G. Woodside, Mrs. Parkhurst, Lewiston; Mrs. Mary E. Beckett, Belfast; Mrs. L. M. Billings, Freedom; Mrs. L. L. P. Staples, Lincoln Center; Mrs. Lizzie H. Stevens, Miss Annie Weymouth, Howland and Montague; Mrs. Elizabeth Gilman, Enfield; Mrs. Rosa Chick, Bangor Crusade; Mrs. Ventres, Corinth.

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Appreciative remarks by Mrs. Stevens.

Prayer by Miss Anna Gordon.

Solo, "Lead Kindly Light."

Prayer by Mrs. Bailey.

Singing.

Miss Harriet A. Leavitt was made a memorial member of the Maine W. C. T. U. by her father, Capt. Wm. Leavitt. Life members, Mrs. S. W. Ricker, by York Co., Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, by Cumberland Co, Willard Gordon Wyman, by Miss Anna A. Gordon, Mrs. Rollin T. Hack, by Mrs. Mary C. McDowell.

Mrs. Sarah Lord Cram called to the platform and received with great applause.

Report of committee on credentials accepted.

The election of officers was in order.

Singing, "Guide me thou great Jehovah."

The following tellers were appointed: Mrs. Bates, Miss Vose, Mrs. Hanly, Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Closson, Miss Ricker, Miss Gordon.

Telegram received from Minnesota State convention.

Letters of love and sympathy ordered Mr. and Mrs. O. Williamson and daughter, Mrs. Emma Trowbridge Potter, Mrs. Frances E. Chandler, Mrs. Olive Holway, and Mrs. Kate De Witt.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens was unanimously elected as president. Mrs. Stevens was recalled to the chair, and thanked the delegates with great feeling for the honor conferred upon her.

Mrs. Sarah Lord Cram, of Biddeford, came to the platform accompanied by a bright faced little girl three years of age carrying a silver five light candelabra and handsome fern dish. The child grasped the candelabra as though she never meant to give it up, but after a fitting speech of presentation by Mrs. Cram, in which she expressed the loving loyalty and gratitude of the white ribboners of Maine to their honored leader, at this, the 25th time Mrs. Stevens had been elected to the state pres-

idencly, the child handed the silver to Mrs. Stevens, who, though deeply touched and greatly surprised, made a graceful response. The little girl represented to all who witnessed the pretty scene the hundreds of homeless waifs whose lives Mrs. Stevens has blessed and brightened.

Miss Cornelia M. Dow was elected corresponding secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell recording secretary, Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston treasurer.

The following introductions were made: Rev. Mr. Mann, of Westbrook, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harvey of Old Orchard, and Miss Clementine Yates of N. Y.

Consideration of resolutions resumed, and after discussion and amendments they were accepted, as follows:

#### PREAMBLE.

The Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in twenty-seventh annual convention assembled, gratefully acknowledge the guiding hand of God in all the good that has come through its instrumentality during the past year. We earnestly and prayerfully look to Him for wisdom and strength to go forward in the special work for which we are set. We pledge renewed loyalty to the principles of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as set forth in the following resolutions:

**Total Abstinence.**—Because the inevitable outcome of universal total abstinence must be the emancipation of all mankind from the terrible strain of evils which the indulgence in intoxicating liquors produce, therefore, we urge by every consideration of our common humanity and the love and principles of Christ that men and women, christians and patriots everywhere, shall practice and encourage total abstinence from all alcoholic drinks.

**Prohibition.**—Believing that more than any agency the saloon power breeds and fastens crime, anarchy and disregard of law, we will, while striving to educate the youth of our State in the principles of true patriotism, increase our efforts to overthrow the legalized liquor traffic of the nation and to uphold the prohibitory law of our own State.

**Purity.**—Believing that the command "Keep thyself pure" applies to every individual regardless of sex: Resolved, that we will do our best to obey the command ourselves and to keep others to its obedience, and since "righteousness exalteth a nation," we will encourage the making and enforcing of such laws as shall lift us as a people to a high standard of purity and make all mankind realize that there should be one standard of purity for man and woman.

**Education of the Young.**—We rejoice in the great volume of testimony which is coming to us from the laboratories of the old world and from the medical journals and physicians of our own country in support of the principles of total abstinence, and we call for increased efforts on the part of every union to secure in our schools the enforcement of the laws requiring temperance instruction as to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, for systematic instruction in the Sunday school, and for the organization of the Loyal Temperance Legion throughout our State.

**Franchise.**—Whereas the original aim and purpose of the ballot is to secure good government, and as good government is based on protection to society and the high-

est welfare of the community and State, Resolved, that the right of franchise should be more carefully guarded in the State of Maine and that the violators of the constitutional Prohibitory law with other convicted criminals should be deprived of the ballot, the highest privilege of American citizenship. While we believe that suffrage is an inherent right of woman, we also believe that the ballot in her hands would be a powerful agent in social, moral and political reform.

The Army Canteen.—Inasmuch as we have ample and most reliable testimony proving that drunkenness has decreased in the army since the enactment of the canteen law, we pledge our immediate and continued support of the anti-canteen campaign as outlined by the officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the meeting held in Chautauqua, N. Y., August 3. viz: By giving to the public testimony secured through the personal investigation of specialists; by reaching the public press through our State and local press superintendents; by reaching the ministers and bringing the matter before great religious, educational and other bodies; by petition, by letter and by private interviews with legislators; by the distribution of literature in leaflet form; and by continuing our work in the Army and Navy and in Soldiers' homes, with the objective point of effectually removing liquor from Soldiers' homes.

Memorial.—We deeply deplore the hidden work of those traitors to our country who teach the lawlessness and anarchy that have brought the recent terrible tragedy to our Nation in the assassination of President McKinley. While we fully recognize the nobility of the christian character of our lamented President, as a society of women, we are especially grateful for the purity of his personal life as exemplified in the ideals he embodied in his devotion to the sacred obligations of the home.

The preamble was also accepted.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Crockett and Mrs. Hunt for their able work, untiring courtesy and patience.

Dr. Bassford introduced, and expressed himself in full sympathy with our work.

Report of treasurer accepted by a rising vote of thanks, subject to the approval of the auditor, the final decision to be in the hands of the general officers.

Mrs. Margaret D. Ellis introduced, and brought greetings from New Hampshire, Vermont, and Mrs. Mary H. Hunt.

Telegram from Suffolk Co. W. C. T. U., Boston, received.

Notices. Doxology.

Adjourned.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, 2 P. M.

Committee called to order by the president.

Prayer by Miss Miller.

The board of superintendents was nominated.

The committee recommend that Miss Alice H. Moore be



made state organizer. She is expected to work forty weeks during the year, the state to guarantee that, if the receipts fail to amount to \$400, it shall be made up to her; if she receives more, she shall turn the rest into the state treasury. Also recommended that the state pay Miss Moore's expenses to Ft. Worth, feeling that the experience and knowledge thus gained would make her more valuable as an organizer.

Rev. Alfreda Brewster, of Friendship, the new president of Knox county, was introduced to the committee.

The committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by the president.

Prayer by Rev. Alfreda Brewster.

Minutes of executive committee meetings read and accepted.

Mrs. R. C. Hall was made a life member of the Maine W. C. T. U. by Knox Co. as a token of their appreciation of her faithful work as president of the county for twelve years.

The report of the committee on apportionment of counties preparatory to election of delegates to Fort Worth was presented and accepted. The following delegates were then chosen: Mrs. Mary C. Dowell, Portland; Mrs. Vashti Downs, Houlton; Mrs. A. S. Durgin, Orono; Mrs. M. F. Bunker, North Anson; Mrs. Waldo Pettengill, Rumford Falls; Mrs. A. J. Dennison, Auburn; Mrs. A. W. Clark, So. West Harbor; Mrs. M. F. Hanly, Appleton; Miss A. M. Robinson, Bath; Mrs. J. G. Harvey, Old Orchard.

Y. delegate: Miss Alice H. Moore, Rockland.

Alternates: Miss Etta M. Brainerd, China; Miss Alice Averill, Dover; Miss S. A. Mansur, Monroe.

The other delegates were allowed to select their own alternates.

The heartiest greetings from the Christian Civic League were

received through Rev. W. F. Berry, who had expected to present them himself, but was unable to do so.

Rev. Mr. Merrill, of Biddeford, and Rev. Mr. Langdon were introduced.

Judge E. J. Cram, of Biddeford, was presented, and made a most characteristic and eloquent address.

Mayor George L. Crossman, of Saco, was received with great and deserving applause, as he has shown what a temperance mayor can do. His address was most hopeful and encouraging, and was listened to with the deepest interest.

At four o'clock, Sheriff Pearson of Cumberland county entered the church accompanied by his daughter, Miss Evangeline Pearson, and was given a most enthusiastic reception. He said he believed that prohibition can be enforced, and that there were some present who would see the day when the white banner of prohibition will float unspotted and unsullied above the dome of the capitol at Washington. His characterization of the "timid good man" was much appreciated.

Announcements were made, doxology sung and convention adjourned.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sept. 26, 5.30 P. M.

Called to order by the president

Prayer.

*Voted:* That the treasurer's books be closed Friday before State annual convention begins on Tuesday, and the state treasurer requested to notify each county treasurer of this quarterly, and once, as late as two weeks previous to convention.

*Voted:* That the state treasurer be authorized to avail herself of such type written help as she may need in sending such letters.

*Voted:* To have Red Letter Day for the Star in the East, the same as for the Union Signal, March 1.

A letter was received from the State convention of Texas,

too late to be read to the convention, expressing a sincere desire that a full delegation may be sent from Maine to the National Convention, and saying that a cordial welcome awaits them.

Invitations for the next convention from Dover and Foxcroft, Bar Harbor, and conditional invitations from other places were referred to the general officers.

Unfinished business was left to the general officers.

The committee rose.

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#### CONVENTION, Sept. 26, 7.30 P. M.

President Stevens presided.

Music by the Methodist choir.

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Abbie E. Shapleigh.  
Singing.

The county presidents were all on the platform, but declined to speak, wishing to give their time to the speaker of the evening.

The prize banner, which was won by Washington county last year, went to Lincoln county this year, and was presented by Mrs. Grant to Miss Ginn, president Lincoln county. She said she supposed that if the laurels must be taken from Washington, all would rejoice that they were to be placed upon Lincoln.

Mrs. Olive S. Hanson presented to Lincoln county, as a permanent gift, a gavel made from cherry wood, taken from a tree on the grounds about Mrs. Stevens' home.

Singing, "Hark Ten Thousand Harps and Voices." Collection.

Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, so well and favorably known in Maine, delivered a most convincing and eloquent address on "God in Government."

Solo, "Victory," by Miss Hall.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

We are grateful to the railroad officials for reduced rates, to the Biddeford Union and others who have so kindly received into their homes and provided for our com-

fort to the church officials and choirs, the superintendent of the electric railroad, and all who have helped to make this convention a success.

Miss Estelle M. Brainerd moved that the 27th annual convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union now adjourn. Seconded and carried, after which President Stevens declared the convention adjourned. "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung with clasped hands.

CLARA M. FARWELL, *Recording Secretary.*

## President's Recommendation.

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I have decided it would be better to use the time allowed for the President's Annual Address in talking to you about present conditions and make some recommendations for future action, supplementing this by a brief address this evening.

When the Maine W. C. T. U. was organized in this county at Old Orchard twenty-seven years ago, there was no prophecy as to the growth of the organization, but had there been, I doubt if any one present would have dared to ask or expect greater things than have come to us as an organization. Even Miss Willard who was present at the organization of the society, with her optimistic vision, would have been satisfied could she have had a glimpse of what would be accomplished in twenty-seven years.

The other day I glanced through all of our annual State Reports and I was gratified and gladdened at the marks of steady growth and advancement made each year, and yet I presume there is not an Ex-officio member of this convention and very likely not a delegate who is entirely satisfied with what she has done toward the settlement of the gigantic liquor problem. We sometimes undervalue the importance of belonging and the fact that each one who belongs is a helper. I greet those quiet members from the smallest, remotest unions as important factors in our work, and I affectionately greet you all.

We have come here to make our reports of the year's work, to formulate plans for the coming year, to emphasize by speech and conference the principles for which we stand. I am confident the reports will show much work accomplished, and consequently much advance made. We do not always know how to sum up results. It is often better for us to be content to leave this to one who is able to see our work from a different perspective than is granted to mortal vision. Man considereth the deeds—God weigheth the intentions.

First, we must have faith in our cause, next, we must heartily believe that it is our duty to help it along toward victorious settlement. The marvel is that any good woman can think it is not her duty to do all in her power toward the overthrow of the liquor system. Sometimes I think that those to whom have come the arrest of thought, those who see the evil in all its enormous proportion, do not talk of it as we should with our associates and friends. To be sure it is an old story and yet it is ever new so far as it affects communities and homes, for there are new wounds inflicted by it almost every day. I have often said, and I say here to you today, that the time will come when all humanity loving women will take a living, active interest in the temperance reform! It devolves upon us to a great extent to hasten this time. To this end I must urge that we make greater efforts for the extension and perpetuation of our work, for all of the Maine territory is not yet covered. Glancing over the towns of our State it is encouraging to see how much we occupy, but what of those places where there are no unions? The County President cannot unaided do this organizing. It is important that we have one organizer at least constantly in the field, with help from other organizers at various times in the year.

The State Executive will I think submit a plan embodying all this, and I heartily recommend that organization be vigorously pushed. By this I do not mean organization of new unions only, but the increase of existing ones and the extension of a knowledge of the aims of our society. This cannot be done by any one set of officers or superintendents, but by the help of all, including all of the members.

Please bear in mind that the County Presidents are State Vice-presidents and local presidents are County vice-presidents, and each local member has promised not alone to be a total abstainer from intoxicants, but to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same, uniting our efforts for the extinction of intemperance and the entire prohibition of the liquor traffic. In this we have adopted the "Do Everything" policy of Miss Willard; by our public meetings and in many other ways strengthening our basic principles; by our department work we are girdling the monster tree whose leaves are for the poisoning of the

nation; the tree that is girdled as surely dies as the one whose trunk is severed from its roots by the axe of the chopper and I recommend that we faithfully carry on all the department work as planned by the National W. C. T. U. I do not mean by this that each local union can take up all the departments, but each local union can successfully carry on more than is usually undertaken.

I recommend that the meeting of the local union be held as often as fortnightly in most localities, and in many places the weekly meeting is best. I know the oft repeated statement that there are so many societies, so much church work, so many home cares, so much to attend to that it is almost impossible to get time for the meeting of the local union, but it seems to me that one hour a week, the time consumed in the meeting, and another hour for the going and coming is none too much to give for the consideration and help of the greatest reform of the day. Strive to make the meeting of the local union interesting. Have a program committee and have programs prepared in good season; advertise the meetings from pulpit and press; give special invitations, particularly to those unacquainted with the work. I often find those who think the W. C. T. U. is a secret society and who do not at all understand the test of membership. Hold special meetings for honorary members, and make them attractive with social features, etc. Hold more public meetings. As a rule the ministers are ready to co-operate and will by invitation speak for the union a reasonable number of times during the year. A good public meeting can be arranged by having a short speech or paper if the superintendent prefers, upon some department of work, followed by short addresses or discussion.

(Please utilize the children in trying to make the public meetings interesting. Every local union should have connected with it a Loyal Temperance Legion, and the Loyal Temperance Legion if rightly managed will do an immense amount in making temperance sentiment in the community.)

(We have reason to be greatly pleased at the increase in numbers and the deepening interest among the young women of Maine. Whenever the young women are desirous or even willing to have a separate organization they should be encouraged and helped by the older W. C. T. U. In many cases they will prefer to belong to the

existing W. C. T. U. It doesn't make so much difference which division they join if only they belong. Sometimes they may prefer so to express it, to keep house by themselves, at other times they will be willing to help in the general house-keeping by taking a certain division of work.)

Tomorrow evening they will bear testimony as to their ability and desire to co-operate with the National and State W. C. T. U.

I am pleased that the Loyal Temperance Legion are to also demonstrate a little tomorrow evening. The world's L. T. L. leader being present at this convention I shall leave it for her to emphasize the great importance of this branch, but I must most urgently recommend increased endeavor in this line of work.

I hope when the reports of the superintendents are made there may be time for questions and brief discussion and that all members of the convention may be profited thereby.

Tonight I propose to speak on total abstinence and prohibition, especially upon the latter topic, but I want at this time to thank every Maine white ribboner who assisted so faithfully at the time of the re-submission agitation last winter. I wrote hundreds of letters and did everything within my power as your representative, but the personal work done by many of you was after all what accomplished most.

We have reason to be pretty well satisfied with the action of the last legislature, but eternal vigilance is the price of successful reform, and we are told that the re-submissionists are getting ready for the next legislature. We have nothing to fear if we keep awake. The brewers, distillers and liquor sellers are always alert, they are never caught napping. We should strive to be well informed and so well equipped to ward off the attacks of the enemy. As a society we are opposed to resubmission, not because we fear the result, but we do not wish to put time and money into a re-submission campaign when both are so much needed in other lines of temperance action. Again we are opposed to resubmission because we think it undignified as well as uncalled for to attack any part of the State Constitution, especially a part of it which has been so lately acted upon as has the Prohibitory Amendment.

I implore you to help law enforcement. Even the most faithful



efficient officers need our expressed good-will and prayers if no more, and the inefficient, weak officers certainly need such bolstering up and strengthening as we are able to give.

A few weeks ago one young woman, an officer in the local Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union drove seven or eight miles to secure a warrant against a liquor seller in her village, and with her minister father and white ribbon mother went to court to help bring about justice when the case was up for trial, and I have not heard that this young woman has come under condemnation for doing anything unladylike or unchristian. Another union in a remote part of the State has by making complaints brought about the imprisonment of a liquor seller in the village hotel, and it is their determination to free the place and to keep it free if possible from such a curse. These are but samples of what our women are doing in many localities. We are not good protectors of our homes, we are not good citizens if we idly look on and see the Constitutional law of our State trampled under foot. It has come to be a maxim with me. Nothing suits evil-doers so well as to be let alone. This applies to the thief who climbs into the window at night, it applies to the liquor seller who would rob the homes of that which is dearer than silver and gold. They want to be let alone. It seems to me the women of Maine are criminally negligent if they sit silent and idle and allow such robbery to go on. To be sure we are ballotless, but we are not without some influence. I beg you to use every particle of influence you possess on the side of law and order. It is not alone in the State of Maine that there is disregard of law, the evil is widespread. This spirit of treason and anarchy must be overcome, for treason and anarchy are closely allied. The expressed disrespect of existing laws and of our great national leaders encourages the spirit of anarchy which in its most dreadful form took the life of the President of the United States.

A moment ago I referred to the fact that we were ballotless and because of this our influence for good is not as great as it might otherwise be. I will not speak at length upon this point because the Franchise Department is to receive special attention during this Convention. I recommend that we continue to petition as we have been doing these many years, for the enfranchisement of

woman. Meanwhile we must not underrate nor withhold the influence we possess. Thrice happier she who can say, I tried, even though she seemed to fail, than she who never tries at all, and we have had notable victories for purity and truth secured by the effort of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and we shall win many more if we are faithful and live up to our high privilege which will come to be higher and higher just in proportion as we make stepping stones for ourselves. "Heroic daring is true success."

It is hard for me to refrain from speaking in detail of our department work. I am glad Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt is here and this afternoon she will I believe, show that the Scientific Temperance Instruction law is pretty well observed in our State. Of course there will be violation, there will be a lack of interest on the part of those superintendents and teachers who themselves are not total abstainers. I am happy to believe that their numbers are very few, and that they will be fewer and fewer as the years go by. I think any mother is derelict in her duty, and if I were speaking of the fathers I would say they were still more so, who will submit without protest to allow her child to be under the instruction of a superintendent or a teacher who is pure in life and correct in habit.

Three years ago we were somewhat discouraged over the experiments and declarations of Prof. Atwater in regard to alcohol as a food, but time has proven that even that attack has helped rather than hindered our cause. It is another proof that truth is abiding, that although assailed it cannot be destroyed.

Let me remind you again what the Chairman of the Educational Committee said two years ago when the question of Scientific Temperance Instruction was before the Committee, that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was largely responsible for the existence of such a law and that upon us largely devolved the duty or arousing an interest in favor of its enforcement, reminding us that the teachers, even the faithful ones, sometimes need advice and encouragement from those capable of giving it, such as W. C. T. U. women interested in securing the law certainly ought to be.

I wish some arrangement could be made so that every white ribboner would be a reader of the Union Signal and The Star in The East. In some States the annual dues of a local member are

made large enough to include payment for the Union Signal and the State paper. I am not ready to recommend a trial of this in the State of Maine, but I must most urgently and impressively urge that white ribboners take the National and State papers. They need them in order to be intelligently informed. They need the influence of such literature in the home, and I wish that in every home might be found more temperance literature, more temperance books. I recommend that unions place in the Sunday school library, in the town or public library temperance books, especially those written by Miss Willard and "The Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard" by Miss Gordon. There are many temperance publications aside from these which I am glad to recommend, among them: "A Singular Life" by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward; "The Stand By" by Edmund P. Dole, of the Hawaiian Islands; "Black Rock" by Ralph Connor; "The Darlings" by Elmore Elliott Peake; "The Wheels of the Machine" and "Who Killed Joe's Baby?" by Charles Sheldon. I wish the last named story might be read in every home in Maine. I wish that it might be read from every pulpit and in every school house and from hundreds of platforms. I am gratified to know that many unions have had it read at public meetings, and I hope that many more will do so.

One of the first reports of this convention will be that of the Press. I hope each local union here represented will arrange to have a report of the convention sent, and sent at once to its local paper; if there is no local paper in their town send it to the local paper that is most largely subscribed for by the people of their town. With rare exceptions the newspapers are ready to take reports of our work if they are given while they can be read as news.

Another thing, white ribboners often advertise well their public meetings, with good notices of the speakers, etc., and as a rule the papers freely publish what is sent to them. This is as it should be, but the *report* of the meeting often fails to appear. This is not always the fault of the newspapers. White ribboners should be interested enough to furnish a report or to ask that a reporter may come to the meeting and to ask the speaker to prepare for the printer a synopsis of what he or she is to say. As a Society we have much for which to thank the press, and while they may not

publish all that we could ask in many cases they would publish much more than we furnish.

I must again recommend the study and practice of parliamentary law, and I must urge this study and practice upon the smaller, yes the smallest unions as well as upon the larger ones. And you will smile perhaps when I ask you to always observe the common law of courtesy in answering letters! During the last month I have received many letters from many white ribboners in which they have told me of the large number of letters they have written in trying to get information from which to make up their reports, and the replies were surprisingly few in number. When a person is asked a question if he turns away and does not reply he is considered impolite even to rudeness. In my opinion the person who receives a letter and does not respond to it in some way is equally impolite and rude.

And now I must again urge that all white ribboners show their colors. I presume you all have on your white ribbons this morning. I wonder if you all had them on one week ago this morning? If you wore them to church last Sunday? If you wore them to the club meeting and to the prayer meeting? I know the excuse that some women make that they belong to so many things and to so many societies that have badges and they cannot wear them all, but I contend that our society bears a different relation to the home and to the world than do most if not all others. We are organized to help put down the most gigantic evil in the world. Helpless little children and struggling humanity everywhere are looking to us for cheer and comfort. The simple knot of white ribbon worn on the street, in the railroad car, wherever it may be, speaks to the wandering boy, to the thoughtless girl, to the man struggling with appetite, to the weak and disheartened, of mother, home, hope and heaven. It certainly does not heavily tax the wearer. How then can we excuse ourselves from ever forgetting it?

#### ILLUSTRATION.

What of the Anti-Canteen Law? Is it likely to be repealed? are the questions repeatedly asked.

Undoubtedly the majority of the army officers and some members of the War Department are opposed to the law. The united liquor element of the country is solidly against it, for there is nothing they

hate more intensely than any form of prohibition. But the fact remains that the law was enacted by the United States Congress after months of public discussion of the matter, and it was enacted under such circumstances that no one can claim that the Congressmen did not know what they were voting for. We hear a good deal about "false sentiment;" this sort of sentiment had an expression by one member of the Committee on Military Affairs at the time of one of the hearings previous to the vote by Congress on the Anti-Canteen Law. This member of the Committee was opposed to the law, but when one of the speakers said to him, if your son (and he had a son) were in the army would you like to have the temptation of drink constantly before him and to have such temptation authorized by the United States Government? Since the question was directly asked the Congressman he could reply in no other way than to say, I cannot say that I should. I believe such sentiment as this which lives in the hearts of fathers and mothers all over our country will so sustain the law that it will not be repealed. But since the enemy is so active it behooves us to be active also, and I hope the Maine W. C. T. U. will co-operate with the National plan, viz.:

1. To secure testimony by the personal investigation of specialists and give the same to the public.
2. To reach the public press through our national and state press superintendents of our 10,000 unions.
3. To reach the ministers and to bring the matter before great religious, educational and other bodies.
4. To petition and to send personal letters, as we did before the passage of the anti-canteen bill.
5. To personally interview legislators.
6. To print a page of current "Canteen Comment" in each issue of our official organ, together with pertinent editorials and articles; also, to issue literature in leaflet form.
7. To continue our work of organization in the army and navy and in soldiers' homes, with the objective point of effectually removing liquor from the soldiers' homes.

I recommend also that the Maine W. C. T. U. heartily co-operate in the National plan to send a W. C. T. U. missionary to the Philippine Islands. Authentic reports of the dreadful conditions existing there must make all christian people feel that it is impera-

tive to do something and to do it at once. We have appealed to Governor Taft. We are also in communication with medical missionaries and others, but feel it would be of great advantage to have a W. C. T. U. missionary there whose chief and only work would be to promote the principles of purity and temperance. If all local unions in the country had responded to the request to send \$2 to the Memorial Organizing Fund that fund would be amply large to pay this missionary and to do other necessary organizing work. Although the Philippines are United States possessions the World's W. C. T. U. has voted to pay a part of the expense, and each State will be asked to contribute something from its State treasury to help support our missionary there. I am sure Maine will be prompt in thus aiding.

On behalf of the National W. C. T. U. and our great cause I most heartily thank each union in Maine that has sent its offering to the Organizing Fund, and if every State in the Union had responded as generously as Maine we should have to make no further appeal for National funds during the year even for Philippine missionary purposes. I am sure every local union that contributes to the Memorial Fund is strengthened and helped itself--it cannot be other since each member should have the grateful satisfaction of knowing that she is assisting the cause of temperance and purity in a broad and generous way, not alone in her own community, but throughout the country. The proverb "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth but tendeth to poverty" aptly applies here.

Great interest has been manifested in these late years in regard to the methods of christening ships. All thoughtful temperance people must have been sorry that the new Maine was christened with wine instead of water or flowers, especially so since we have had such notable precedents. Three years ago when the Kentucky was launched the daughter of Kentucky's Governor, Miss Christine Bradley, used flowers instead of wine. At the launching of Queen Victoria's famous yacht, the Victoria, flowers were used and a dove was let loose. Someone has said that it was hard to understand why temperance people objected to the wasting of wine by breaking a bottle containing it. We object because we do not think that which causes so much misery and sorrow should ever be

used on any joyous occasion, and even aside from the temperance aspect of the question we believe in this christian age it is far more fitting to use water for baptismal purposes than to perpetuate the old heathen custom of wine using. Because wine was used at the christening of the Maine some of the newspapers commented upon it as a retrograde movement from the standpoint and wondered what Neal Dow would say. While as a matter of fact during his long life the use of wine on such occasions was the universal custom, but his example and teaching has helped and is still helping to usher in better ways. And this reminds me to affirm that great advance has been made, is continually going on in the temperance reform; of this I shall speak tonight so will not take the time to do so now.

I cannot talk to those who are here without thinking of those who could not come, who would like to be present, whose thoughts are with us, whose prayers are for the success of our Convention; and I am also thinking reverently and affectionately of those who have passed on to the happy Home in Heaven.

Tomorrow we shall hear the roll call of their names at the Memorial Service, we shall sing the hymns they loved and love, we shall speak tender and loving and appreciating words for because of their lives

"Earth is fairer for their stay  
Heaven is nearer us today."

May we who stay on here for a little time go unfaltering forward into the new year of endeavor, inspired with a holy courage and a divine purpose, accepting every responsibility that encircles us about with glad welcome and reverent confidence; with a confidence that will enable us to bear and to do those things which make for peace and purity, for safer childhood and a better and nobler manhood and womanhood.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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**ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.**—Eight Unions—one new. Five only have reported; membership about 206; honoraries 19; one other Union says several. Auburn has one L. T. L. headquarters; five circulated petitions, 27 Gospel temperance meetings, 11 other public meetings and the Union which has several honoraries has also held several public meeting. Union Signals, 41; Stars, 28; four National Memorial Fund; one State Organizing Fund. Money outside of dues, \$20.00.

**AROOSTOOK COUNTY.**—Twenty-two Unions—one new, one re-organized. Eleven only reported; membership 340; honoraries 86; two Unions have circulated petitions; Gospel temperance meetings, 29. Other public meetings, 20; Union Signals, 75; Stars, 85; five Willard Memorial Fund; one State Organizing Fund. Money outside dues, \$331.56. One L. T. L. Membership 25.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY.**—Twenty-six Unions—three new, one lost; twenty only reported membership, 685; honoraries, 73. Portland, Bridgton and Otisfield report headquarters; L. T. L. 4; membership, 65; circulated petitions, 9; Gospel temperance meetings, 29. Other public meetings, 17; Union Signals, 106; Stars, 170; National Memorial Fund, 14; State Organizing Fund, 2. Money outside of dues, \$167.24. Three Bands of Mercy in one Union.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY.**—Six Unions; membership, 175; honoraries, 16. Strong has headquarters. Circulated petitions by all. Eleven Gospel temperance meetings; one parlor meeting; Union Signals, 24; Stars, 30; six sent to National Memorial Fund. Money outside of dues, \$17.91.

**HANCOCK COUNTY.**—Six Unions—five reported; membership, 131; honoraries, 2. circulated petitions, 3; Gospel temperance meetings, 7; one observed Willard Memorial and Prohibition day;



Union Signals, 18; Stars, 48. Four Unions sent \$2.00 to National; raised \$12.80 to carry on work.

KENNEBEC COUNTY.—Fifteen Unions—eight only reported. Membership, 310; honoraries, 73. Two L. T. L. membership, 174. Forty-five Union Signals taken, 518 Stars; 77 Gospel temperance meetings, five other public meetings. Four contributed to Willard Memorial Fund. \$228.63 outside of dues raised.

KNOX COUNTY.—Eleven Unions—10 reported. Membership, 276; honoraries, 18. One L. T. L.; membership, 34. Six Unions circulated petitions; Gospel temperance meetings, 34; 17 other meetings. Union Signals, 50; Stars, 51. Appleton has made a success in School Savings Bank work; six have sent \$2.00 to National. Money outside of dues \$67.03 plus "quite a good amount for speakers" and "only a few dollars." Appleton and Union have headquarters.

LINCOLN COUNTY.—Ten Unions—one new Y, nine reported. Membership, 153; honorary, 26. Petitions circulated, four; Gospel temperance meetings, 17; other meetings, 32. Union Signals, 35; Stars, 47. Willard Memorial Fund, 5; State Organizing Fund, 2. Money outside dues, \$64.19.

OXFORD COUNTY.—Nine Unions—one new, all reported. Membership, 332; honoraries, 34. One L. T. L.; membership, 12. One Union circulated petitions; 26 Gospel temperance meetings; 14 other public meetings. Union Signals, 18; Stars, 39. Willard Memorial Fund, 5. Money outside dues, \$104.70. One Union reports wonderful success in and from the Mother's meetings held. Town was districted and each member given her part in canvassing for new members, with the result that the membership was increased from 35 reported last year to 123 for this year.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY.—Twenty-one Unions—three new ones, 14 only reported. Membership, 296; honoraries, 43. Fifteen public meetings; five Union Signals, 68 Stars. Four Memorial Fund; \$295.10 outside of dues. Twenty-three Gospel temperance meetings; four circulated petitions. Three L. T. L.; membership 50.

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.—Twelve Unions—seven only reported. Membership, 126; honoraries, 15. One L. T. L., membership 40. Four Unions circulated petitions; six Gospel temperance

meetings, two other meetings. Union Signals, 30, Stars, 27. Four Unions sent offering to National. Money outside of dues, \$30.58. Has course of reading prepared for the county and used by all the Unions.

**SAGADAHOC COUNTY.**—Four Unions—all reported. Bath has headquarters, membership, 144; honoraries membership, 25. One L. T. L., membership 36. Circulated petitions by two Unions; three Gospel Temperance meetings; two Willard Memorial meetings; one Prohibition day. Union Signals, 12, Stars, 24. \$2.00 to National; three Unions sent \$6.90 to State. Money outside of dues, \$8.00.

**SOMERSET COUNTY.**—Eleven Unions—one new, six only reported. Membership, 91; honoraries, 18. One Union has circulated petitions. Gospel temperance meetings, four, other meetings, 10. Union Signals, 24, Stars 31. Willard Memorial Fund, two; money outside of dues, \$9.79.

**WALDO COUNTY.**—Thirteen Unions—10 only reported. Membership, 171; honoraries, 19; circulated petitions, five. Ten Gospel temperance meetings, 12, other meetings. Union Signals, 36; Stars, 46; three Willard Memorial Fund; two State Organizing Fund. \$56.57 raised outside of dues. L. T. L., one; membership, 20. Suggests a midwinter conference of county presidents. One Union has given nothing to W. C. T. U. work, but has raised \$21.00 and has made its special effort "toward repairing the church." Am glad to note that this same Union suggests for the coming year "more attention to L. T. L. work," and the "raising up of temperance men and women."

**WASHINGTON COUNTY.**—Twenty Unions—Four new, 10 only reported. Membership, 320; honoraries, 32. Millbridge has headquarters; five circulated petitions. One L. T. L. membership, 18. Twelve Gospel temperance meetings, which number must be augmented by "quite a number" by one Union, and "several" by another. I know no mathematical rules by which I can complete this sum; ten other public meetings. Union Signals, 47; Stars, 68. One Union takes nine copies of School Physiology Journal for teachers. Seven sent \$2.00 to National; one sent \$30 to State. Money outside dues, \$203.01. One Union gave nothing

to State or National to help on our work, but gave \$19.00 to another organization to carry on its work. Another gave none to State work, but increased the treasury of two other societies in one instance by \$5.00, in the other by \$22.60.

YORK COUNTY.—Twelve Unions—one new, 11 reported. Membership, 293; honoraries, 36. Two L. T. L., membership, 51. One of these has paid State dues for five succeeding years. Circulated petitions, seven; Gospel temperance meetings, 15; 20 other public meetings. Signals, 51; Stars, 79. Memorial Fund, 8; State Organizing Fund, 1. Money outside of dues, \$125.84. Kittery Point and Old Orchard have headquarters. One Union has more than doubled its membership.

TOTALS.—206 Unions—145 only have reported. Membership, 4049; honoraries, 525. Nineteen L. T. L.'s, membership, 525. 667 Union Signals, 892 Stars, 84 have contributed to Willard Memorial Fund, 11 to State Organizing Fund. 59 Unions have circulated petitions; 336 Gospel temperance meetings held, 191 other public meetings. \$1,773.95 outside of dues raised.

In view of these totals, two have a few suggestions, very trite they are, to make: (1) Please note in your locals more carefully all work done that questions on our blanks may be more exactly answered. (2) Are we not neglecting our opportunities in having so small a list of honorary members? (3) Do not forget the boys and girls, from their ranks must our ranks be kept filled. (4) Will each Union this year consider it not only a duty but a great privilege to contribute \$2.00 to the National Memorial Fund and to our State Organizing Fund? (5) Keep yourselves and the cause we represent before the public, striving to keep public sentiment up to our standard of total abstinence, prohibition and purity by frequent public meetings. (6) Make constant and systematic personal efforts to increase our membership, and lastly let every member feel that she is responsible in no small measure for the advancement of our work and the triumph of our cause.

CORNELIA M. DOW,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

# Treasurer's Report.

## FROM STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1900.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDED.	
Balance in treasury,	\$445 52	Paid Convention expenses,	\$147 52
Gift through Mrs. Hanson,	40 00	Sent dues to National Con-	
Dues received between State		vention,	39 04
and National Convention,	113 70	Sent to Willard Memorial	
Collections at Convention,	55 50	Fund,	2 00
Life membership fees,	40 00		
Members at large,	1 50		\$188 56
Sale of badges,	1 26		
For Willard Memorial Fund,	2 00		
	<u>\$699 48</u>		
Balance in hand, \$510.92.			

## FROM NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1900, TO STATE CONVENTION, 1901.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
Balance on hand,	\$510 92	Printing Reports,	\$116 15
Received in dues,	1,351 10	Express and postage,	34 90
Member at large,	50	National dues,	450 93
Gifts from Portland friends,	115 10	President's appropriation,	200 00
“ “ Stroudwater Union,	16 00	“ postage,	200 00
“ “ Northport Union,	2 00	Superintendent's appropriation,	172 23
“ “ Island Falls Union,	1 00	Cor. Secretary's postage,	10 10
“ “ Franklin County,	47	Treasurer's bill,	30 00
Sale of Minutes,	7 10	For organization,	99 17
Fees for Life Membership,	30 00	Memorial fund,	85 25
From Y Custodians on mileage,	10 00	Deficit on Star,	16 59
Sale of literature at headq'rs,	21 58	Postage, et cetera, incurred for	
For Willard Memorial Fund,	85 25	State at headquarters,	30 32
L. T. L. dues,	7 50	Expenses incurred for National	
	<u>\$2,158 52</u>	Convention,	10 26
Deducting disbursements,	1,565 59	W. T. P. A. literature for State	
		Convention,	13 58
Balance in treasury,	\$592 93	Official stationery,	13 75
		Mileage books,	30 00
		Old Home week,	6 08
		Pan American Banner,	10 00
		Mrs. Thatcher's expenses to Togus,	28 70
		Printing and sending June letter,	7 58
			<u>\$1,565 59</u>
		Total,	

## RECEIPTS BY COUNTIES.

Androscoggin,	\$ 78 00	Oxford,	95 45
Aroostook,	138 00	Penobscot,	143 40
Cumberland,	218 40	Piscataquis,	58 80
Franklin,	60 00	Sagadahoc,	53 70
Hancock,	22 30	Somerset,	53 90
Kennebec,	115 55	Waldo,	63 00
Knox,	98 85	Washington,	110 50
Lincoln,	65 70	York,	98 25

## HEADQUARTERS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
Balance from last year.	\$ 78 53	Fuel,	\$191 38
Donation,	5 00	Light,	48 45
Rentals.	1,039 75	Water,	23 75
		Repairs,	344 64
		Furnishings,	83 06
		Insurance,	25 10
		Taxes.	68 40
		Interest,	150 00
		Housekeeper,	103 00
		Postage,	29
		Sundries,	27 30
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			\$1,065 37
		Balance,	57 91
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ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, *Treasurer.*

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

FORT FAIRFIELD, ME., October 11, 1901.

I have carefully examined the treasurer's accounts with their vouchers and found them correct.

MYRTLE G. R. AMES, *Auditor.*

## STAR IN THE EAST.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
Subscriptions for Star and		Paper,	\$ 28 65
Union Signals,	\$528 52	Printing,	240 00
Deficit supplied by State,	16 64	Mailing,	5 27
		Receipt and subscription cards,	12 00
		Postage,	1 89
		Woman's Temperance Pub.	
		Association.	257 35
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	\$545 16		\$545 16

The above figures show that only sixty-seven more subscribers were needed to have made our paper self sustaining during the last year. As far as heard from twenty-one Unions report no copy taken. Twice during the year a sample copy has been sent to every local president whose name did not appear on our subscription list, with the hope, of course, that at least one subscription might follow. Let every Union this year appoint an active, wide-awake member as solicitor for our State Organ, a woman who will act promptly, reply to the communications of the business manager, and we can promise you that the report for 1902 will show a balance on the credit side.

CORNELIA M. DOW, *Business Manager.*

## Superintendents' Reports.

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### YOUNG WOMAN'S BRANCH.

Young Woman's Work in Maine is still going forward.

Six Y's and one Branch has this year been formed and many of the older Y's are strengthening their borders and planning for the future.

Bangor Y is "laying by in store" to build a gymnasium for girls, fitted with bath, halls for their library, meetings and socials.

Winterport (Littlefield Y) begins the winter's work with \$16 in treasury and a "great many new ideas and enthusiasm." The printed list of topics for six months shows careful and intelligent planning to make the most in every way of the coming winter both in regular, White Shield and social work.

Fort Fairfield and Oldtown are enthusiastic and progressive, looking forward to greater things.

Jefferson is trying to organize a Y near by and hopes for success.

Augusta is nobly holding the fort with regular meetings at headquarters, where there are games, a piano, books and magazines. Prayer meetings were held nearly every week last winter.

Pittsfield's comfort bag work has already been rewarded. They have a regular program at each meeting and study parliamentary usage.

Kent's Hill, our one Seminary Y, plans for many socials during winter, combining educational and social work, always. They plan for one address and one gospel temperance meeting each term.

Bath has taken up five departments, has given two literary socials and plans for greater advance in the coming months.

Fine social work has been done by the Branch. One flower mission superintendent has not only carried flowers to sick, but visited needy as well. This Y believes it is possible to make itself felt and is aiming to do this. Wayne does charity work and a warrant has been served on a tippling place. Man bound over and promises to trouble no more. Another Y proposes to adopt department of Anti-Narcotics and make an honorary its superintendent. Several Y's observed Feb. 17. The Signal and Star are taken and read at the meetings. Ambition seems to prevail to a greater degree along the rank and file.

Three new secretaries have been added to the Y Branch executive—each loyal and efficient, and with this working force our Y organizer, Miss Moore, the faithful and true, keeping the work moving at nearly thirty different points, and trusting in our great Commander, we can but look forward to victory.

LUBELLE B. PATRICK,  
*General Secretary.*

### LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

There are in our State, twenty-two Legions with a membership of about 734 pledged members and 112 honoraries. Your secretary has written 262 letters including one or more to each local superintendent, three for publication in the Star and one for the Maine Loyal Legioner. She has distributed 1,007 leaflets, 10 Temperance Manuals, 1 Organizer's Outfit and 2 "Questions Answered." Quite a number of the leaflets were those gotten out by request of the National W. C. T. U. for the purpose of aiding in the formation of Legions in connection with Junior Church Societies. Already four or five Unions have



reported such societies and we are hoping that all locals that *cannot possibly* organize L. T. L.'s will carry out this plan. I will gladly furnish further particulars upon application.

May I offer the following suggestions:

First. Pray earnestly that a Loyal Temperance Legion may be organized in every local W. C. T. U. in our State.

Second. Let every Union prepare itself by a "Normal L. T. L." course to successfully *mother* a Loyal Temperance Legion.

Third. Interest the parents by an entertainment in which the children shall be carefully prepared, "Model L. T. L. Annual Meeting," which can be obtained of the W. T. P. A., Chicago, Ill, price 5 cents each.

Fourth. Having carefully prepared yourselves and the public, let every woman in our white ribbon ranks be ready to *help* on this greatest of works, the training of the boys and girls to be the very best and purest of citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE G. R. AMES,

*General Secretary, L. T. L.*

## HYGIENE AND HEREDITY AND PHYSICAL CULTURE.

From Aroostook Mrs. Luce writes that she has accomplished little, but hopes to do more.

Mrs. Martin of Cumberland the Superintendent of Cumberland County resigned this year, and the work was placed in my charge. I have written to each Union, but have as yet received no favorable replies.

From Kennebec, Mrs. Plimpton of Litchfield has written to all Unions in the County and sent out leaflets, has spoken in a mothers' meeting and talked with expectant mothers.

Good work is done in Oxford County, notably Norway, where mothers' meetings were held regularly during the winter with large attendance. Through Mrs. Oakes of Foxcroft special mention is made of the good sanitary conditions in their larger villages and of the attention given to these matters in the schools.

For herself, although results seem so meager, your State Superintendent can truthfully say that she has done what she could by letters, leaflets and personal appeal. At one time I sent out a small package of literature on Physical Education for every Union in the State, aggregating in all about 2500 pages. Very little of this has been heard from, but I trust it may have been useful to some.

There are many encouraging signs of the times, especially in the increasing interest taken by our education and leader of thoughts in the subject of Hygiene, as evidenced by the large number of articles published in every paper and magazine on such subjects as sanitation, clean streets, pure food, beautiful dress, exercise, etc.

Now I wish to make an appeal to all to whom this report may come. Will you not give at least one meeting this year to the consideration of this department? Prepare for it carefully and some one will be interested to take up the work.

The department divides naturally into three branches, the first of which is Health—surely everyone is interested in health. An article in a popular magazine under the title "Paying too much for an education," begins with this forceful quotation. "A brilliant intellect in a sickly body is like a purse of gold in a spent swimmer's pocket." And the writer goes on to say—speaking of so many students coming out of college with impaired physical force, that these students should be taught that insufficient or unwholesome food makes bad blood, that bad blood makes bad health, and that bad health not only contributes to failure in life *but also tends to bad morals*. Note this and remember that when you help to se-

cure better hygienic conditions for the family or the community you elevate that family or community *morally*. Believe me, if you will take up this subject of Hygiene with zeal and intelligence, you will get hold of people who have not yet been interested in our work.

The second branch, Heredity, some people do not believe in. But it is just as true now as when spoken by the voice of God to his ancient people that "the sins of the fathers are visited on the children to the third and fourth generation." It is often said that a child's first right is to be well born. You mothers ought to see to it that your grandchildren shall have this right. You have a great responsibility in this matter for one of the future parents is in your own care and you ought to be able to exercise some influence in the choice of the other. If that sweet young daughter of yours has not been taught to think intelligently along these lines, and to understand the laws of heredity, and so she like "Sweet Cicely" should marry a handsome mustache, without noticing his chin beneath it, and so your grandchild shall be born with a fatal heritage of weakness, whose is the responsibility? Will not my sisters study this question and see if they have not a duty here toward future generations.

The third branch of our work is Physical Culture. This, which in the National is a separate department was created at the wish of our promoted leader at the National Convention in Boston, Miss Willard in her annual address spoke especially of this subject. She said, "Physical education in the schools means better brain and brawn, hence it means children better born, homes more permanent and happy, stimulants at a discount, and God's laws loved." And later at Cumberland, she said, "For myself, I believe no conversion is so much needed as conversion to that physical exercise which advancing years render more and more distasteful."

Will not each Union take up some phase of this work?

MYRA MOORE PATRICK,

*State Superintendent.*

### **NON-ALCOHOLIC MEDICATION.**

Superintendent, Mrs. Annie L. Vining, St. Albans.

County Superintendents: Knox, Mrs. Herbert Hawes, Union; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Josie Irish, Popham Beach.

Successful Methods of Work: Distributing literature, talking with local physicians, advocating the use of extracts and flavorings in powder form. In fact, by speaking a word in season and out, watchful of opportunities, etc.

Further Suggestions: No Union has reported. I have distributed literature on trains when traveling and reached many many physicians.

### **SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.**

In the space allowed, the report of this department can only touch on the chief points of interest.

Quite an amount of valuable printed matter bearing upon the subject of Scientific Temperance Instruction has been sent throughout the State. If more Unions would use the program for public S. T. I. meetings, "Victory is coming," our work would favorably commend itself to the people. Workers in this department, whether local, county or state, are frequently confronted with the statement that our temperance text books are inaccurate. During the last three years' work as superintendent, I have found no more convincing way to meet these unjust accusations than by the use of the leaflet containing the testimonies as to their accuracy of eminent physicians and members of the American Medical Association—chosen as a committee by representative citizens of the United States to pass judgment on the books in question. Reasonable persons must regard favorably the report rendered in 1897. "The

New Century Series of Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" issued recently, start out on their work in our public schools with assured success, prepared as they are by such reliable authors.

An important feature of this report is the mention of a book completed within the year by Miss L. Mabel Freese, of Bangor—herself an instructor of youth—which will prove a great help to teachers of primary and intermediate grades, to primary superintendents, Loyal Temperance Legions, Band of Mercy leaders, and to all those who are trying to teach temperance truths to the young. The book will soon come from the press of the Woman's Temperance Publishing Association.

Many Unions and teachers are already anxiously waiting its coming. Its low price, fifty cents, should give it the general use it deserves. There are being issued from our National headquarters in Boston a series of programs as an aid to members of local Unions in understanding what should be taught the children about the nature and effects of alcohol and other narcotics as a part of physiology and hygiene, to what extent the whole subject should be taught, and by what method. These programs draw freely upon the series of leaflets entitled "The New Century Study of the Alcohol Questions."

Your superintendent sent the first of these—"What Shall we Teach"—to each of the 189 Unions and Y's listed in last year's Minutes, asking if the study would be taken up the coming year, and also to what extent temperance instruction is given in the schools of the various cities and towns. Only twenty-four answers were received. The majority will use the programs. About one-half reported instruction faithfully given.

Reports were received from fourteen counties. I regret that mention cannot be made of each, for most conscientious work has been done by the county superintendents. Local superintendents and Union members have, in many cases, given heartiest co-operation. While some school boards and superintendents have failed to grasp the idea that temperance instruct-

tion is compulsory and not optional, certain ones have given the cause most cordial support. I confess to a feeling of surprise at the particularly encouraging answers given to some of the eleven questions I asked of the county officers. For instance, in reference to the extent of the teaching given, while in some places the work is desultory, in many others regular instruction is given in attractive form from the prescribed text books, certain towns specifying one-half hour instruction daily, others weekly lessons of twenty minutes for the entire year. Tests for promotion are as thorough as in other studies, the teachers having been previously examined in this branch. The remark of one superintendent that, "teachers do not know what to teach, Normal schools should be compelled to teach this study," was answered by the Franklin County report which said that "temperance is taught carefully in the Normal school, and in connection with physiology in the public schools," and by the Piscataquis superintendent who referred to "one town where the school superintendent is a young lady graduate of Farmington Normal school, and seems thoroughly interested."

Presentation of the work at county teachers' Institutes, the giving of valuable papers locally, and personal visitation of schools have all aided the cause.

With but two exceptions the answer was returned that the Atwater attack had made no trouble for our work. Several superintendents said it had really *helped*, one assigning as a reason the strong replies it called forth from eminent physicians showing that alcohol is not a food. The Co-Workers' letter sent from our National headquarters to all Unions has resulted in good. The anti-cigarette movement has gone hand in hand with our work. We are grateful for the interest some of our "Y's" are taking in Scientific Temperance Instruction. In conclusion, I may say I believe there is in Maine an increasing interest in this department, and if our Unions will inform themselves by means of the programs to which we have re-

ferred, sometimes making them the basis of meetings, with teachers to show that the teaching we desire on this subject is reasonable, that my successor may at the end of the year report a long stride having been taken in the right direction.

ANNA SARGENT HUNT,

*Superintendent.*

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. S. I. Jewett, Mechanic Falls; Aroostook, Mrs. L. M. Sprague, Sprague's Mills; Cumberland, Mrs. Viola E. Wheatley, Peaks Island; Franklin, Mrs. Josephine Jenkins, Kingfield; Hancock, Mrs. A. M. Lawton, So. West Harbor; Kennebec, Miss Hattie E. Hoxie, So. China; Knox, Mrs. E. W. Cobb, Union; Lincoln, Mrs. A. J. Lockhart, Pemaquid; Oxford, Mrs. Addie L. Andrews, Bethel; Penobscot, Mrs. J. Parker, East Corinth; Piscataquis, Mrs. W. C. Curtis, Brownville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Helen A. Delano, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. J. L. Macklin, Anson; Waldo, Mrs. O. G. Huzzy, Waldo Station; Washington, Mrs. Frances Nichols, Cherryfield; York, Mrs. G. A. Mills, Limerick.

**Successful Methods of Work:** The most successful methods are the ones marked out for the department by the National superintendent, Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, 300 The Colonnade, St. Paul, Minn.

**Further Suggestions:** In her "Hints and Helps," may be found a complete outline and the county and local superintendents can follow the suggestions and adapt the work or methods to the conditions existing in the locality.

The Quarterly Lesson should receive special attention, also Temperance Sunday.

### TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

Superintendent: Mrs. V. K. Rollins, Hebron.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. L. C. Pulsifer, 1 Oak Street, Auburn; Cumberland, Miss E. J. Jordan, Upper Gloucester; Franklin, Mrs. Clara Chamberlain, Wilton; Hancock, Mrs. Rubie J. Tracy, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Miss Frances Mitchell, Randolph; Knox, Mrs. Sarah C. Brastow, Rockport; Oxford, Miss Jennie M. Brown, West Paris; Miss Isabel Shirley, superintendent for Star in the East and Union Signal; Piscataquis, Mrs. Marcia Blethen, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. H. N. Jackson, 62 South Street, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Stella F. Vose, Madison; Waldo, Mrs. J. F. Hussey, Winterport; Washington, E. Marcia Vose, Calais; York, Mrs. Geo. H. Roberts, Springvale; Mrs. Lydia Norwell, Sanford, superintendent for Star in the East and Union Signal.

Reports have been received from fourteen counties and sixteen county superintendents. A large amount of literature has been distributed. Special mention is made of work done in Androscoggin, Oxford, Waldo, Washington and York counties. Androscoggin reports that there never has been a time when all the Unions have done the work in the Literature department that they have this year.

From Oxford, every Union but one heard from. A new Union at Rumford Falls has appointed two superintendents for the work.

The State department since last December has distributed 9,369 pages of Literature, written 214 letters and postals and received answers to 126. There has been distributed in the State 80,536 pages of Literature and 368 copies of the Fair number of the Union Signal.

We have now as far as I have been able to ascertain, 110 superintendents, 16 county and 94 local. No doubt there are many others who have failed to report. 17 are new superin-



tendents in Unions that have taken up the work for the first time.

Two of our counties have this year divided the work, giving the care of our State and National papers to one and the Literature to another. I think this a step in the right direction and trust other counties will do likewise.

Further suggestions: Try to have your "Star" and "Signal" list tally with your membership list. Each Maine White Ribboner should take the Star in the East, and no one can be intelligent in regard to the National W. C. T. U. outlook who does not read weekly "The Union Signal."

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### INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

Through the efforts of our 103 superintendents, more than 1,800 columns have been published in about 100 Maine papers during the year. These columns have been filled with notices, reports of meetings, a few temperance sermons and addresses, articles bearing on all the departments carried on by the Union and on nearly every phase of the general temperance movement. Special prominence has been given to the army canteen agitation.

Several of our Y's have made a specialty of this department with profit both to themselves and the cause. Last November the Dexter Union entered the field of journalism on its own account with a sparkling little monthly called *The Union*, devoted to temperance, church and club work. Several Unions report good results from press receptions. The reception given by the Auburn Union to the press and clergy of Auburn and Lewiston was the most notable sociable event in the history of the society.

Many editors are reported as taking an active personal interest in our work.

**Suggestions:** Each superintendent should carefully read the editorial pages of the local papers, cordially encouraging whatever common standing ground may exist between the views of the editors and the principles of our organization. Thus, should she have occasion to dissent from their conclusions, she will be prepared to do so in a friendly and not in a hostile spirit. To be able to present the truth without fear and without bitterness is one of the most essential qualifications for this work.

**Keep up the canteen agitation.**

The editor always wants news items and sometimes expressions of opinions; the press superintendent always has something of interest to relate or some good idea to advance. Thus it is a case of demand and supply.

Give the good paper or address or department report presented at your meeting a wider hearing by embodying it in your report; tell the public of the practical philanthropic work the Union is doing and those to whom such work appeals will wish to share in it. The do-every-thing policy of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union should everywhere include the use of whatever press facilities we are able to command.

Is any local Union still without a press superintendent? If so, it will tend to increase your membership and be for the interest of all your other line of work to fill the vacancy at once with your very best material, for surely the press department fulfils the scriptural definition of greatness in that it is the servant of all.

**County Superintendents:** Androscoggin, Mrs. Kate Wilder, Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Mrs. Jennie S. Dunn, Houlton; Cumberland, Mrs. Mary E. Cole, Portland; Franklin, Mrs. H. F. Keyes, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Rebecca Warren, So. Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. Jennie M. Johnson, Wayne; Knox, Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland; Oxford, Mrs. E. W. Chandler-Bethel; Penobscot, Miss Ellen Merrill, Oldtown; Piscataquis, Mrs. L. P. Evans, Dover; Sagadahoc, Mrs. John Jackson,

Bath; Somerset, Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, Shawmut; Waldo, Miss Emily F. Miller, North Searsmont; Washington, Mrs. E. C. Drisko, Machias; York, Miss Anna Kimball, Kennebunk.

MARY L. FRENCH,

*Superintendent.*

### ANTI NARCOTICS.

Superintendent: Mrs. I. S. Wentworth, Berwick, Me.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Helen L. Atwood, 65 Goff street, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. J. D. F. White, Bridgewater; Cumberland, Mrs. Emma Duran, Westbrook; Franklin, Mrs. Minnie Ryes Allen, Jay; Hancock, Mrs. Victoria Rand, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. A. M. Woodman, China; Knox, Mrs. Maggie Godfrey, Spruce Head; Lincoln, Mrs. Susie Curtis, Waldoboro; Oxford, Mrs. Helen A. Crooker, Norway, Box 79; Penobscot, Mrs. S. U. Matthews, Upper Stillwater; Piscataquis, Mrs. Myrtie E. Jackson, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. James Oliver, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Bessie E. Prescott, St. Albans; Waldo, Mrs. Anna E. Harkness, Camden; Washington, Mrs. J. Dudley, Pembroke; York, Mrs. Frances Haines, Biddeford.

Successful Methods of Work: Personal work with those who use and those who sell tobacco. Distribution of literature. Talks by pastors and teachers to churches, schools, Junior Societies and public school students. Posting of Anti-Cigarette law. Dissemination of knowledge about the effects of headache powders, patent medicines, cocaine, opium, chloral and other narcotics.

Further Suggestions: I would especially urge our women to be watchful about these drugs, and warn those who may be in danger from them. Their name is legion, and they are all more or less harmful. We still war against the cigarette, but we must not forget these other sources of danger.

**SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK REPORT.**

There is no department more germane to the purpose of the W. C. T. U. than that of School Savings Banks. It is manifest that the social regeneration, at which we aim, can only be obtained by character building. The philosophy of sociology is based on personal habits. And the habits of thrift and self denial, that the system of school savings banks inculcates, must result in more noble character in future citizens.

The story of ploughing, seed-sowing and harvesting done by my noble and efficient co-workers throughout the state, the limits of this report will not permit me to relate. The greater part of the year I have been out of the state; but, with such assistance as I could render, the work has gone on most encouragingly. The towns and cities where it has been adopted report increasing interest so far as heard from. Union, Stonington, Hallowell and Augusta have adopted it since my last report. In Augusta over two thousand dollars have been deposited. I have not secured complete returns from all places where it is in operation. But a conservative estimate, from the data given, shows that during the three years of its work in Maine, over thirty thousand dollars have been deposited in the banks by the school children of the state. This amount represents the duplex benefit of the available capital for life's emergencies and opportunities and the habits of thrift formed thereby.

It is with great regret that I sever my connections with a work so full of present opportunities, and future possibilities.

May its great mission be carried forward by more efficient hands. Respectfully submitted.

ELIZABETH UPHAM YATES,

*Superintendent.*

### PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Your state superintendent has sent out and personally distributed 7,700 pages of literature, and has written 100 letters and postal cards besides sending out five dozen co-worker letters to local superintendents. Many department meetings have been held, sermons preached and talks given, and thousands of pages of literature distributed. Much personal influence has been exerted by local superintendents. This is but a brief summary of work done the past year. The results cannot be known or estimated.

The work of this department is largely educational, and it is distinctly christian work, the outgrowth of a felt need. Its results are plainly seen in all christian and philanthropic enterprises.

Arguments in favor of giving proportionately and systematically are plenty, and are founded on the Word of God, both under the Mosaic Law and under the New Testament law of love. It is also true that testimonies are numerous to the effect that both spiritual and temporal blessing follows the faithful observance of this great principle.

All religious and philanthropic work would receive a wonderful impetus if we were true in this regard. We do not need to pray any more for open doors for our various lines of work, but rather for a revival among the pocket-books of christian people.

We trust that the women of Maine do not need argument in favor of the tithe. We make one plea; that each white-ribboner be true to her conviction of right in this matter. And, again, let us all hold ourselves ready to be informed in regard to any department of our work, whenever it is brought to our attention.

I trust that many department meetings will be held this year, not only in Unions having local superintendents, but in others, for the sake of information in regard to this department.

Two cents (for postage) sent to the state superintendent will receive material for an interesting meeting.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Mrs. Hattie Mayo Dunn, Houlton; Cumberland, Mrs. Vena M. Hall, Cumberland Mills; Kennebec, Miss Annie M. Nichols, Lambs Corner; Knox, Miss Alzira L. Crie, Rockland; Somerset, Mrs. Mary E. Neal, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. Lucy A. Rhodes, Northport; York, Mrs. C. E. Wells, Kennebunk.

Yours to help in hastening the coming of Christ's kingdom,

ANNIE M. NICHOLS,

*Superintendent.*

### **PRISON, JAIL AND ALMSHOUSE WORK.**

Superintendent: Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. George W. Wagg, Auburn; Aroostook, Miss Belle Downs, Houlton; Cumberland, Mrs. Homested, Portland; Franklin, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. M. B. Perry, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. Lizzie Fowle, Augusta; Knox, Miss Cora Loring, Rockland; Lincoln, Miss A. F. Ginn, Damariscotta; Oxford, Mrs. Emery Bonney, South Paris; Penobscot, Bangor Crusade, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. Canfield, Dover; Somerset, Mrs. Bunker, North Anson; Washington, Mrs. Maria B. Hill, Madison; Waldo, Miss Emily F. Miller, North Searsmont.

There are in the state of Maine fifteen jails and one prison; one-half of which it has been the privilege of your superintendent to visit—some of them many times. She is glad to report a marked improvement in the sanitary condition in the last two years. The great need of them all is systematic work for the inmates. No man or woman can grow better through idleness. It is the parent of vice, has been and ever will be.

Work is God given for man's highest good. Another need of this department is jail and police matrons. Young girls and women, who fall into vice for the first time, may be helped and often saved from a life of degradation through the influence of a wise police matron. Let us work for this.

The state inspectors of prisons and jails have in their last report emphasized the importance of providing for a matron in the woman's department of the state prison, that this measure would be for the best interest of the state and in keeping with prison discipline and reform throughout the country. Let us not cease to agitate this matter until it is accomplished.

There should be a bible in every cell, the state expects the county to do this. Let us see that it is done.

Largely through the instrumentality of our order religious services are now held in most of the jails. Let us go on, dear superintendents, until there shall not be one inmate of any of the penal institutions of Maine to whom the Temperance Gospel is not preached.

### **REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN.**

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention: — Your committee stated at the last convention that a building constructed by the United States for a naval hospital on Widow's Island, Penobscot Bay, but never used for that purpose, might be given to Maine for a reformatory for women. The building is a very substantial one, admirably adapted for such an institution. A bill was introduced at the last session of Congress by Hon. C. E. Littlefield, giving the building to Maine for this purpose, but owing to the great pressure of business it did not come up. It will be re-introduced at the next session, when it is confidently hoped it will pass.

There were so many institutions needing large appropriations last winter, that we should not probably have succeeded in obtaining an appropriation for this most worthy and necessary purpose, but we hope that at the next legislature we may be successful. We shall need, however, the helpful influence of every woman in the state who is interested in the enterprise. We wish to publicly thank Governor Hill for the encouraging words given on this subject in his message.

Your committee wrote to each county to obtain the number of women sentenced to the jails in the state the past year. Though a full report was not secured, the number was astonishingly large and showed great need of such an institution. There is still no matron at the state prison, though several unpleasant circumstances have emphasized the need of such a person and it has been recommended many times by wardens and prison inspectors.

It is stated in the papers, though we cannot vouch for the truth of the statement, that Maine is the only state which does not make some such provision for the protection of her women prisoners. Let us hope that this accusation may soon be removed from our beloved state.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) H. J. BAILEY,

(MRS.) HELEN COFFIN BEEDY,

CLARA M. FARWELL,

### **SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN.**

Superintendent: Jennie M. Anthoine, 43 Anthoine street, Pleasantdale, Me.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Maria M. Swett, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. H. B. Furber, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Miss Jennie M. Anthoine, Pleasantdale; Han-



cock, Mrs. L. J. Call, Ellsworth; Kennebec, Mrs. W. H. Penny, Hallowell; Knox, Mrs. John Stetson, Thomaston; Lincoln, Mrs. S. F. Winslow, Waldoboro; Oxford, Mrs. Benjamin Spaulding, Buckfield; Penobscot, Mrs. Etta Fowles, Medway; Sagadahoc, Mrs. White, Bowdoinham; Somerset, Miss Abbie Hilton, Bingham; Waldo, Mrs. H. M. Thorndike, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. E. R. Peasley, Jonesport; York, Mrs. R. H. Goodwin, West Lebanon.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Forty-one children have been cared for, twenty-three have been placed in good homes, with view of adoption, three have been placed in the hospital, one in deaf-mute school, nine have been boarded by the department while waiting for homes. At present the department is boarding and clothing four entirely, and paying part board for four others, three are in homes but are being clothed by the department.

One boy, after careful investigation, the superintendent deemed it wise to send to the Reform school.

We believe the homes cannot be too carefully investigated, that too much pains cannot be taken to put the right child in the right home—that a careful supervision of the child, in its new home, should be maintained for an indefinite period.

**Further Suggestions:** That every county have a superintendent appointed for this work, also local superintendent for each Union—that the state superintendent be informed as soon as possible in regard to changes in her county departments.

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### **WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.**

State Superintendent, Mrs. Helen Thomas. Greene.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Helen Thomas, Greene; Aroostook, reported by Mary A. Smith, Bridgewater; Franklin, Mrs. George Walker, Farmington; Kennebec, Miss

Alice Clough, Winthrop; Knox, Mrs. George Hayden, Rockland; Penobscot, Laura Clement, Shawmut; Piscataquis, Mrs. Florence Gerrish, Greenville; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Addie Robbins, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Olive Marcia, Shawmut; Waldo, Mrs. Addie McIntyre, Belfast; Washington, Mrs. Mary Stone, Machias; York, Mrs. A. M. Bradbury, Saco.

**Successful Methods of Work:** Personal work is most successful but great good is done in this department by superintendents interesting themselves in families of railroad employes.

**Further Suggestions:** I would suggest that each superintendent keep an accurate account of all work done and send to state superintendent immediately after county conventions, as several of my reports did not reach me until I arrived at the state convention this year.

### **WORK AMONG SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.**

The work among Soldiers and Sailors is as follows:

Sent 168 comfort bags, 15 housewives, 43 testaments, 16 bibles, two books of scripture verses, one singing book, one story book, 24 letters sent to Manila, five joined the Manila Union, \$1.00 sent by cash, one W. C. T. U. formed at Togus, 85 members, one beautiful picture given of Miss Willard, eight rolls of cotton bandages, six linen handkerchiefs, 10 yearly subscriptions to Christian Herald, 24 pledge cards signed, 297 text cards, 460 leaflets, 391 magazines, 1,190 papers, eight barrels, seven of them costing \$26.87, 9,063 pages of literature.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. CAROLINE M. PATTEN.

*Superintendent.*

## WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN AND QUARRYMEN.

Aroostook county has done good work for lumbermen but owing to sickness of parties concerned can not give many details in report.

Penobscot county has done well but can give only a few names. Bangor, Orono and other places have sent good boxes to the woods.

Kittery and Kittery Point sent large contributions.

Mrs. Hodgdon, Boothbay Harbor, sent a barrel of literature.

Cumberland county, Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, superintendent: Bolsters Mills, a large quantity of literature distributed,

Bridgton sent seven comfort bags, testament or bible in each. about 1,300 pages of literature besides.

Brunswick, good work done.

Cumberland Mills obtained addresses and sent over 1,000 pages.

Newhall supplied family with good reading weekly, 10,000 pages distributed.

A doll given to a poor family where none had ever been before.

North Gorham, 800 papers, 60 leaflets, eight booklets.

Portland sent a box to Moosehead for distribution, 20 magazines, Christian Herald, Youth's Companion and other literature, also second-hand clothing very acceptable to poor families.

South Bridgton, comfort bags, 1,500 pages sent away, also supplied good reading matter for several families.

South Windham supplied station, almshouse and needy homes.

Westbrook sent large numbers of magazines and good papers to lumbermen and their families, also to isolated families, 20,812 pages in all.

Franklin county: Kingfield has done much in this line, sending good reading to the Dead River region.

Mrs. Beedy, of Farmington, has sent a large box of fine literature already for the coming winter.

Comfort bags are always acceptable and should contain a testament or bible; old singing books are very welcome and do more to draw the men into a good spirit on Sunday than anything else. Where it is possible a man of the right sort should be sent into camp to hold services. A layman of good gifts and the right spirit would do very well.

Kennebec county has no regular superintendent but has done good individual work, and I will say *that* is a very good way for some to do. Each person or Union, who can pay the express on box or bundle, can send direct to those whom she would like. I will furnish names to those who wish for them.

Rev. Carl Raupach has built with the aid of friends a pretty little church at Greenville Junction, with a reading room. Any one willing to send him good books or magazines will be doing a great favor.

I would like to thank all who aided me in this work and ask that they still continue. I hoped they would appoint a better superintendent, but as they have appointed me I will try to do my best.

FRANCES S. W. ROGERS,  
*Superintendent.*

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The work to be reported the present year is very small. I have endeavored to interest the superintendents, have written them a number of times separately. Have written in all over fifty letters. Have sent them report blanks, and also for their local Unions, together with Maine Sunday laws, 200 or more of each, with letters of instructions. Have sent out

over 300 petitions to have the gates closed on Sunday at the Fair at Buffalo. Have written to all the ministers at Bath, urging their interest in this great work, nine in all.

But with all my urging the superintendents' promptness, I received two reports before the convention at Biddeford, and two since. One superintendent had distributed literature in in Sunday schools, but kept no account of the pages. Another superintendent said business was practised in some towns as on any day of the week, but did not name the towns. But one dealer of goods placed a card in his window, "*This store* closed Sunday." A vote of thanks was sent him. Another superintendent said she had distributed 60 pages of literature, there was no saloon in the place—but did not give the name. Another superintendent wrote quite encouragingly. She had interested some of the pastors, and had distributed a thousand pages of literature.

The question is often asked, "*How are* we to spend Sunday?

It is not difficult to answer if one sincerely wishes to know.

This one great command has certainly been taught to all, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Even in the bustle of the great city, we can feel the hush of the Sabbath morning, and lift our hearts in adoration and praise, preparing us to enter heartily into the services of the day. If one is really in earnest and wish to occupy the day as God would have them, they will find many happy, useful ways to spend the Sabbath day, leaving no room for frivolity or sinfulness. If we attend the morning service, how much it helps us to enter the Sunday school, rendering us more interested and capable; and how pleasing to watch the development of those young minds, and catch their enthusiasm; and in teaching others we ourselves are taught.

Then again, there are suffering ones, in many homes, where a bright christian face bringing cheery words of encouragement and sympathy, is received with gratitude, and proves a benediction.

And then look carefully around you and recall some lonely, sad heart to whom you can carry the sunshine of your own heart, that they may catch the brightness, and feel it in their own, for it is not always *material* aid that is needed; sympathy and christian cheer are oftener wanted by weary, sorrowing hearts. Is there any need for us to ask, how are we to spend the Holy Sabbath day?

Again, are there not many who are patiently waiting for the gates of Heaven to be opened to them who need comfort and cheer on the way hither? Remember our blessed Saviour "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." If we perform *one*, or all of these services on Sunday and do it with love and cheerfulness, do we not carry into the week a happier spirit, reflecting a good influence upon all with whom we meet, and making care and toil lighter? And we experience a satisfaction no worldly pleasure can give.

We urge our superintendents to come up to the work as they are able (and we have noble workers in the field) and bring encouragement and sympathy to the state superintendent, making her feel strong in their help, and joyous in spirit, to know this unpopular work, (unpopular to the world's people) is gaining ground, and that all the wisest and best people of our land, and other lands, are applauding the efforts being made to crush out the desecration of the Holy Sabbath day.

FRANCES S. MOODY,  
*Superintendent.*

### PURITY.

Not all of the county superintendents of the department of Purity have sent in a report this year, although all have been written to and requested to do so.

Aroostook county, Mrs. L. A. Smart, superintendent, reports mothers' meeting held, sermons preached, addresses

given, 2,103 pages of literature distributed, books loaned and personal work done; one copy of "American Mother" taken.

Hancock county, Mrs. Inez L. Small, superintendent, writes that one Union in her county distributed more than one thousand pages of literature, held five purity meetings, visited schools and did much personal work. The members of another Union visited the school board and requested some needed reforms about the school buildings, which request was cheerfully granted. One local pastor gave a Sunday evening address on purity, which was highly appreciated.

Oxford county, Mrs. J. M. Sweet, superintendent, reports many mothers' meetings held, and department literature distributed. Norway Union has been doing a good work in this department the past year. A W. C. T. U. mothers' club has been organized, which has held meetings every two weeks. Several very interesting lectures have been given. Mrs. Mabel C. Conklin gave three addresses, one to men and boys, one to girls and one to mothers. These lectures were greatly enjoyed. A committee is now at work selecting purity literature to be distributed among the mothers in the town.

Kennebec county, Mrs. J. Albert Jenkins, superintendent, reports that 11 mothers' meetings have been held and 1,300 pages of literature distributed. Books have also been loaned. The W. C. T. U. box in one railroad station has been supplied with purity literature and much personal work done.

Sagadahoc county, Mrs. Nancy Clark, reports that the Unions in her county, Bath and Popham Beach, report work done and literature distributed.

Washington county, Mrs. Susan M. Grant, superintendent sends an itemized report which I will copy, hoping other superintendents may "go and do likewise" another year; Number of Unions in county, 13; Unions having superintendents of purity, 11; Unions reporting, 7; personal conversations on purity, 58; pages of literature distributed, 600; books on purity owned by Unions, 4—loaned to eleven young people;

schools spoken to on the subject, 7 ; original paper read before Unions, 1 ; programs furnished for mother's meetings, 12 ; sermons preached, 2 ; copies of "American Mother" taken, 1 ; addresses given, 8.

As the state superintendent has not been about in the state as in former years, she has not been able to do as much work in the department in the way of giving addresses and holding mothers' meetings.

JENNIE E. SEAMANS,  
*State Superintendent.*

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### PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART.

Madame President, Sisters of the Union, Ladies and Gentlemen :

Never has the cause of purity received the attention and has been so ably cared for as *now*, at the beginning of the 20th century.

Eminent divines, prominent able men, earnest praying women are working to make the rising generation better, purer than the one so swiftly passing away.

Money, talent, education are freely used to elevate public sentiment. Public opinion is expressing itself through sermons, lectures, literature, and a higher appreciation of the pure in literature and art.

The pulpit has readily responded to the call for help, Dr. Talmage, taking the lead in one of his able sermons, plainly showing the demoralizing effect of impure pictures and reading on the mind and character of the young.

The press, as a rule, is kind and prompt in sending out news relating to this department, most of the papers in the country giving space for articles and items.

Our National superintendent has sought to reach every sec-



tion of our country with letters and literature to arouse thinking men and women to a sense of their responsibility. The state superintendents have been a unit in sympathy and hearty co-operation.

Perhaps no single method employed has been more successful than the holding of Mothers' meetings at frequent intervals. All mothers are gladly welcomed and often help as well as receive help. Large gatherings have given their approval of these meetings, among which was the National Mothers' Congress, before which our National superintendent gave an able address.

The National convention at Seattle passed a very strong resolution on the corrupting influence of the immoral shows which visit the country towns during the summer months—a sort of Bowery extension about which there can be no two opinions among decent people. Not every mother, who will not attend these entertainments or permit her children to do so, is prudish or old fashioned, for our best educators, best writers unite with the better class of newspapers in testifying to the downward tendency of their corrupting influence. Fortunately the municipal officers of any town may exclude any performance of this class, by refusing them a license, without which any such entertainment is illegal; and they will do so if a strong public sentiment demand it.

Our local Unions, too, are doing all in their power to help along the good work. Literature is distributed, purity meetings held, schools visited, teachers interviewed and interested. Lectures have been given, sermons preached, in response to their call, and much individual work done, especially among the young people. A well enforced curfew law would be a blessing to many towns.

Do you ask what you can do as co-worker, I reply you can *pray*, have faith, and to your faith add works. What others have done we can do. Maine leads all the other states in number of letters written with positive results. Ohio sent a couple

to the penitentiary for circulating obscene pictures. Illinois held more than 800 Mothers' meetings, Kansas is working for purer homes. Earnest heroic women are working to have more stringent laws passed and enforced against publishing and circulating impure and immoral literature, and are appealing to the press to suppress objectionable matter in trials. Reading rooms are established; good wholesome reading matter provided; objectionable show bills and advertising matter removed from shop windows and streets, "White Ribbon Cradle Rolls" organized, "White Shield" work carried on and our young people taught both by precept and example to believe in one standard of purity for both men and women.

Again I would urge upon the county superintendents the importance of reporting all work done in their county. It is *not* enough to work; let the world know what the W. C. T. U. is doing. "Tell not only what, but how. Outline the difficulties, analyze successes, suggest forward movements," give us something to encourage and cheer. Remember that the business of this department is to "exalt virtue and expose vice," and that "To cure is the voice of the past; to prevent the divine whisper of to-day," and our motto "Not only to reform impurity but to preserve purity."

INEZ L. SMALL,  
*Superintendent.*

### MERCY.

The aim of this department is to lessen the cruelty of the world. It does not ask the Unions to take up charity work, but to take up some definite and beautiful methods of education, persuasion or restraint, tending to make men, women and children kinder and more thoughtful, so that they may cease to inflict upon the weak, and especially upon the helpless lower

animals, those wanton tortures which now disgrace our civilization and react upon the perpetrators to their own degradation.

These methods include the Bands of Mercy, both among children and among adults; Mercy Medal Contests, among older or younger; the distribution of literature: circulation of the general pledge of kindness to animals and the special pledge against wearing birds; influencing teachers, editors, preachers and doctors; utilizing our state laws for the teaching of humanity in the schools and for the correction of cruelty; the study of humanity in our Unions; and the encouragement of merciful enterprises in all our communities.

The National superintendent of Mercy, Mrs. Lovell, awards to Maine the honor of having sent in last year the longest list of signers to the anti-plumage pledge, Mrs. Raymond Toothaker, of Auburn, having sent 100 names. Our white ribbon ranks seem to be "almost persuaded." and the trophies of slaughter are growing rare on the heads of our own women. Yet the millinery shops are still full of wings and breasts, and we must open our eyes to the need of governmental action forbidding the sale. Every year new insect pests ravage the world because the bird-slayers have so destroyed the balance of nature by killing millions of the little birds, and now the hunters are inviting pestilences by slaying the larger scavenger birds for their quills. Let us keep our own hands and hats clean, and create all the sentiment we can for the needed law to protect both the birds and the human race.

One other institutional cruelty calls for organized protests and work,—vivisection. The tortures of this growing practice are inexpressible, its benefits problematical, and its moral and social harms deep and threatening. Though none has been reported to me in this state, yet no community is safe. I commend to you the literature of this department and ask you to take up the subject in the local Unions in the winter's courses of study.

George T. Angell has said, a few years ago: "Nearly all

the criminals of the future are in our public schools now, and we are educating them. We can mould them now if we will.

\* \* \* We may go into the schools now with book, picture, song and story, and make neglected boys merciful, or we may let them drift, until, as men, they become sufficiently lawless and cruel to throw our railway trains off the track, place dynamite under our dwelling houses or public buildings, assassinate our president, burn half our city, or involve the nation in civil war."

Our nation is still shuddering as one who has looked into a yawning chasm suddenly opened at his feet. The cure for anarchism is not in Russianizing our institutions, but in humanizing the people. If it must stand forever in the book of history that the bitter oppressions and tyrannous suppressions of Europe have bred the anarchist, may it not be in the book of fate that the christian womanhood of America is to undo those follies and redeem that degeneracy?

There was never an evil that forcible suppression *alone* could cure. While the holders of political power are making laws at their own discretion, what should the organized motherhood of the nation be doing to make such a moral climate that no more American-born children can grow up into the cruelty, the insensibility, of the assassin?

Every department of the W. C. T. U. is in the line of answer to this question, but none more directly so than the department of mercy. This is the gulf stream, the warmest current of heart-culture of them all.

May the coming year be a good one for mercy in our Unions. Let us remember that the state, which is offering its opportunities for bloodshed as its great attraction for the outside world, offers to the civilized within its borders a great summons to labor in defense of life and love.

MARY CROSBY,  
*Superintendent.*

### FLOWER MISSION.

Superintendent, Belle B. Downes, Houlton.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, M. Addie Burdin, Chase's Mills; Aroostook, Belle B. Downes, Houlton; Cumberland, Emma M. Hasty, Windham; Franklin, Hattie E. Linscott, Bean's Corner; Kennebec, Frances E. Hussey, Vassalboro; Piscataquis, Belle Wentworth, Dover; Somerset, Annie M. Frost, Pittsfield; Waldo, Ellen E. McKinley, Waldo; Washington, Abbie E. Nash, Cherryfield.

Successful Methods of Work: Flowers, growing plants, with text cards and literature, fruit, jelly and other delicacies carried to sick and aged, food and clothing to destitute, public institutions visited with flowers and services held.

Further Suggestions: Interest the children of the L. T. L. in the Flower Mission work.

### FAIRS AND OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

It is the mission of this department to go to the people, where they assemble at fairs, expositions, Fourth of July celebrations, reunions, picnics and all open air meetings; see to the enforcement of law relating to gambling and other vices, also to the sale of intoxicants; endeavor to influence managers and directors of fairs and other gatherings to refuse permits to fakirs and gamblers, and by our influence to make purer and better every gathering.

The change of name of this department to "Fairs and Open Air Meetings" was deemed necessary because many seemed to think the work was confined to fair grounds and lost the golden opportunities offered at the summer gatherings to reach the people from the scattered homes.

Every county should have a superintendent of this depart-

ment whose first duty it is to look after the appointment of local superintendents. Each locality has its special needs, hence the importance of having *local* superintendents who will better understand them. This department includes so wide a field that *all* departments can disseminate a knowledge of their special lines of work to a large number of people by the distribution of literature.

An excellent opportunity is presented for soliciting subscriptions to our state paper and Union Signal. Make a special effort to secure new members at all these holiday gatherings.

There are pledge cards arranged for this department—the same will be furnished by National superintendent, Mrs. Hannah T. Guild, Sedalia, Mo., 25 cents per 100.

The state securing the largest number of new members will be awarded the National banner—and as honorary members count the same as active members in this contest, it seems that in Prohibition Maine a large number might be secured.

Of the work done in this department the past year, I will give a brief summary, omitting much that is worthy of mention if space allowed.

We have in the state, two state fairs, 16 county and 28 town fairs—total 46.

Receipts from sale of refreshments, \$500.

Pages of literature distributed, 8,000; Union Signals, 200; state papers, 50; Woman's column, 25.

This department has worked in 14 counties. We have headquarters on six fair grounds, others have booths, or tents or space in a hall or other building. Rest rooms are furnished, bouquets given away, and ice water supplied to the thirsty.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. Susan A. French, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate De Witt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ellen F. Webb, South Windham; Franklin, Mrs. Luella Reynolds, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Lillian M. Robbins, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. Lucy A. Wyman,

Oakland; Knox, Mrs. Harriet M. Robbins, Union; Lincoln, Miss Hattie L. Knowlton, Damariscotta; Oxford, Mrs. Irving Frost, Norway; Penobscot, Mrs. Carrie Vincent, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan P. Cary, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Sarah L. Rogers, Pittsfield; Waldo, Mrs. W. H. Twombly, Monroe; Washington, Mrs. H. S. Bridges, Pembroke; York, Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford.

The state superintendent will gladly furnish any information to county or local superintendents that she may be able to do, upon application, especially relating to the pledge cards for this department.

MRS. EDITH N. OAKES,  
*Superintendent.*

## LEGISLATION AND PETITION.

### AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

Aroostook has this year, as in the past, done good work in the line of petitions, anti-canteen, suffrage and polygamy, also for the renewal of the pledge to enforce the cigarette law, and a great deal of petition work has been done for the enforcement of the prohibitory laws. Owing to the absence of the county president in the past year, have really done good work which shows their interest in the W. C. T. U. Men have largely signed petitions circulated in the county.

Many Unions have circulated protests against resubmission during the year.

### ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

Every Union sent large petitions for both franchise and resubmission to Augusta last winter.

Turner deserves special mention on the suffrage petition,

through the efforts of Mrs. H. M. Wilder, who obtained the Grange seal on petition.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

I know there has been good work done, though only Newhall and Otisfield have reported.

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The principal petition work done by our Unions this year has been the suffrage, and special letters to our legislators asking them to oppose the resubmission act. Our ladies did not succeed in getting into the town warrant, or rather keeping out of it, the plea for a liquor agency. We have one in our county the first time in many years,

#### HANCOCK COUNTY.

Relative to petition work done in our W. C. T. U. here, I will say we have sent petitions to Congress, both houses, on the anti-canteen bill, the anti-polygamy constitutional amendment, and prohibition in the new possessions; to the state legislature for equal suffrage, against resubmission of the prohibition amendment; to the county attorney for better enforcement of the liquor laws, and to see all Sunday schools to continue the use of the quarterly temperance lessons.

#### KENNEBEC COUNTY.

Petitions against the resubmission of the state prohibitory law, and also against opening the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo on Sundays, have been circulated and resolutions passed with good success in nearly all localities in the county, where Unions exist. Also anti-polygamy, equal suffrage, and petitions praying for the abolishment of intoxicants from the army canteen and against Sabbath excursions have been successfully circulated.

#### KNOX COUNTY.

Appleton circulated suffrage petition with good success; also one for the closing of the Pan-American Exposition on Sunday.

Camden reports the "League for Social Service" sent them



the anti-polygamy resolution for signatures, which they obtained. They did all they could against resubmission.

Rockland sent a petition to Buffalo against opening the exposition on Sunday; also a petition forbidding liquors being sold to the native tribes on the islands and elsewhere.

Union circulated suffrage petition; wrote to senator and representatives, urging them, by vote and influence, against resubmission. Warren worked for resubmission.

#### PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

Kenduskeag reports a petition sent to Congress for an anti-polygamy amendment to Constitution. A petition to managers of the Eastern Maine Fair, asking that a stop be put to immoral shows.

Montague reports: 1st—A petition to business men in regard to Sabbath observance, with good results; 2d—A petition against Sunday excursions; 3d—To legislature in regard to resubmission of prohibitory law; 4th—To F. O. Beal, as manager of Eastern Maine Fair, against immoral exhibitions on fair grounds.

East Corinth reports two petitions have been circulated; one for better Sabbath observances and the other for the anti-canteen bill.

Bangor sent a petition to our congressmen, asking their vote on the anti-canteen amendment to the army reorganization bill; worked against resubmission of prohibitory law.

Garland reports a petition for woman's suffrage, and sixty-five names obtained.

Charleston reports a petition relative to disgraceful proceedings at Exeter Fair.

Dexter letters were written to congressmen on the anti-canteen bill, and senator and representatives interviewed in regard to resubmission.

#### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY.

Petition for suffrage, do not know the number of signatures.

Petition for better observance of Sabbath.

## SAGADAHOC COUNTY.

A petition of remonstrance against resubmission; a petition of full suffrage for women; a petition to Bath city government for better law enforcement.

## WALDO COUNTY.

Have followed the lines of state and national works as regards petitions; also letters. Last winter's legislature was remembered by petitions and letters regarding the repeal, both of the prohibitory law and the county laws regarding constables. Several local petitions have been worked also.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

All the petition work done in this county, that I know of, was done in connection with suffrage work. Petitions circulated, three; number of signers, 55.

## YORK COUNTY.

This county has circulated whatever petitions as have been sent to them by the state superintendent with good results, and reports from five were received, three circulated suffrage petitions, obtaining a large number of names, and others for anti-canteen, and another in regard to the Maine prohibitory law. The Biddeford Union circulated three petitions for suffrage, better enforcement of laws and others. South Berwick obtained sixty names on suffrage. West Lebanon obtained forty-five. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. J. SPAULDING,  
*Superintendent.*

## FRANCHISE.

Notwithstanding my failure to receive all the reports, I am able to report much activity and vigorous work in the line of suffrage in our W. C. T. U.

I have sent out at least four hundred booklets and leaflets,

which would mean more than a thousand pages of literature distributed. I have published seven suffrage articles, and given three addresses. My leaflets have been quite generally used in the local Unions, so that in the state I should judge there must have been one hundred suffrage meetings held. Last winter petitions were sent to the legislature, asking for full and equal suffrage for women, which contained fifteen signatures. The judiciary committee were not in the least in sympathy with the object of our petition, and there were many minor reasons why the hearing was not as successful as in previous years. The W. S. A. made no effort to obtain suffrage last year.

These I have had copied and have kept them as a nucleus for a permanent enrollment. In addition to this the women wrote many letters to members of the legislature. I have made an effort to introduce suffrage resolutions at the state grange meetings. At one of these meetings the master granger was authorized to sign a petition for the assembly, which meant five names. This is a new field to work in, but the seed planted will bring in good fruit, as we have so many farmers as members of the legislature. At our state convention I was allowed the opportunity to use the endorsed parliamentary leaflet, which was arranged by Mrs. Emily Gillard, one of our own W. C. T. U. women. This drill met with so much favor that I have had many calls for copies, and I am sure that it will be quite extensively used at the grange meetings and at county conventions. I shall make another effort to ascertain what proportion of our women are suffragists because of their affiliation with the W. C. T. U. In several districts I have urged the women to attend the town meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

AUGUSTA M. HUNT,

*Superintendent.*

## PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

The department of Peace and Arbitration deals largely with problems of the future. Courts of arbitration in every land form one of the most delightful dreams of the hopeful tomorrow, which is opening to us, and we can well consider it an honor to have a part in its great mission. Some one once said in the presence of a child that a Home for Inebriate Women was an honor to the city where it was, alluding, of course, to the public spirit which had erected it. "Yes," said the child, "when it is empty." Some consider forts an honor to a nation. May we advocates of peace not add, that we consider the honor on the negative side—when they are not in use. When our nation erects a fine building at Washington, in which courts of arbitration can be held, then we at least can begin to talk of the honor of the situation.

It is the aim of our department to bring about a change by substitution—by persuading all to talk more about arbitration and less about war, and discourage the use of firearms, being well aware of the many fatal accidents for which they are responsible. We are also opposed to prize fights, to lynchings, to anarchy, and to capital punishment. Our motto is to bring about reforms without bloodshed, and it often takes as much courage to express our opinion before those hostile to it as it does for the soldiers to go into battle.

The work in Maine has been very encouraging, one item of interest being that one of our most active county organizations—Cumberland county—has appointed an efficient superintendent, who has gone about the interest of the work.

About 10,000 pages of literature have been distributed. This has been given out at the great Christian Endeavor celebration at Portland, at state and county W. C. T. U. conventions, a county S. S. conventions, at fairs and elsewhere.

Hundreds of text chains, containing peace scripture texts, have been given the children at conventions and in the Sunday

schools. Peace calendars and Easter cards have been given out. Several peace papers are taken in the state. A full set of department leaflets have been placed in the library of Bowdoin college.

Peace Sunday was observed in many places, pastors being very glad to preach special peace sermons upon that day. The state superintendent sent out many circulars requesting that such services be preached and offering literature upon the subject to all who wished it. The response from these circulars was satisfactory. Many who did not care to devote an entire discourse to the subject were willing to allude to it during their regular service. Notices in the interest of this day were also sent out to the religious papers of the state, and some of the secular papers. It is hoped that all will do everything in their power to make this day prominent, as we consider it the best time for educating public sentiment along this most important subject. And, by the way, our work is of necessity largely educational. While we would not teach the young to look with contempt upon the private soldier, who is doing what he considers his duty, (and all, of course, have a right to their personal definitions of the word duty) we would impress upon them the fact that one can the better serve his nation by living than by dying.

Mrs. M. F. Bunker, for Somerset county, writes as follows:

"I regret that our Unions generally in this county neglect *special* work in this important department. But the outlook in our nation is hopeful, yea, in *all the world*. I believe the last public address of our departed president will be heeded and that in spite of the awful carnage in South Africa, the terrible cruelties in China, and the prolonged strife in the Philippines, that the time is near when war *will be* superseded by arbitration. The public conscience was never so sensitive on this topic as now. Not only our own people, but all Europe, heart-sick over the sins and misery of battle fields, are learning, bit-

erly but swiftly, the more perfect way, taught long ago by the Prince of Peace."

Our department completed its year by securing at the state W. C. T. U. convention the passage of a resolution expressing our satisfaction at the stand President Roosevelt had just taken for arbitration. Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS,  
*Superintendent.*

### EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Madam President and Sisters of the Convention: I can say that the past year has been abundant in hopes, though not such as make a telling report, as I have been much at home, but my correspondence has brought so many hopeful words from beating hearts of workers to my own, filling me with the exulting joy only those who serve can know; I can but feel that there is more and more a realization that "without me ye can do nothing," and that "I can do *all* things through Christ which strengtheneth me" among the rank and file of those good soldiers.

The reports from all the counties were filled with unique work and exploits, notably York and Somerset counties; the one from Androscoggin county was also marked by a deep sense of responsibility. More than 20,000 pages of literature are reported, which are not a tithe of what I know has been distributed. Evangelistic meetings of great success have been held in more than 20 towns, mothers' meetings in one-third of the Unions and the sweet story of new born souls comes from many local Unions. Our York county superintendent keeps up a lively correspondence with many of the prisoners—one of them visiting her recently on his discharge, took from his pocket a letter and pointing to the "Dear Friend" with which it commenced said: "Those words saved me and I shall keep that letter as long as I live."

In one place where I had held a cottage prayer meeting myself for more than a year and several of the children had come to Christ, while the head of the family, who was an intemperate man, had gone fishing on the Sabbath, in some instances not returning till after the meetings had commenced, of which no notice was taken but he was tenderly invited to Christ, and I finally felt that case was a failure. Very recently he called to bring me some flowers and tell me he had given his heart to Christ and was leading the prayer meetings in his neighbor-

hood. I might multiply instances but these will suffice to show us we must sow beside *all* waters both at morn and eventide, for we know not "whether shall prosper either this or that or whether both shall be alike good."

I most cordially recommend that each county and every local superintendent should supply herself and her Union with National Leaflet No. 35, "Hints on Gospel Work," by Mrs. F. C. Hathaway, which I deem most helpful and suggestive to workers. Asking your prayers and co-operation that we may be more helpful to each other and to souls around us, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW,  
*Superintendent.*



# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

**Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.**

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## PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of the 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.

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## CONSTITUTION.

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### 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, Editor of *Star in the East*, Y Secretaries of local Unions, 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 paying a 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 a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at the annual meeting, provided notice has been given at the previous annual meeting.

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## BY-LAWS.

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### 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, 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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 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.

## COUNTY CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the——County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### 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 Recording and Corresponding 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 county general officers, county superintendents of departments, presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers of local Unions, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every ten paying members of the local Union.

#### ARTICLE V.—DUTIES.

The duties of the President shall be (under the general supervision of the state President) to advance the interest 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 sometime within May or June.

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

The duties of 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 and report, a digest of these to the county convention and to the state superintendents, as required by the State Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Local Unions shall pay to the county Treasurer an amount equal to — cents annually for each of its members, for county work.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

## LOCAL CONSTITUTION.

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### 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 —— 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 preceeding 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 County 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 1st, 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.

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#### 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. Hygenic Reform and Heredity. Scientific Tem-

perance 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 Employees. 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 until 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 to any person to teach in the public schools of 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 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 inn holder 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 offense; 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.*

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## CIGARETTE LAW.

### CHAPTER 333.

**AN ACT** to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors.

**SEC. 1.** Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

**SEC. 2.** Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

**SEC. 3.** This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

[Approved March 27.]

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## 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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[*Laws of 1885. Chap. 348.*]

Whoever knowingly sells, lends, gives away, or shows to any minor child any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or any printed paper, devoted to the publication, or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust or crimes; or circulates, posts or causes to be circulated or posted in any conspicuous or public place, any picture, handbill or poster containing obscene, indecent, or immoral representations; or in any manner hires, uses, or employs any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or who, having the care, custody, or control of any minor child, permits such child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, any book, magazine, pamphlet, or newspaper coming within the first paragraph of this section, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by fine, not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

[*Public Laws of 1897. Chap. 213.*]

AN ACT for the better protection of girls.

Whoever being more than twenty-one years of age has carnal knowledge of the body of any unmarried female child between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years shall be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than two years.

**PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LAW.**

**SEC. 34.** Whoever sells intoxicating liquor contrary to law shall be fined fifty dollars and costs and imprisoned thirty days. For default, thirty days extra.

Subsequent convictions, two hundred dollars and costs, and six months' imprisonment.

In default of payment, six months' additional imprisonment. Clerks, servants and agents are equally guilty with the principal and shall suffer like penalties.







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## Annual Meetings.

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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
1894,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AUBURN
1895,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	HOULTON
1896,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BELFAST
1897,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BATH
1898,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BANGOR
1899,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	PORTLAND
1900,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	CALAIS
1901,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	BIDDEFORD
1902,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	WATERVILLE

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# RALLYING SONG.

BY ANNA SARGENT HUNT.

Tune—*Speed Away.*

Come away ! Come away, oh ye daughters of ease  
From the glittering trifles that only can please;  
For the great world is waiting the work of your hands  
In expelling the evil that darkens all lands,  
And the Master is asking your service to-day,—  
Come away ! Come away ! Come away !

Come away ! Come away, careless mothers, and know  
That the white ribboned army moves on toward the foe;  
For your children its warfare, your homes are its care,  
To the God of the battle ascendeth its prayer:  
While you sleep He is watching, awake while you may,—  
Come away ! Come away ! Come away !

Come away ! Come away ! for there's welcome to all  
Who enlist 'neath our banner at duty's loud call ;  
Where the strife rages fiercely 'gainst Error and Wrong,  
Ever true to her record in story and song,  
Kennebec marching forward shall eagerly say—  
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YORK—Mrs. Elizabeth Manson, Miss Blanche H. Adams, Miss Mary Stedman, Miss Abbie Odall, Mrs. Annette E. Clifford.

**REPORT OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

**OF THE**

**Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.**

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**UNITARIAN CHURCH, WATERVILLE.**

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**10.30 A. M. Sept. 16, 1902.**

Ante-Executive Committee called to order by President Stevens. "We Need Thee Every Hour" was sung, and Mrs. Stevens lead in prayer. Mrs. Getchell of Aroostook represented that county in the absence of the president. Miss Tyler in the absence of Miss Miller represented Waldo.

Moved by Mrs. Johnston that state superintendents be authorized to secure blanks for reports, and send bill to treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Mrs. Stickney that the county presidents be instructed to write to each local president asking her to confer with her superintendents of literature, and at an early meeting have the subject of placing the Star in the East in each family where there are members, discussed and provision in some way made for the same. Carried.

Voted, that a note of love and sympathy be sent to Mrs. Byron Stevens now ill at Maine General Hospital.

The treasurer, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Delano were requested to attend to seating the delegates.

The committee rose.

Convention, 2:30 P. M.

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Unitarian church, Waterville, September 16-18, 1902.

The front of the church platform was draped in white, a large picture of Miss Willard adorned with flowers and white ribbon, was placed in the center. Beautiful bouquets of asters and other flowers occupied all other available space.

The State prize banner on which is a portrait of Mrs. Stevens, was in the background draped with red, white and blue, and the county banners decorated the walls.

At 2 P. M. the convention proper opened with a devotional service conducted by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, State Superintendent of evangelistic work.

The business meeting was called to order at 2.30. After the rendition of the solo, "I'll Glean till the Summer is Ended," by Miss Sarah Munroe Hall of Rockland, the musical director of the State Union, the Crusade Psalm was read responsively by the general officers and delegates. The hymn, "Give to the Winds Thy Fears," was sung and Mrs. H. J. Bailey led the convention in prayer. The roll of ex-officio members was called by recording secretary and showed that the counties and departments were very fully represented.

By vote of the convention committees on courtesies and credentials were appointed by the president.

Courtesies—Mrs. Mary C. McDowell, Portland. Credentials—The corresponding secretary, Mrs. Blanche M. Friend and Miss Alice H. Moore.

The corresponding secretary took the chair, and the recommendations of the president were given. Miss Brainerd moved that the recommendations be referred to the executive committee, and the address be received by a rising vote. Carried.

One verse of "We All Belong" was sung.

Voted to accept the program subject to necessary changes.

A beautiful bunch of white asters was presented to Mrs. Stevens by Miss Brainerd for the superintendent of Systematic Giving, Miss Annie M. Nichols. Mrs. Stevens received the flowers with thanks and placed them on the picture of Miss Willard.

Voted, that Misses Anna and Elizabeth Gordon be made members of the convention with all its privileges except that of voting.

Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney reported for Sunday School Work. She stated that the W. C. T. U. has been invited to provide a speaker for the State Sunday School Convention to be held at Farmington in October, and that Miss Christine Tinling has been secured for such speaker.

The following reports were presented: Literature by Mrs. V. K. Rollins; Press by Mrs. Mary L. French; Anti-Narcotics, Mrs. Flora Nickerson; Medal Contests, Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan.

Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. Pepper, Mrs. Tubbs, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Foster of Waterville and Mrs. Brown of Fairfield were presented as the hostesses of the convention and received with applause.

Rev. Mr. Cayer, French missionary at Waterville, was introduced and made some very cheering remarks.

Solo by Miss Hall, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Adjourned after singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

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Evening, Sept. 16, 7.30 P. M.

The evening meeting was opened by singing "Coronation."  
Reading the Scriptures, Miss Cornelia M. Dow. Prayer by

Rev. E. L. Marsh, pastor of the Congregational church of Waterville. Solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," by Miss Hall. Cordial addresses of welcome were given as follows: A letter from Hon. Martin Blaisdell, mayor of the city, read by Mrs. S. G. Crosby; Rev. A. G. Pettengill, pastor of the Unitarian church of Waterville, and Rev. H. N. Ives, pastor of the Baptist church of Fairfield. In behalf of the local unions of Waterville and Fairfield, Mrs. S. G. Crosby and Mrs. F. H. Brown respectively. Mrs. R. C. Hall of Rockland responded on behalf of the State Union

Solo, by Mrs. Lister Nye of Fairfield.

Address by Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens.

Solo, "Some Glad Day," by Miss Hall.

Benediction by Rev. George E. Palmer.

#### Convention, Sept. 17, 9 A. M.

Praise and prayer service led by Miss Elizabeth P. Gordon.

At 9.45 the convention was called to order by the president. Singing, "How Firm a Foundation." Minutes of afternoon meeting read and approved. The corresponding secretary gave a short verbal report, a longer one to be prepared for the report.

Voted, to send a letter of sympathetic affection to Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, ill in New York.

Voted, to send a telegram of greeting to Washington State W. C. T. U. Convention now in session.

Mrs. A. S. Johnston of Fort Fairfield, the State treasurer, presented her annual report, showing that the Maine W. C. T. U. enters upon its twenty-ninth year in better financial condition than at any previous time. The receipts for the year were \$2,692.88, the balance in the treasury \$853.14, which will greatly facilitate the work of the coming year.

Report of auditor read and accepted.

Voted, to accept treasurer's report by a rising vote of thanks, including all who have helped to gather in so many new members.

Miss Cornelia M. Dow presented financial reports of State headquarters and of the State paper, *Star in the East*. The latter has become self-supporting, and the former has turned a neat sum into the treasury. Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt also reported as editor of the "*Star*." Both reports adopted by a rising vote.

One of the most interesting episodes of the day was the presentation by Mrs. Holway of an old soldier, Mr. Smith, representing the Togus Temperance Union which now has a membership of fifty-nine, and is under the fostering care of the Augusta W. C. T. U. Mr. Smith presented Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Holway, president of the Augusta Union, and Mrs. Towle of Augusta, the president and friend of the Union at Togus, each a bouquet of beautiful wild flowers gathered and sent by the old soldiers. He also paid a splendid tribute to the women who were helping them in their fight against the temptation of the Togus beer canteen. Mrs. Towle was then introduced and spoke in a feeling manner of the work of the Union, and of her visits to the hospitals.

Miss Crosby of Bangor reported the Department of Mercy, calling attention to the increase in Maine's beautiful sea birds since efforts were made for their protection. Miss Crosby also noted the almost total absence of plumage on the hats seen at convention, and spoke of the encouraging word she had received from the chairman of the Fish and Game Commission, stating that the sale of birds and plumage for hat trimmings was to be stopped throughout the State.

Miss Gordon spoke in behalf of the *Union Signal*, the organ of the World's and National Union.



Voted, to appoint Miss Belle Downes and Miss Alice Clough to assist Mrs. Rollins in taking subscriptions for the Signal. Miss Moore urged the women to purchase the "Y" Almanac.

Voted, to instruct the treasurer to place one hundred copies of the L. T. L. number of the Union Signal in the hands of the L. T. L. secretary for distribution.

Rev. Mr. Whittemore, pastor of the Baptist church in Waterville, was introduced, and cordially greeted the convention.

Mrs. F. B. Clark of Portland, National Organizer of the M. E. Woman's Home Mission, brought greetings from that society.

Mrs. Anna Sargent Hunt also brought greetings from the Maine Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Noontide prayer by Mrs. Helen M. Daggett.

The doxology was sung and the convention adjourned.

Convention 2 P. M., Sept. 17.

Convention called to order by President Stevens.

"Rock of Ages" sung.

Prayer by Miss Merrill of Oldtown.

Solo by Mrs. Sturdevant of Waterville.

Dr. Meserve, president of Shaw University, N. C., was presented to the convention, and left this message with it, that the schools supported by the Home Missionary Societies of the several denominations are all temperance societies.

Report of Non-Alcoholic Medication by Mrs. A. L. Vining.

Report of State organizer, Miss Moore, accepted by a rising vote.

### "Y" HOUR.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt presided.

Solo, "Ye are Daughters of the King," by Miss Hall.

Addresses were made by Mrs. Mabel Foss of Fairfield, Misses Merrill of Oldtown, Ella Chapman of Jefferson, Crabtree of Calais, and Grace Carroll of South West Harbor.

Report of "Y" work by Miss Lubelle Patrick, read by Miss Isabel Stickney.

Solo by Miss Hall.

Remarks by Miss Moore.

Reading by Miss Blanche Adams.

Introduction of Revs. A. A. Lewis, Geo. E. Palmer and Geo. Pope, who spoke of their interest in our work since its beginning.

Report of Franchise department by Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, who afterwards gave a political lesson.

Report of Fairs, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes.

Report of Work Among Lumbermen by Mrs. Frances M. Rogers. It was suggested that a pledge be put in every comfort bag sent to the lumber camps.

Mrs. Crosby announced that, by the courtesy of the mayor, the meeting on Thursday evening would be held in the city hall

Report of credentials committee made.

Voted, to postpone action on the report till Thursday morning.

Hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," sung.

Adjourned.

Convention, 7.30 P. M., Sept. 17.

Music, quartet led by Rev. A. A. Lewis, with encore.

Prayer by Mrs. Annie G. Pepper.

Singing, "Saved by Grace," quartet.

The State president then introduced Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan of South Windham, superintendent of the department of medal contests, who presided during the contest. The purpose of this department is to utilize the oratorical gifts of the young men and women of the country in temperance work. Last evening's contest was for what is known as the grand gold medal. A competitor for this must already have won the silver and small gold medals.

In this instance the contestants were five young ladies. Their names and selections were as follows: "The Saloon vs. American Liberty—Which?" Miss Myrtle B. Grant, Cherryfield; "The Voice from the Poor House," Mrs. R. S. Williams, South Windham; "Christian Patriotism," Miss Florence E. Bailey, Windham; "Our Homes and Country in Jeopardy," Miss Lena Morton, Gorham.

The large gold medal awarded to the successful contestant bears the monogram, W. C. T. U. and the inscription "Oratorical Prize" together with the motto, "For God and Home and Every Land."

Reading by Miss Edonia Tubbs.

Solo by Miss Hall.

Reading by Miss Blanche Adams.

Address by Mrs. Anna A. Gordon.

Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldier."

Collection.

Benediction by Rev. Geo. M. Palmer    Adjourned.

Convention, 9 A. M., Sept 18.

Devotional services led by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney.

At 9.30 the convention was called to order by the president. Minutes of previous day read and approved.



"Still our souls go forth undaunted, victors amid loss and strife,  
And we gather consolation, in whatever stress of life,  
From the thought that over yonder, where the immortal anthems swell,  
There is utmost peace and safety, and with Christ the ransomed dwell."

The annual memorial service was conducted by Mrs. R. C. Hall. Miss Hall beautifully rendered, "Lead, Kindly Light." Prayer was offered by Miss Gordon. The list of members who have passed away during the year was read by Mrs. Hall, and tender tributes paid to their memory. Mrs. Stevens spoke especially of the late Sheriff Pearson and two other honorary members, Mr. Chandler and Mr. Bunker of Somerset County, the latter of whom has been a supporter of the Union for more than twenty years; also of three "Mothers in Israel."

Mrs. Deborah Roberts, Bath; Mrs. Sarah Condon, Mrs. Hannah Moore, Mrs. Eliza Emery, Mrs. Hannah Thorndike, Belfast; Mrs. Mary E. Jeffery, Bridgton; Mrs. L. M. N. Billings, Mrs. Carrie Sparrow, Freedom; Mrs. Maria Atwood, Monroe; Mrs. Hannah Hussey, Presque Isle; Mrs. W. H. Cole, Calais; Mrs. Sarah Wight, Thomaston; Mrs. Edith Perry, Rockland; Mrs. Annie Boardman, Kittery; Mrs. Harriet Morse, South Berwick; Miss Lizzie E. Varney, South Durham; Mrs. Della Haney, Eastport; Mrs. Leah Allen, Mrs. Maria Wallace, Millbridge; Mrs. Maria B. Hill, Machias; T. C. Smart, Swanville; Miss Annle Williamson; Mrs. Dill, Augusta; Mrs. T. L. Angell, Mrs. Howe, Lewiston; Miss Lena Porter, Greene; Miss Mary Woodbury, New Gloucester; Mrs. Alma Skillings, Bolster's Mills; Mrs. Helen Whitmore, Brunswick; Mrs. Emily Sargent Stevens, Deering; Miss Edith Blackstone, Freeport; Miss Harriet Schillenger, Newhall; Mrs. Estella O. Knight, Otisfield; Mrs. A. L. Watson, Mrs. Cox, Portland; Mrs. Emma Spaulding Strout, Stroudwater; Mrs. John Meserve, Westbrook; Mrs. Clara Larabee, Stella A. Moulton, Wayne; Rev. Samuel F. Pearsons, Portland; Samuel Bunker, North Anson; Jesse W. Chandler, St. Albans; Judge Samuel Neal, Kittery; James M. Perkins, Zirce Spinney, Popham Beach; Allen Church, Augusta; Chas. George, Wayne; Mrs. Moses Giddings, Thomas G. Stickney, (honorary), Mrs. Sarah T. Stevens, Mrs. Ruth DuRoy, Mrs. Abble Lancaster, Bangor.

Solo, "Face to Face," by Miss Hall.

Closing prayer by Mrs. Stevens.



Rev. C. A. Southard, presiding elder of Augusta district, was introduced and spoke in a very inspiring manner.

The time for the election of officers having arrived the convention sung "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

Prayer by Miss Elizabeth P. Gordon.

The following tellers were appointed:

Miss Emily F. Miller, Miss Belle Downes, Mrs. Alice Haycock, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, Mrs. Emma T. Potter, Miss Isabelle Stickney, Miss Jennie M. Brown.

Revised report of credentials committee, giving a total of 209 members, read and accepted.

After it was declared that Mrs. Stevens was unanimously elected president for the twenty-seventh time, one of the most touching incidents of the week occurred when Miss Gordon, saying that she wished to give a glimpse of Mrs. Stevens' life behind the scenes, told how on last Sunday morning some of the prominent citizens of Portland and the relatives of Mrs. Kronburg whose home and children were recently destroyed in the awful tragedy at Portland, delegated to her the soul-trying task of breaking the awful news to the bereaved mother at the Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Beautiful flowers were presented to Mrs. Stevens by the Cumberland delegation, and all joined in singing, "Blest be the tie that binds." Mrs. Stevens made an especially touching and fitting response.

The other officers were re-elected as follows: Corresponding secretary, Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland; recording secretary, Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland; treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Fort Fairfield.

Miss Farwell nominated Miss Jennie M. Brown of West Paris as assistant recording secretary, and the nomination was confirmed by the convention.

The following delegates were chosen to the National W. C. T. U. Convention at Portland, Oct. 17-22: Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Lewiston; Mrs. Clara Getchell, Caribou; Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, Newhall; Mrs. Jennie M. Johnson, Wayne; Mrs. E. A. Harvey, Kenduskeag; Mrs. Susan M. Grant, East Steuben; Mrs. Elizabeth Manson, Kittery; Mrs. Frances M. Chandler, St. Albans; Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield; Mrs. Caroline F. Kyes, North Jay; Mrs. Edith M. Oakes, Foxcroft; Mrs. Effie Littlefield-Murray, Bath.

Alternates: Mrs. Helen A. Thomas, Greene; Miss Belle Downes, Houlton; Miss Harriet J. Loring, Otisfield; Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, Augusta; Mrs. E. A. Horton, Dexter; Mrs. E. M. Vose, Calais; Mrs. Lucy A. Foss, Saco; Mrs. Annie Daggett, Madison; Miss A. F. Ginn, Damariscotta; Mrs. Lillian M. Robbins, South Deer Isle; Miss Cora J. Loring, Rockland, Miss Alice H. Moore, Rockland.

Noontide prayer was offered by Rev. A. D. Dodge.

Delegates to the World's Biennial Convention to be held next June in Geneva, Switzerland, were elected as follows:

Miss Sarah M. Hall, Rockland; Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro; Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield; Mrs. Sarah L. Cram, Biddeford; Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Portland; Miss Isabelle Stickney, E. Brownfield.

Alternates: Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Eastport; Mrs. Frances M. Chandler, St. Albans; Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Miss Alice H. Moore, Rockland; Miss Mary Crosby, Bangor.

Announcements were made concerning the part to be taken by Maine on State Benefit Night at the National Convention which will be held in the new Jefferson Theatre, Portland, Oct. 17-22. A State song by Miss Gordon to be rendered on that occasion by Maine delegates and visitors, was distributed through the convention with strict injunctions

not to let any reporter lay hands on it. And Miss Hall proceeded to show how it should be sung by rendering it to the delight of all.

Three cheers were called for Miss Gordon which the convention rendered with a will.

Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt of Portland, in whose charge the decoration of the opera house has been placed, called for pledges of ground pine and cones which are to form the principal feature of the decorations, and it is needless to say that a generous response came from the unions.

Announcements were made, and the convention adjourned after singing the doxology.

#### Executive Committee, 8.30 A. M., Sept. 17.

Called to order by President Stevens.

Prayer by Miss Brainerd.

Mrs. Clara Getchell was substituted for Mrs. Rebecca Warren on the resolutions committee.

The corresponding secretary and Miss Gordon were instructed to procure some of the favorite hymns of the W. C. T. U. in convenient form for use at the State and County Conventions.

Voted to authorize the corresponding secretary to keep some helpful literature on hand for use in new unions.

Letters from Mrs. Carman national superintendent of Medal Contest Work read.

The committee rose.

#### Executive Committee, 5.30 P. M., Sept. 17.

Committee called to order by the president.

Prayer by Mrs. Hobbs.

Financial report of Miss Alice H. Moore given. Accepted.

The treasurer was authorized to make up the deficit of \$100 to Miss Moore.

Voted to continue Miss Moore as state organizer on the same terms as last year, namely \$400 per year, and traveling expenses. The committee instructed her to pay especial reference to the organization of L. T. L's, also Y work, and Scientific Temperance Instruction, advising that she remain in a place two days or more as the needs demand.

The treasurer, and Mrs. Bailey were named as a committee on appropriations.

The treasurer and Mrs. Beedy were asked to determine the county entitled to the prize banner. The committee rose.

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Executive Committee, 8.30 A. M., Sept. 18.

Called to order by the president.

Prayer by Miss Emily Miller.

Nomination of superintendents, and other officials.

The treasurer, the corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Delano were appointed a committee to apportion the delegates to the various counties.

The committee rose.

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Executive Committee, Sept. 18, 1.30 P. M.

Called to order by the president.

Prayer by Miss Brown.

Mrs. Snow, Miss Dow, Mrs. Beedy and Miss Brainerd were chosen as a committee to consider the feasibility of establishing a daily service at headquarters.



Report of Appropriations Committee: President's appropriations, \$200; president's postage appropriation, \$200; corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer's bill as received; Y. work, L. T. L., scientific temperance instruction and medal contest, each \$20; all other superintendents, \$5.00. If as the work of the year develops a little more money would greatly advance the work of any superintendent, she is authorized to send her request to the treasurer, who will make provision for the same. Committee rose.

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Executive Committee, 5.30 P. M., Sept. 18.

Called to order by the president.

Prayer by Mrs. Bailey.

Invitation for the next convention from Foxcroft and Dover, accepted with thanks.

Voted to refer all unfinished business to the general officers.

The committee rose.

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Convention, Sept. 18, 2 P. M.

Convention called to order by President Stevens.

Singing.

Prayer by Mrs. Clara Bessey.

Report of executive committee meetings, read and approved.

Greetings sent to Mrs. Charles F. Allen of Pasadena, Cal., through Mrs. Beedy, also to Mrs. Effie Littlefield-Murray.

Telegram sent to Mr. M. Stevens informing him of Mrs. Stevens' re-election as state president.

On motion of Miss Mary L. French a letter was ordered

sent to each of the sheriffs-elect, nominated and elected, pledged to enforcement of the Prohibitory law.

Voted to send letters of love and sympathy to Mrs. Hattie F. Evans, of Madison, and Mrs. Allen Church of Augusta.

The county presidents' hour was made the order of the day for 3 o'clock. Each president spoke of the work in her county, so far as the brief time permitted.

Somerset county having made the greatest gain, 79 per cent. received the prize banner from Lincoln County through Mrs. Beedy. Mrs. Olive S. Hanson herself received the gavel she had offered as a reward to the person raising the most money for the State Union. Mrs. Hanson, in turn, graciously presented the gavel to Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston, who accepted it with great pleasure.

Miss Harriet J. Loring of Otisfield, was made a life member of the convention by Cumberland County. Master Ralph Ames Leavett by Miss Anna A. Gordon.

Hon. Joseph Farwell was made a memorial member, by his niece, Clara M. Farwell. During the year Mrs. Eliza L. Averill had been made a life member by Penobscot County, and Mrs. Jennie M. Nason by Hancock County. Rev. Dr. G. D. B. Pepper, Rev. J. R. Lapham, and Rev. A. L. Reed were introduced and briefly responded.

Reports of Work Among Lumbermen, Mrs. Frances M. Rogers; Railroad Employes, Mrs. Helen A. Thomas; Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work, Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy; Evangelistic Work, Mrs. Lucy A. Snow; Homes for Homeless Children, Miss Jennie M. Anthoine.

Financial report of department followed. Accepted.

Among the department reports which awakened the deepest interest was that of the committee for securing a reformatory prison for women, presented by Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey. Mrs. Bailey stated that Representative Littlefield is

continuing his efforts to secure from the national government the large unused building on Widow's Island in Penobscot Bay, fourteen miles from Rockland, for this purpose. Mrs. Bailey urged the delegates from all parts of the State to keep the matter before their representatives in the Legislature that they may be ready to vote to use the building when secured that these criminal women may be given opportunities to reform and to become better mothers of the race. Great force was given to this appeal by the report of Mrs. Beedy on prison, jail and almshouse work, which had just been heard, for in it a large amount of testimony from turnkeys and other prison and jail officials had been cited concerning the extreme undesirability of incarcerating criminal men and criminal women in the same institution and the indecency of placing women solely in charge of men.

Voted to accept all reports not previously acted upon.

The delegates were glad to welcome to the platform two representatives of Colby College. The first was President White, who, though the college term has not yet opened, invited the convention to visit Memorial Hall and the other buildings, saying that one of the pleasantest memories of his work as a pastor was that of co-operation with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The other Colby representative was the faithful janitor, Samuel Osborne, whose long connection with the college has made him familiarly known to every alumnus as "Sam." He is a life-long total abstainer and proudly shows a medal presented him at an international convention of the Independent Order of Good Templars to which he was one of the American delegates.

Mrs. A. S. Johnson gave the following notice: That I or some one in my place next year will move to change Art. II of the Constitution by inserting after the word together the words "with the State Superintendents," the article then

reading, "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, an Assistant Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who together with the State Superintendents shall constitute an Executive Committee, of whom seven shall be a quorum."

On motion of Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey of Winthrop Center, a letter was ordered sent to the judges of the Superior and Supreme Courts of the State, with special reference to the Superior Court of Kennebec County, now in session.

Report of committee on resolutions read.

Moved and seconded that the resolutions be read as a whole, and considered seriatim. Carried

After amendments, and discussion the resolutions were adopted, with the preamble:

#### PREAMBLE.

We, the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in this our Twenty-eighth Convention assembled, are deeply grateful for our unparalleled gain in membership; for the number of new unions which have been organized during the past year; and for the unusual activity and interest which has been manifested in so many local unions. As co-laborers with God, relying always on Him for guidance and strength, we set ourselves to the work of the ensuing year with great courage and increasing faith in our principles and policies as expressed in the following resolutions:

#### Total Abstinence.

Because only self-governed individuals can make a self-governed

nation; because alcoholic drink dethrones individual judgment and will and sovereignty, because science, morals, religion and business are unitedly warning of its dangers and discriminating against its users, we insist as the basic principle of the temperance reform not only that "each man's habits of life should be an example safe and beneficent for every other man to follow"; but also that total abstinence is fundamental for an enduring national life.

#### Prohibition and Enforcement.

We are opposed to any direct or indirect system of licensing or legal sanction of the liquor traffic; we are opposed to resubmission of the prohibitory clause of the Constitutional law of the State. We rejoice great-

ly in the widespread awakening throughout the State that it is imperative that our prohibitory law must be enforced. And we urge upon our constituency to improve the present opportunity to strengthen this sentiment by argument and appeal.

#### Memorial.

We gratefully recognize the self-sacrificing work of Sheriff Samuel F. Pearson in Cumberland County. "He fought a good fight, he kept the faith," he honored himself, he blessed humanity by walking in the plain path of duty.

#### Purity.

Believing that the salvation of the State depends upon the sanctity of the home and that the gospel law of no sex in crime, no sex in virtue should be the law of commonwealths as well as of individuals, we shall therefore continue to work for such legislation and moral education as shall insure to our nation in all its possessions a pure

manhood and a protected womanhood.

#### Suffrage.

We believe that the best interests of the home and the government require the perfect equality of men and women before the law. Therefore, resolved, that we will continue to work for the full enfranchisement of the women of Maine.

#### Courtesies.

We hereby wish to express our obligation and gratitude to the local unions of Waterville and Fairfield, and to the citizens of both cities who have tendered gracious hospitality in their homes. To the press our appreciation is due for full and just reports of our proceedings; to the officials of the Unitarian church; to the mayor of Waterville for the use of the city hall, to all who have furnished special music; to the faithful pages; to the railroad officials, and all others who have contributed to our pleasure and success, our thanks are due.

Voted that all unfinished business be left with the executive committee.

Doxology.

Adjourned.

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Convention, Sept. 18, 7.30 P. M.

The meeting was held in the City Hall which was well filled.

President Stevens in the chair,

The Scripture was read and prayer offered by Rev. E. C. Whittemore.

Solo, "The Holy City," by Miss Hall.

Address by Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman of Missouri, national recording secretary. Subject: "Tokens of Progress."

Collection.

Resolution of thanks accepted by convention in the afternoon read.

The solo, "Victory," was magnificently rendered by Miss Hall.

Moved and seconded that the twenty-eighth annual convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union do now adjourn. Carried.

"God be with you till we meet again" was sung with joined hands.

The W. C. T. U. doxology was repeated in concert, and the convention was declared adjourned.

CLARA M. FARWELL,  
Recording Secretary.

At the State Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union the question of violation of the prohibitory law was carefully considered, and strong resolutions bearing thereupon were enacted.

It was represented that in some instances well known and notorious rumsellers are repeatedly fined, which fine amounts practically to a license, and the violators are thus enabled to continue their business indefinitely.

In view of this it was decided to send a petition to the various courts or judges asking that in such instances the sen-

tence of imprisonment instead of fine might be imposed, believing that such action would better serve to protect the homes against the home's greatest enemy.

The official board of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union most respectfully forward this request, and in doing this we fully realize the dignity of your position and jurisdiction.

Most respectfully yours,

L. M. N. STEVENS, President.

CORNELIA M. DOW, Corresponding Secretary.

CLARA M. FARWELL, Recording Secretary.

2 October, 1902.

#### GREETINGS.

Greetings received from Rev. George W. Hinckley, Good Will Farm, inviting the members of the convention to visit Good Will.

Greetings from Rev. Dr. White, with a special invitation for the members of the convention to visit the college buildings.

Greetings from Rev. C. H. Johonnett, Hartland, Me.,

Greetings from Rev. H. N. Pringle, secretary of the Christian Civic League of Maine.

Greetings from Mrs. Effie Littlefield-Murray.

Greetings from Mrs. Byron Stevens.

Telegram from Minnesota State W. C. T. U. convention: Read Isaiah 62:10.

Telegram from Washington State W. C. T. U. convention: "God's banner over us is love."

Springfield, Mo., W. C. T. U.: Read Hebrews 6:10.

## President's Recommendations.

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For the twenty-eighth time we are assembled in the annual convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union. From every section of our State we come together, come to review to some extent the past, but in still larger measure to consider the present and to make plans for the future.

Is any one dissatisfied with what we have accomplished? Let her carefully read the record, and as she reads remember that each individual member is a part of this largest society of women, organized in every state and territory, including Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippines; that largely through our efforts scientific temperance instruction laws have been enacted in every state and in the territories, District of Columbia and all Indian and military schools; that we have been an important factor in securing the insertion of the quarterly temperance lessons in the inter-National Sunday School Series, and that a quarter of a million of children are taught temperance in the Loyal Temperance Legion. Ours was the first society to take up Mothers' Meetings, and in one year in one state alone two thousand of these meetings were held; largely through the pleadings and work of the W. C. T. U. the age of protection for girls has been raised in every state but two. We aided in securing the anti-canteen



law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors in all of the army posts; by our petitions and protests we helped to prevent the seating of a polygamist in the United States Congress; our society has influenced to a great extent the change in public sentiment in regard to social drinking, and in regard to equal purity, and that the highest, for both sexes. The enumeration cannot be briefly made of all we have accomplished through our forty departments of work under the general divisions of Organization, Preventive, Educational, Evangelistic, Social and Legal.

Under the division of Organization much has been done during the year concerning which the corresponding secretary will report. The numerical gains would appear to be much more than they are but for the losses each year by removal from the State and by the promotion of others to the Heavenly Home. I believe there are women in every locality who would join our society if invited and made to understand that nothing would be requested of them that they could not do. I heartily thank all who have co-operated in securing this year the gain of more than six hundred members above all losses.

I am gratified that so many have been studying our Annual Leaflet, and hope during the next year the study will be taken up by all of the Unions in the State; then the question could be readily answered, What is the aim and purpose of the W. C. T. U. and what has it accomplished?

Five years ago in our annual convention the question of law enforcement was carefully considered, with the result that a strong resolution was adopted to the effect that it was the duty of each local union to appoint a Legal Committee to keep fully informed in regard to the enforcement of law, and that all justifiable means should be employed to secure such

home protection as is furnished by the law against liquor selling. This resolution has been reaffirmed each year. Your faithfulness in this direction has brought forth good results in many localities and in general throughout the State. Generally speaking our work has been quiet but effective. Very few outsiders knew of the success of the Kenduskeag W. C. T. U. in stopping liquor selling in their community, of the attempt of the W. C. T. U. of Madison, which can hardly be classed as unsuccessful, since they secured 762 names to a petition, 414 of whom were voters, praying the sheriff to enforce the law in Madison and Anson, and arousing a sentiment such as could not be ignored, and which no doubt went a long way toward the election of a temperance man for sheriff of the county, a man who will undoubtedly be true to his oath of office. Even wider publicity has been given to the petition of the Biddeford W. C. T. U., some of the leading journals of the country taking note of it, and it was used as a righteous campaign document against the re-election of the sheriff of York county, and helped to create that sentiment, which had it not been for the defective ballots, would have led to the election of a law enforcement candidate in York county. But we hear from this county that the best men have their eyes opened, that conditions will improve and the spirit of anarchy will be perceptibly checked, and moreover the sheriff now declares he will now give the people all the law enforcement they want. He cannot give too much to suit the good people, and the bad people certainly should not be guides to any official.

The story of law enforcement in Cumberland county is well known. I confidently believe if Mr. Pearson had lived he would have been re-elected. After he passed on, the campaign time was very brief, but it was well filled with enthusiastic meetings and significant work, and I have no idea that the

people of Cumberland county will submit to a repetition of the Plummer or Despeaux administrations should an attempt be made to thus nullify constitutional law, to injure legitimate business, and increase poverty, misery and crime.

It is not my purpose to review in detail the conditions in our various counties. These should be well known to you all, and I need only say therefore in this connection that never before in Maine has there been such a strong sentiment for law enforcement as at the present time. This has been demonstrated by the fact that every county in Maine has had an enforcement candidate for sheriff, when in times past there has been only submission to the selection of the regular party candidate regardless of his attitude on prohibition and law enforcement.

It is said that the W. C. T. U. wields a tremendous power. It would be strange if the largest society of women in the world did not have some power in preventing that which destroys the highest interests of the home.

A political leader has said: "If the W. C. T. U. would crusade the primaries as the praying bands did the saloons, great gains for prohibition would be made." He said he didn't mean that we should go in person to the primaries, but that every good woman should secure a positive promise of assistance from the voters of her own family and social circle. The primary is indeed of primary or first importance in evolving a political principle or candidate. The liquor element understand this and they are always in evidence at the primary meeting. Good men too often stay away from the primaries, and then bemean themselves by voting for unworthy men selected by law defiers and designing politicians. Our influence would be greater were we not ballotless, but even as it is there is not a woman here who would for a mo-

ment admit that she has no influence. Let us therefore do our utmost to secure for our homes and our communities the benefits provided by the Constitution of Maine in prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors. This can best be done by each local union, yes, each individual member, conforming heartily and actively to all the plans outlined by the National and State W. C. T. U.

We are hearing considerable talk these days about resubmission. The liquor element both in and outside the State is clamoring for resubmission, hoping in this way to eliminate the prohibitory provision of the Maine Constitution. In this connection, however, it is only fair to say that there are a few really well-meaning and honest temperance people who believe that resubmission would be the best way to silence the enemy of prohibition in his declarations that the people of Maine are tired of the law, and that they would never again vote as they did in 1884. We respect the opinion of such temperance friends, but cannot agree with them that resubmission is a desirable measure. We are ready to oppose resubmission, not that we fear the result of the vote, but because it is comparatively a short time since the question was submitted to the voters of Maine, and the character of the State has not materially changed since then, and there is no reason to believe that the large majority vote then given would be materially different now from what it was when after thirty years of trial it was decided to dignify this law and make it more permanent by placing it in the constitution. We believe it would be wrong to force the good people of Maine into a campaign which would call for an immense expenditure of time and money simply to combat the united influence of the liquor sellers, brewers, distillers, gamblers and the worse element of society generally. Time and money could be far better spent in raising the moral senti-

ment of the State to that standard of true patriotism which would not submit to violation of law within its jurisdiction. I presume there would be no danger in resubmitting the entire constitution of the State, and in my opinion there is little likelihood that any part of it will be resubmitted, since there is a growing idea that the constitution should not be in any particular lightly assailed.

Since I am to have the privilege of speaking this evening I will not further pursue this subject, but go on to make some specific recommendations in regard to work the coming year.

I heartily recommend that each county shall adopt a plan of work by which each local union, however small or remote, shall receive one visit annually from someone making this a special object. The State W. C. T. U. will co-operate financially and in other ways if need be in carrying out such a plan.

I hope that we shall continue our efforts for a Reformatory Prison for Women. The W. C. T. U. Committee in charge of this will I trust have an encouraging report to make. Maine should not lose the opportunity of availing itself of the plan suggested by Congressman Littlefield to utilize for this purpose the government building in Penobscot Bay, which building was constructed by the United States for a naval hospital, but has never been used for that purpose.

I earnestly recommend that each local union shall hold frequent public meetings at which the work of our many departments shall be presented, and that we faithfully seek to directly teach and preach total abstinence and prohibition.

May we never be unmindful that a solemn and imperative duty rests upon our organization to pray and work for the cause of social purity, and for the removal of the deep and

dreadful pit-falls which lie in wait for young men and women.

I recommend that we use our utmost efforts toward hastening the time when courts of arbitration shall take the place of militarism for the settlement of all national and international difficulties, and that we exert our influence against prize fighting, lynching, and every other phase of man's cruelty to man.

I recommend that we continue our efforts to secure the ballot for women, believing that it will be a potent factor for righteousness.

Notwithstanding the fact that as a rule our unions study and observe parliamentary usage, I must urge that even more attention be given to this department. Every union however small should own a copy of Roberts' Rules of Order, and every member should possess a copy of "Parliamentary Rules and Summary" in convenient card form, compiled by our National Superintendent, Mrs. A. S. Benjamin. More and more our women are striving to perform with perfect exactness and system all of the duties connected with their organizations, thereby saving time and avoiding many perplexing annoyances. Be concise, be prompt, be parliamentary.

The reading issued last April by our National Superintendent, "Records and Reports, How to Keep them, and How to Make Them," should be used as a lesson in each union, and a copy for reference kept by each member.

I am gratified that so large a number of local unions have adopted the plan of having a regular Program Committee, and thus have had their programs prepared in good season, and that the meetings have been better advertised from pulpit and press than in some former years. I hope this will be

continued with increased endeavor, and that special invitations to our meetings, particularly to those unacquainted with our work, shall be given.

I wish again to call your attention to the Anti-Cigarette law of Maine and ask you to note that the sale or giving away of cigarettes to any person under the age of twenty-one years is a criminal offense subject to fine or imprisonment. I hope you will see that the provisions of this law are carried out in your several communities, and that you do all within your power to overcome the use of the pernicious and poisonous cigarette, and in this connection I beg you to pay more careful attention to our Department of Anti-Narcotics, which teaches the effect of tobacco, opium and other narcotics.

I am gratified to know that our State W. C. T. U. paper has been better supported this year than heretofore. In some states every member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union takes the State paper, I wish that this might be so in Maine, and I earnestly wish too that our National paper, "The Union Signal" might be more widely circulated. No white ribboner can be fully informed in regard to the aims, plans and the progress of our society who does not read both of these papers.

We have on an average only one Loyal Temperance Legion for every nine Unions, when in fact each local union should have its Loyal Temperance Legion. Let us not be unmindful of the necessity of rightly training the boys and the girls. It is not enough to teach them temperance principles in day and Sunday Schools, they must be trained now in the formative period of their lives to put these principles into action. I believe each union that sees the importance of this—and all should see it—can find some way of conducting an L. T. L. If no leader can be found let the children meet in divisions in

different homes, coming together occasionally. A study of our manuals, "The Young Crusader," and "The Union Signal" will fit any of our workers to lead a small class, and time thus invested will bring an abundant reward. An L. T. L. chorus will add greatly to the effectiveness of all our public meetings.

There seems to be an increasing number of young women enlisting in our peaceful army. For this I am devoutly glad. We need their active co-operation. If the young women could fully understand how great their influence is for good or evil they would not hesitate to array themselves on the right side of the temperance question. I trust a special effort will be made to win more of them as members and helpers.

Always wear the white ribbon, never be unmindful of its significance. It speaks to many who are tempted and tried, of mother, home and heaven, and inspires them with new hope, and wins them back to purer and better lives.

I might give many more recommendations, but they would deal with our Departments of Work, reports of which will be presented by the thirty and more superintendents. I heartily thank the superintendents for their faithfulness. I thank the county presidents too and all other officials who have diligently and self-sacrificingly labored for the advancement of the interests of our society, and more than all I thank the splendid rank and file—the local members, those who are not here today, some of whom perhaps have been shut in and unable even to attend the local meetings—my heart goes out to all in loving gratitude, and to all who "belong" and who are thereby helping to usher in the day when God's will shall be done on earth, and when nothing in the shape of alcoholic beverages shall "hurt or destroy in all His holy mountain."



I am deeply grateful for the promptness and generosity manifested by you in contributing to the Frances E. Willard Memorial Fund, and I hope you will continue to make this annual offering in memory of our matchless leader, to be used for the extension and promotion of the cause to which she gave her life.

This year the National Convention of the W. C. T. U. meets in the city of Portland. This is a great honor to this city and to the State of Maine. It is the first time that our National Convention has ever met in New England, aside from Boston. Every state and territory will be represented, and several distinguished guests from England, France, Australia, Syria, India and other lands will be present. First and foremost among these guests is Lady Henry Somerset, President of the World's W. C. T. U. She will receive a royal welcome for her own noble sake and for what she has done and is doing continually to relieve humanity's need.

Portland is hospitably responding to the requirements of the entertaining city, and is measuring up to its responsibilities and privileges. It goes without saying that the Maine W. C. T. U. will be represented, not alone by its official members and full quota of delegates, but by a large number of visiting members and friends.

Before we meet in State Convention again the Sixth Biennial Convention of the World's W. C. T. U. will have taken place in Geneva, Switzerland, and at this present convention delegates will be nominated for that great meeting, where at least fifty-eight nations of the world will be represented in our organized effort for the overthrow of the legalized liquor system with all of its attendant evils.

To sum up, let us do everything according to the "Do Everything Policy" given us by Frances E. Willard, that is,

do everything that a society of women possibly can do to promote the highest, holiest interest of the home, remembering that home interests and governmental interests are closely interwoven.

I need not here speak of the promotion of that heroic temperance soldier, Samuel F. Pearson, or of the members of our union who within the year

"Have laid the soul's frail vesture by  
And soared to that fair height  
Where day serene is followed by no night,  
And where the discipline of mortal woe  
No shadow over them can ever throw."

In the memorial hour of this convention we will offer our tributes of grateful appreciation of all they have done for the cause of righteousness.

As we enter upon a new year of service, may we receive a new baptism of faith and hope, may we go unfalteringly forward and by the help of Him who is Infinite Love so perform our duties that we may be deemed worthy to bear the name of Christian, which holy word is indissolubly connected with the name we bear.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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Androscoggin County:—Eight unions; seven report; two new unions; 316 active and 34 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 10 members; five unions have sent donation to Willard Memorial fund; \$349 aside from dues have been raised to carry on their work; three unions use prepared programs; eight Gospel temperance meetings have been held and 14 other public meetings; 40 Signals and 27 Stars are taken.

Aroostook County:—Sixteen unions; 14 reported; one new; 365 active, 99 honorary members; two L. T. L.'s—55 members; seven unions sent to national fund; \$515.28 raised; 31 Gospel and 28 other public meetings; 75 Signals and 80 Stars.

Cumberland County:—Twenty-five unions; 19 reported; one new; 825 active, 58 honorary members; four L. T. L.'s—116 members; 17 unions sent to national fund; \$291.26 raised; seven use prepared programs; 41 Gospel meetings; 32 other public meetings; 103 Signals; 165 Stars taken.

Franklin County:—Seven unions, five reported; one new; 178 active and two honorary members; four unions have sent to national fund; \$31.95 raised; 20 Signals and 28 Stars taken.

Hancock County:—Seven unions, all reported; two new; 179 active and 29 honorary members; five unions sent to

national; five Gospel and seven other public meetings held; \$105 raised; 11 Signals and 56 Stars taken.

Kennebec County—Twelve unions; 10 reported; 369 active and 78 honorary members; four L. T. L.'s; 184 members; six sent to national; \$351.66 raised; five use prepared programs; 63 Gospel and 29 other public meetings; 34 Signals, 40 Stars taken.

Knox County—Ten unions; eight reported; 270 active and 45 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 69 members; eight unions have sent to memorial fund; \$58.57 have been raised; 35 Gospel and 12 other public meetings held; 35 Signals and 58 Stars taken.

Lincoln County—Ten unions, all reported; two new, with 176 active and 33 honorary members; seven have given to national; \$82.11 have been raised; 16 Gospel and seven other public meetings; 26 Signals and 35 Stars taken.

Oxford County—Nine unions, four reported; 174 active and 19 honorary members; 10 Gospel and five other public meetings; five unions sent to national; \$47.50 raised; 16 Signals and 28 Stars taken.

Penobscot County—Twenty unions; 17 reported; three new; 546 active and 83 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 39 members; seven have contributed to national; \$457.31 raised; 69 Gospel and 20 other public meetings; 42 Signals and 72 Stars taken.

Piscataquis County—Seven unions, all reported; 189 active and 41 honorary members; six unions sent to national; \$106.05 raised; 16 Gospel and 10 other public meetings; 20 Signals and 35 Stars taken.

Sagadahoc County—Four unions, all reported; 164 active and 25 honorary members; three sent to national; \$57.72 raised; five public meetings; 12 Signals, 39 Stars.

Somerset County—Fourteen unions; 13 reported; four new; 276 active; 57 honorary members; three used prepared programs; 11 sent to national; \$120.22 raised; 20 Gospel and 20 other public meetings held; 24 Signals and 54 Stars taken.

Waldo County—Ten unions, all reported; 212 active and 27 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 23 members; six sent to national; \$30.50 raised; four used prepared programs; nine Gospel and five other public meetings; 30 Signals and 46 Stars taken.

Washington County—Fifteen unions; one new; 13 reported; 350 active and 67 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 66 members; five unions use prepared programs; eight have sent to national; \$142.18 have been raised; 64 Gospel and 18 other public meetings held; 44 Signals and 72 Stars taken.

York County—Fourteen unions; two new; 12 reported; 361 active and 39 honorary members; one L. T. L.—15 members; five use prepared programs; 12 Gospel and 20 other public meetings held; 10 unions sent to national; \$213.18 raised; 36 Signals and 78 Stars taken.

Totals—188 unions; active members 4950; honorary 735; 22 L. T. L.'s—577 members; 115 unions sent to memorial fund; \$2960.49 raised; 400 Gospel and 232 other public meetings; 568 Signals and 913 Stars taken.

CORNELIA M. DOW.

# Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year.....	\$611 93
Dues .....	1656 50
Life memberships .....	90 00
Collections at Conventions..	30 94
Sale of literature.....	13 00
Sale of Reports.....	6 40
L. T. L. dues.....	2 86
Members at large.....	2 00
Willard Memorial fund....	121 21
Gifts from Portland friends through Mrs. Olive S. Hanson .....	120 00
Gift of Stroudwater Union	15 50
Gift of So. Berwick Union..	2 00
Gift of Northport Union....	2 00
Gift of Belfast Union.....	2 00
Gift of a friend.....	2 00
Gift of Greene Union.....	1 50
Gift of Brownfield Union...	1 00
Gift of Somerset County....	1 00
Gift of Otisfield Union.....	50
Gift of Corresponding Sec...	10 54

Total .....\$2692 88

## EXPENDITURES.

National dues.....	\$552 17
Memorial fund .....	121 21
L. T. L. dues.....	10 36
President's appropriations..	200 00
President's postage.....	200 00
Cor. Sec.'s postage.....	10 54
Rec. Sec.'s postage.....	21 15
Treasurer's bill.....	40 00
Superintendents' appro's....	191 57
State organizer's bill.....	170 00
Printing reports.....	101 90
Convention expenses.....	102 39
Collection given to Y's....	10 27
Convention literature.....	10 92
Philippine Commission.....	25 00
Balance due at Hd'q'ts....	60 26
For 1902 Convention Badges	12 00
	\$1839 74
Balance in treasury.....	853 14
	\$2692 88

## RECEIPTS BY COUNTIES.

Androscoggin .....	\$113 70	Oxford .....	65 10
Aroostook .....	138 00	Penobscot .....	155 10
Cumberland .....	272 40	Piscataquis .....	66 90
Franklin .....	66 90	Sagadahoc .....	53 40
Hancock .....	55 60	Somerset .....	96 60
Kennebec .....	118 90	Waldo .....	57 60
Knox .....	82 80	Washington. ....	116 20
Lincoln .....	55 70	York .....	141 60

## REPORT BY COUNTIES OF Y DUES

Received of Aroostook.....	\$4 80	Received of Penobscot.....	4 50
Received of Franklin.....	12 30	Received of Sagadahoc.....	5 70
Received of Hancock.....	3 90	Received of Somerset.....	15 90
Received of Lincoln.....	5 00	Received of Washington....	21 90
Received of Oxford.....	4 50	Received of York.....	9 00
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Total .....			\$87 50

## HEADQUARTERS ACCOUNT.

Receipts.		Expenses.	
Balance from last year.....	57 91	Fuel .....	\$184 25
Rentals .....	1034 06	Light .....	58 09
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	\$1091 97	Repairs .....	113 98
		Furnishings .....	131 26
		Interest .....	150 00
		Taxes .....	78 00
		Housekeeper .....	107 00
		Postage .....	22
		Sundries .....	22 19
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			\$869 49
		Balance .....	222 48
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			\$1091 97

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, Treasurer.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Fort Fairfield, Me., Sept. 13, 1902.

I have carefully examined the treasurer's accounts with their vouchers and have found them correct.

MYRTLE G. R. AMES, State Auditor.

## STAR IN THE EAST.

Receipts.	Expenses.
Subscriptions for Star and Union Signal ..... \$548 94	Paper ..... \$29 64 Printing ..... 240 00 Mailing ..... 5 10 Printed cards ..... 4 25 Postage ..... 1 65 Woman's Temperance Pub- lication Association ..... 242 35 All other expenses ..... 2 30
	<hr/> 525 29
	<hr/> Balance ..... 23 65 \$548 94

CORNELIA M. DOW,  
Business Manager.



## Superintendents' Reports.

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### ORGANIZER'S REPORT.

Miles travelled, 4134; afternoon talks, 27; evening addresses, 126; gospel services, 5; talks to children, 80; addresses to teachers associations, 3; schools visited, 114; fitting schools, 5; Unions organized, 3; Y Unions, 6, and 2 re-organized; members, 200, over 300 signed. Star subscriptions, 12; literature distributed, 10,000 pages, including 200 annual leaflets and many of the new National leaflets such as "What has the W. C. T. U., Accomplished?"

There are three things in particular which would be a great help to any organizer who may be among you:

1st. A meeting well prepared, well planned, advertised and talked about, also one well prayed for. It will make a great difference in results.

2nd. A treasurer with tact, which is as you know, divine common sense, to call upon the women whom the meeting has interested and ask them to come into full membership with you at once.

3rd. Unorganized places opened up, that we may spread our work.

Alice H. Moore.

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### YOUNG WOMAN'S WORK.

When one begins to chronicle the year's work of the earn-

est-hearted girls of Maine, from the statistical reports sent in she feels almost powerless,—these are so cold and dry, and so from the stack of letters by me, the bright endeavor's fraught with the fragrance of loving hearts I am sending gleanings today.

Our Junior Y deserves especial mention. The Fort Fairfield Y, ages from thirteen to eighteen, have been very active. During the winter a social was given by the Y for the Young Men's Literary Club, at which time they carried out a parliamentary drill, which was so well received that the Y's were requested to give it at the teachers' reception given by the W. C. T. U. and again for the High School Caliopean Society. This Y has been successful in gaining the signatures of 38 boys to the Anti-Tobacco pledge.

The Biddeford Junior Y is very much alive. The organization takes precedence of all others in their hearts. They have carried flowers to the sick, literature to the City Mission, visited the sick themselves, are reading the life of Frances Willard at their regular meetings and growing into staunch W. C. T. U. workers.

At East Jefferson is a bright band of workers. They circulate the temperance pledge in Sunday Schools and two honoraries act as superintendents of Anti-Narcotics. They have also been trying to organize the young women in a neighboring town.

The Nelle Burger Y of Old Town is "going forth to conquer." Mrs. Burger's inspiration was wonderful. She seemed to give of her very life, in its sweetness and vivacity to this Y her namesake.

Groveville Branch began work afresh after the visit of Miss Moore in April, having the same number of members as the W. C. T. U. and earnest loyal workers are counted in. We hope to do real work the coming winter.

At the State Normal School at Farmington is a new Somerset Y of 21 paid up members, organized by "Our Alice."

The bright president of Machias Y writes that though working under many disadvantages the regular meetings are inspiring to the members. We believe this is one great secret of success. Their President, Miss McDonald, is a fine teacher and secretary of the School Improvement League of Maine.

The Y's of Calais, the home Y of our efficient state fellowship secretaries, gave an entertainment in the winter from which they cleared over \$100.

Bath and Old Town have the same number of regular paid up members, Bath having a longer list of honoraries. This Y opened it's year's work with 22 departments and growing interest. Mrs. Effie Littlefield-Murray Bath's Y president, whose name is loved by every Y in Maine, has so earnestly and painstakingly labored for the young women until under the great nervous strain she has been compelled to lay aside the burden for a time but we believe that in due time her versatile brain and busy fingers may again inspire us to greater endeavors.

Of our organizer it is not needful that I speak, for her own winning personality has touched very many of you and her brave words have awakened many a discouraged heart.

Our Y staff is composed of eight earnest young women well calculated to lead the girls of Maine. We realize more and more the great responsibility resting upon the young women of today and with bounding hearts eager to be used, our girls are coming to the front, earnestly desiring to learn of the work and then to do it for the Master.

Bangor has held its annual meeting and starts in under the leadership of Miss L. Mabel Freese.

## LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

We are always rejoiced to report progress so we are glad that a gain has been made in Loyal Temperance work in at least three counties. Aroostook having organized two Legions and re-organized two while Washington and Knox have each organized two new ones.

Many of the letters received show a gain in enthusiasm.

Petit Manan, a place with a population of only seventy, has eight children in its Loyal Temperance Legion, all of whom are present at every meeting.

The most interesting letter of all comes from Mrs. Sophia Harvey, county secretary of L. T. L. for York county, and leader of the L. T. L. in Old Orchard.

Their Legion, organized eight years ago, has May 1 of every year, observed the day sacred as the anniversary of the going home of the sainted mother of the leader by visiting the homes of the aged, feeble and lonely ones, carrying fruit and bouquets of the fragrant May flowers.

At each home, the boys and girls, some of whom are young men and women, give appropriate recitations and sing their cheering temperance songs. You who saw those noble boys and girls at Biddeford last year and heard their enthusiastic singing, know just how much their coming meant to the dear 'shut-ins' whose homes they visited.

After the visit to the homes, the boys and girls with their leader and her efficient husband who is her helper in every good work, have a buckboard ride to the cemeteries of Saco and Biddeford where the graves of their friends are decorated with flowers and a sweet little prayer and song service held over the resting place of Mrs. Harvey's dear ones.

This year a special service was held in the cemetery lot at Biddeford in memory of the home-going of dear Anna Gordon's precious mother. The children brought great quan-

tities of evergreen from which a large and very beautiful wreath was made, which one of the young ladies of the L. T. L. very reverently laid upon the exact part of the lot where Mr. and Mrs. Harvey will be laid. All the children knelt as Mr. Harvey addressed them, telling of the noble life of Mrs. Gordon, whose influence, through her children, is felt around the world.

He also told them of the beautiful service of our own dear Anna Gordon, who is devoting her whole noble self to this work for the boys and girls, not only of our own land, but of every land, and who is never too busy to give a helping hand to all the minor workers as your state secretary of L. T. L. can testify.

Then, under a perfectly blue sky and amidst a silence broken only by the softly waving trees, Mrs. Harvey offered prayer and the children softly, sweetly sang 'God be with you till we meet again.'

This work for the boys and girls is very, very near my heart and every day impresses me more and more with its importance.

The same old cry of 'No Leader' comes to me often and I wonder if we realize what that means! Is it not strange and more pitiful than strange, that while there are so many who are scheming and studying ways and means to lead our boys and girls to destruction, there are so very few ready to lead an L. T. L?

To be sure the children are taught temperance in many of the day and Sunday-schools but in order to bring our State up to the high standard set for it by our Neal Dow and Lillian M. N. Stevens, we need live Loyal Temperance Legions for no other society is a special training school in temperance, morality and good citizenship as is that.

Is there, can there be anything in our church work, our

Union work or our society work, more important than this God-given task of training our children to be Christian citizens?

Do not give the plea that you are too busy, for in most of the flourishing Loyal Temperance Legions in our State the leaders are exceedingly busy women. You know the busiest women in the world are our W. C. T. U. women and because they are busy and because their hearts are tender and their hands willing is all the more reason that they should devote, at least a small part of themselves to this work for our future great men and women.

When I hear our dear Anna Gordon's sweet, tender voice pleading for the children on every possible occasion, I wonder how it can be that there exists a Union in Maine that has no Loyal Temperance Legion.

In other states they have their Senior L. T. L. conventions presided over by their own L. T. L. state president.

What can be done in other states, can be done in Maine if we each strive our utmost to do all in our power for this great work.

We need a Loyal Temperance Legion organizer who can be kept in the field at least four or six months of the year and we are hoping that such a one may be appointed. Is the 'Y' branch or in fact any branch, of more importance?

I have shortened my report purposely that this question and others pertaining to our loved L. T. L. work, may be discussed and may He who said, 'And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward,' be with you each and may this convention be the best ever held. God be with you each one.

MYRTLE G. R. AMES,

State Secretary Loyal Temperance Legions.

### NON-ALCOHOLIC MEDICATION.

Your superintendent of the department of Non-Alcoholic Medication comes before you for the first time with a realizing sense of her inefficiency, but with a heart full of zeal and courage for this very important branch of temperance work. Your superintendent has endeavored to build up this comparatively new branch by correspondence and through the press. We summarize the work done in the following brief report. Before county conventions last spring we forwarded sample leaflets and plans of work to each county secretary where there was no superintendent of this department) enough to supply each local union in the respective counties, asking that superintendents be appointed, literature turned over to them, their name be reported to me, etc. Twenty-four letters have been written and several postal cards. A paper on Non-Alcoholic Medication was prepared by your superintendent which has been read before one large county grange, which was well received and endorsed by several prominent speakers present, one W. C. T. U. county convention and four local unions. Five unions have been visited and talks given in the interests of this department secured the appointment of one superintendent. Have distributed 125 copies of "Safe Remedies," also department leaflets at various public gatherings, on trains, etc. Have had one article in "The Star," urging the need of systematic work, also asking each and every superintendent to report all work done before state convention. Early in the spring we received the following from Wayne: Two meetings held, 31 pages of literature distributed with a hope of learning and doing much more, which doubtless has been done but failed to report. The spring report from Bowdoinham says: "We are determined to do the best we know and learn all we can about the work." On receipt of this letter leaflets were sent for distribution and information.

Dear sisters this comprises work reported but we have every reason to believe that such an important branch of temperance work has received the attention and interests of the workers of our organization. While we have not received the support from the counties which is necessary for good and efficient work yet we are not discouraged, if we have only paved the way or driven an entering wedge we feel our labors have not been in vain.

MRS. A. L. VINING.

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### SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

The National Congress and the Legislatures of every state has enacted laws making temperance physiology a compulsory study for all pupils in all public schools.

Thus it comes to us with stronger significance that we are a necessary part of the great educational system which means clearer brains and stronger bodies for the youth of our nation.

A great deal of good, earnest work has been done the past year. From the majority of superintendents comes the assurance that there has been an increase in interest on the part of teachers and supervisors to comply with the requirements of the law.

The little book by Mabel Freese has been truly a help to many primary schools since it contains just the material that an unexperienced teacher needs.

The work of Alice Moore in visiting schools and supervisors in the interest of scientific temperance instruction when so arranged by the local union has had a most helpful effect. More can be accomplished through a talk to the teachers and a visit to each school than in any other way.



The literature of the department does not always receive a reading but a visit to the school and a friendly talk with the teacher and scholars will be sure to open the way for more systematic work.

The School Physiology Journal is always a great assistance to teachers in presenting the temperance lessons since it gives many valuable hints as to what and how to teach. When school boards will not furnish this to the teachers it would be an excellent work for the local union to supply them.

Quite a number of superintendents report using in the unions in their county the program "What shall we teach?" also the program "To what extent and by what methods should temperance physiology be taught in the public schools?" and wherever these programs have been used the meetings proved interesting and helpful.

These two programs are the first in a series which the National Superintendent, Mrs. Hunt, has in preparation. If these programs are studied and presented in all our local unions our white ribboners will be informed just what to ask for in the public schools of their towns and will be better able to secure enforcement of the law.

We still have the same difficulty, which we have always had to meet, of getting the supervisors and school boards to put the proper text books into the schools, but the majority of superintendents report that when the teacher has the necessary text-books and helps, she is usually quite as willing to give instruction in scientific temperance as in any other branch of study.

There seems to be every reason for encouragement. We must hold fast to all the vantage ground that we have gained and be ready to grasp every opportunity to advance.

SARAH L. CRAM, Supt.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

I have nothing new, nothing great to pass on to the convention, which has been reported to me by the county superintendents. All but three counties have sent reports. If the others have, I have failed to receive them.

In nearly all the letters received there are many encouraging features. Some emphasize one line, some another, but in whatever way we work, all will redound to God's glory and the good of our cause.

The signing of the pledge is especially mentioned, the observance of World's Temperance Sunday, and the sending of petitions to the International Sunday School Convention.

Some report "each union in our county has the department and is doing work in it." May it soon be said of every Union in the State.

A few reports read in the minor key, but not as many as usual. There are some things especially encouraging. The continuance of the lesson in the International series and the surprise expressed by some that there was even a suggestion that those petitions were needed—this is one, but it was better that that great body should know what the will of the majority was; there was no mistaking it.

Another hopeful sign is, we have been asked to present the subject at the State convention of Sunday schools, which meets in October. We have not had to seek the place this year, it has sought us. Let us thank God and take courage.

In find in the reports that our work has been presented at the district conventions. I hope each county superintendent will endeavor to have this done in the future.

I would emphasize now as I have ever tried to in the past the pledging of the children, the teaching of the temperance lessons interestingly, placing books in Sunday school libraries, papers for the children, besides being watchful that no

opportunity escape to spread Gospel temperance.

The County Superintendents are: Androscoggin—Mrs. A. N. Jones, Turner; Aroostook—Mrs. L. R. Sprague, Sprague's Mills; Cumberland—Mrs. Augusta P. Bragdon, Cumberland Mills; Franklin—Mrs. George Fernald, Wilton; Hancock—Mrs. A. M. Lawton, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec—Miss Etta Lovejoy, Sidney; Knox—Mrs. E. W. Cobb, Union; Lincoln—Mrs. A. J. Lockhart, Pemaquid; Oxford—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield; Piscataquis—Mrs. W. C. Curtis, Brownville; Penobscot—Mrs. J. Parker, East Corinth; Sagadahoc—Mrs. Helen A. Delano, Bath; Somerset—Mrs. J. L. Macklin, Anson; Waldo—Mrs. Abby V. Hussey, Waldo Station; Washington—Mrs. Frances S. Nichols, Cherryfield; York—Mrs. Emily D. J. Mills, Limerick.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. G. STICKNEY, State Supt.

### TEMPERANCE LITERATURE.

Superintendent: Mrs. V. K. Rollins, No. 73 Ocean avenue, Woodfords.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. L. C. Pulsifer, 1 Oak street, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Alice J. S. Haycock, Fort Fairfield; Cumberland, Mrs. E. J. Jordan Upper Gloucester; Franklin, Mrs. Clara L. Chamberlain, Wilton; Hancock, Mrs. Ruby J. Tracy, Winter Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. V. K. Rollins, 73 Ocean avenue, Woodfords; Knox, Mrs. Sarah Brastow, Rockport; Lincoln, S. Lillie Twycross, Cedar Grove; Oxford, Mrs. J. M. Swett, South Paris; Miss Isabel Shirley, Bethel, superintendent of "Star in the East" and "Union Signal"; Penobscot, Mrs. J. W. Price, Carmel; Piscataquis, Mrs. Marcia Blethen, Foxcroft; Sagadahoc, Mrs. H. N. Jackson, 62 South street, Bath; Waldo, Mrs. A. E. Baker,

Winterport; Washington, E. Marian Vose, Calais; York, Miss Lillian A. Ridley, Springvale.

Reports have been received from fifteen counties. 256,685 pages of leaflets, 36,976 temperance papers, 594 magazines and 295 books have been distributed. Two hundred eighteen temperance papers are taken in the Sunday school, 35 loan libraries are in circulation. Six hundred ten copies of the "Union Signal," 1397 of "The Star in the East" and 55 of "The Young Crusader" are taken. Special mention is made of work done in Cumberland, Kennebec, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot and Washington counties.

One hundred and twenty dollars and seventy-eight cents have been spent for leaflets and books. The state department has distributed 7,576 pages of leaflets, written 413 letters, and 93 postal cards and placed three temperance books and a large picture motto, suitably framed, in the library of a large boarding school.

We have now, as far as I have been able to ascertain, 165 superintendents—16 county and 149 local, a gain of 46 over last year.

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### INFLUENCING THE PRESS.

We sometimes complain of what seems to us the indifference or even the hostility of the press toward moral movements and yet we have editors within the borders of our commonwealth who according to their light are bolder preachers of righteousness than any minister in their respective communities. Someone has called the prophets of Israel "out door journalists," and our best journalists may be called the prophets of America. May their tribe increase, is surely the wish of the W. C. T. U., for the most corrupt and powerful combination cannot long stand against a united press. When

the papers show reasonable agreement on any subject they will carry the whole community with practical unanimity. Next to the election of the lamented Sheriff Pearson it is probable that no other influence has contributed so much to help forward the present enforcement movement which has shaken the dry bones of some of our counties as, the agitation through the press. And in this agitation the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has taken a far more active part than might appear on the surface.

Reports have reached me from fifteen counties—only one lacking—showing that the aggregate amount of matter published in our Maine papers through the efforts of this department, including dailies, weeklies, religious and agricultural, varies very little from that of last year—about 1,700 columns. But it is evident that much more space would be given us if our women would put more care and thought into deciding what subjects will be most timely and then presenting them in an attractive manner. When an editor knows from experience that he can place confidence in a superintendent expecting that her articles and reports will be desirable, half the battle is won.

Of these 1,700 columns about two-thirds have been devoted to reports of local meetings, addresses and conventions. The remainder has treated of the general temperance movement and of subjects bearing upon our department work. During the early part of the year when it was thought that an attempt might be made to repeal the anti-canteen bill, our press superintendent faithfully defended the ground we had gained. Purity, equal suffrage, arbitration and enforcement received their share of attention. And of late the agitation for resubmission which has characterized the papers in some sections of the state has called out articles showing how undesirable such a measure would be.

Many of the excellent articles appearing from week to week in the Union Signal have been used in whole or in part, these reaching thousands.

We have some splendid workers in the press department but we need still more of them.

Superintendent: Mary L. French, Auburn.

County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. J. A. Lamb, Lewiston; Aroostook, Mrs. Jennie Dunn, Houlton; Mrs. Anna Tarbell, Mapleton; Cumberland, Mrs. A. B. Cole, Portland; Franklin, Mrs. Harriet F. Keyes, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Rebecca S. Warren, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. Jennie M. Johnson, Wayne; Knox, Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland; Lincoln, Miss Maude Barker, Cedar Grove; Oxford Mrs. Emma Woodbury Chandler, Bethel; Penobscot, Miss Ella F. Merrill, Old Town; Piscataquis, Mrs. L. P. Evans, Dover; Sagadahoc, Mrs. H. N. Jackson, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, Shawmut; Waldo, Miss Emily F. Miller, North Searsmont; Washington, Mrs. E. C. Drisko, Machias; York, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Saco.

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### **BIBLE READING AND EVANGELISTIC WORK.**

I have received most cheering reports of work done on evangelistic lines from Androscoggin, Aroostook, Kennebec, York, Somerset and Cumberland counties; beside good work as being done or commenced in other counties, but very few statistics. I have had reported, however, thirty thousand pages of literature distributed, some hundreds of meetings held. In Androscoggin one city union reports great interest in the devotional half hour of the union, so that often the voice of every member present is heard in prayer. They took up the book of Psalms for winter study and the digest of

what they found there was most valuable and of great interest.

Aroostook reports through its devoted superintendent so large an interest in the devotional work of its unions that in her words "It seems as though the Spirit of God was brooding over them as over Chaos at the beginning." Kennebec is noted for the number of its addresses and the religious element is largely predominant in its various lines of work as witness the reports of work among the soldiers at Togus, etc. York county, through its faithful superintendent, who has for many years given her life to the work of a missionary, in one of her letters tells of the rescued in a way to make one's heart glad each year.

Somerset, which is nothing if not practical, tells of more than 500 garments made, repaired and given to the poor and destitute, the sick and lonely cared for, like Dorcas of old finding their way to hearts by human help and sympathy. Penobscot has not been unmindful of this department in its work among the lumbermen and God is greatly blessing the work. Other counties send more or less striking reports of souls saved, work done through loan libraries, and in other ways, such as sustaining in one remote union a Sabbath school throughout the year. Mothers' meetings, parlor meetings and those for Bible study also have frequent mention in the reports.

Your superintendent hopes to have more statistical reports from the different unions another year. She would recommend most earnestly, first, that all our members use every possible influence to have the Bible introduced into all our common schools as part of their curriculum. If there were no more vital reason it would be enough that the greatest writers and speakers have thus become past masters of the English language.

Second, she desires that all our white ribbon sisterhood be known as church-going women who are found always in their respective places of worship on the Sabbath, thus showing reverence for the day and its privileges.

Third, she earnestly desires to have the time from 11 to 12 a. m. of its state and county conventions devoted to meetings for this special department instead of the usual morning hour in which as workers together each one may have their prayer or testimony and so develop those gifts which our Heavenly Father has bestowed with whom "there is neither male nor female" but through Christ's love shed abroad in the heart "a new creation."

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY A. SNOW.

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### PROPORTIONATE AND SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

County Superintendents: Aroostook, Mrs. Hattie Mayo Dunn, Houlton; Cumberland, Mrs. Vena M. Hall, Cumberland Mills; Kennebec, Miss Annie M. Nichols, Lamb's Corner; Knox, Miss Alzira L. Crie, Rockland; Somerset, Mrs. Mary E. Neal, Ripley; Waldo, Mrs. Lucy A. Rhodes, Northport; York, Mrs. Cynthia E. Wells, Kennebunk.

Number of letters written by state superintendent 57. Number pages literature sent out 6541; number pages literature distributed, as reported by county superintendents, 4066.

Aroostook county superintendent reports much literature distributed but the number of pages not given. Sermons have been preached and talks given upon this subject at Christian Endeavor meetings, conferences and in the local unions. We have been "sowing the seed" and already see



some "fruit." We trust that by and by a plenteous "harvest" shall appear.

ANNIE M. NICHOLS.

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### PRISON, JAIL AND ALMSHOUSE WORK.

It is difficult to embody in the brief report required for publication in the minutes all of the good work done by the county superintendents during the past year. No class of women anywhere have done more faithful service; as they go personally Sunday after Sunday and often on week days with the messages of the Master to those in prison. Writes one: "The saving of the soul is the all-important work in the drink habit and other bad habits must go when the Light of Love enters the soul." This is the purpose of the work of this department to lift the men and women to a higher plain, to show them that there is no depth of misery that is not embraced in Christ's all-redeeming love. During the year many prisoners have expressed a desire to reform and it is believed that quite a number have gone out with changed purposes and a fixed determination to lead a better life.

I am impressed from my own personal observation that the number of women is less this year than for several years, but for the few we must still plead with the prison commission of the State for better accommodations for these unfortunate women.

It is the testimony of all officials as far as I have been able to reach them—that the county jails as now arranged are not fit places for women prisoners. These should be under the care of a woman, especially as many of them are brought to the jail in a diseased condition.

June 1, amid the fresh roses of summer sent by her co-workers, Mrs. Maria B. Hill of Machias, the faithful superintendent of Washington county for seventeen years, was

laid to rest. Though dead she yet speaketh in the many lives she has helped and inspired to nobler daring. Mrs. Mary W. Stone is her worthy successor. The other superintendents as far as reported remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN COFFIN BEEDY,

Superintendent.

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### REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN.

Two years ago we reported to you that there was a possibility of securing a building from the national government that could be used for a reformatory prison for women in our state. The building is located on Widow's Island in Penobscot Bay, a few miles from Rockland. When built it was intended for a naval hospital, but it has never been utilized for that or any purpose. Hon. Charles E. Littlefield introduced a bill at the last session of Congress, two years ago, asking that this property be given to the State of Maine, but a pressure of business prevented the bill from being considered at that time. Last year it was brought up again but not voted upon. We hope, however, that favorable action will be taken by Congress this coming year and that the building and land connected with it will become the property of the State. Then we hope our Legislature can be induced to devote it to us as a Reformatory Prison for Women, which is so much needed.

Your committee have ascertained by investigation that the number of women sentenced in recent years to imprisonment in our State is large, and on the increase, and there are no facilities in our jails for keeping them entirely apart from male prisoners, hence crime is added to crime and degradation is deepened.

We hope every one of our white ribboners will use her influence to induce the legislators from her county to vote in favor of using the contemplated building, if it comes to us, for the purpose of a Reformatory Prison for all criminal women in our State in order that they may have an opportunity and have help to reform and be better mothers of their race.

We regret to report again that no matron has yet been secured for our State prison. It will be an important step forward and upward when this can be brought about.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
HELEN COFFIN BEEDY,  
CLARA M. FARWELL,

Committee.

### **SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN.**

This child saving movement in our State is now in its tenth year of effort. The object of this department of securing homes for homeless children in Maine, is to extend a helping hand to every needy child in the State, and whenever possible to provide the homeless child a good home in a private family.

When the W. C. T. U. took up this work in Maine it introduced into the State the placing out or family plan of caring for dependent children. Let the W. C. T. U. stand emphatically for private homes, in preference to institutional life. Not that we wish to antagonize the institution, on the contrary it is our desire to work in helpful harmony with other organizations, while we hold to our old method as the latest and wisest of enlightened Christian philanthropy.

The family plan is a natural one, but by no means a simple plan. There is no room for careless work, and there is room for great abuse—thorough investigation of every home in which you place a child cannot be urged too strongly. As far as possible we board in private families the children who are waiting for free homes. The boarding homes should be selected as carefully as the permanent homes.

After careful investigation six homes have been rejected as unsuitable for any child. Eight approved homes are now waiting for children.

It is the work of the local superintendent to search out the friendless child in her own locality, and to look for good homes, reporting all such to the State superintendent for investigation and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE M. ANTHOINE.

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The following report is from the different counties heard from, year 1901-1902:

Androscoggin county, Mrs. Maria M. Swett, superintendent, reports six children cared for and \$27 expended for clothes.

Cumberland county, Miss Jennie M. Anthoine, superintendent, reports sixteen children cared for.

Kennebec county, Mrs. W.H. Berry superintendent, reports excellent work done from several unions.

Sagadahoc county, Mrs. Mary White superintendent, reports good work done. Kept a family of children in school an entire year.

Washington county, Mrs. Wm. Woods superintendent, reports clothed and found homes for three girls. Expended \$50 for board and clothes during the year.

Several counties report no work and no superintendents.

Summary of the work done is as follows: Nineteen children have been placed in permanent homes. At present the department is boarding and clothing four entirely and clothing five who are in free homes, one has received successful hospital treatment, and one at the Temporary Home, also a number of children been helped in their own homes.

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. C. T. U., DEPARTMENT OF SECURING HOMES

IN ACCOUNT WITH JENNIE M. ANTHOINE, SEPT. 1, 1902

##### EXPENDITURES.

Sept. 1st.	To traveling expenses,	\$ 54 50
"	" Boarding children,	230 35
"	" Clothing,	86 23
"	" Medical aid and Diptheria,	65 00
"	" Postals and stamps,	38 50
"	" Office supplies,	4 90
"	" Dentistry,	5 00
"	" Telegrams,	3 50
"	" Printing,	4 35
"	" Oculist,	3 50
"	" Paid assistant,	60 00
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		\$605 83

##### RECEIPTS.

Sept. 1, 1901.	Cash on hand,	\$ 163 71
May 30,	" State aid,	500 00
Sept. 1,	" Collections,	150 00
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		\$813 71
Total receipts, year ending Sept. 1, 1902,		\$813 71
"	Expenditures " " "	605 83
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Balance, cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1902,		\$207 88

### WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES.

Through the faithfulness, efficiency and spirituality, and by the blessing of God, work among railway employes has grown greatly in influence and power.

I am glad to report to you that railroad companies are steadily elevating the moral and ethical standards whereby they decide the relation of old and the engagement of new employes. One of the leading roads has made its tobacco prohibition absolute. Not only must employes refrain from smoking but from the use of tobacco in any form, "when on duty in or about the passenger stations or on passenger cars."

The ban on intoxicants is farther reaching and it has become well nigh impossible for a man who meddles with them at all to retain his position.

This road also makes "a garnishment" on an employe's pay cause for dismissal, but since the men shall neither drink nor smoke they will not need to borrow. We are anxiously watching to see the anti-tobacco rules extended to all branches of railroad activities and not alone to "passenger stations" and "passenger cars."

Report of counties as received by your superintendent is as follows:

Superintendent: Helen Thomas.

Androscoggin county: Auburn reports 3992 pages of literature distributed and placed in railroad boxes at stations. Lewiston reports choice reading distributed, boxes at stations faithfully attended to and personal work. Greene has done a large amount of work the past year, both in personal work among employes and in the distribution of literature.

Franklin county, Mrs. George Walker superintendent. A most encouraging report comes from this county. Superintendent has visited several railroad men and their families and has seen good results from these visits, and she has with the help of her husband been the means of saving several

railroad men from using intoxicants, has persuaded four to join the union, two in Farmington, one in Wilton and one in Strong. She also says she has been on the alert to preach temperance at all times and in all places.

Kennebec county reported by Miss Alice Clough. Distributed through box at Winthrop station 6,000 pages of temperance literature.

Knox county: Mrs. Hattie Hayden superintendent, reports little work accomplished this year.

Piscataquis county, Mrs. Florence Gerrish superintendent, reports most excellent work among railroad employes by Rev. Carl Raupac.

Somerset county, Mrs. Olive Marcia superintendent, says if all work done in the county had been faithfully reported she would have had a much better report for your state superintendent. Fairfield, Shawmut, Bingham and Anson unions all take up this department and have done good work.

Waldo county: Mrs. Mary Staples reports that since the death of Mrs. Addie McIntyre who was for some years superintendent of this department, no one has been appointed to take her place.

Washington county, Mrs. Mary Stone superintendent. From this comparatively new railroad comes most encouraging reports. Five unions have taken up this department, and boxes have been placed by them in five stations. Calais reported by Mrs. E. Bates, delivered at stations and sent to out stations where men are at work 1,666 pages of W. C. T. U. Union Signals, 60 Sunday Times, two Records, 12 copies of Scribner, three Review of Reviews, two Youth's Companions leaflets enclosed. At Machias superintendent has kept the box at stations supplied with papers each containing W. C. T. U. leaflets. The Christian Herald is regularly supplied. The box at Eastport station is kept supplied, a box has

recently been placed in station at Cherryfield and kept filled with good reading. Harrington, Mrs. Leighton superintendent, reports placed in stations 143 papers, two books, 16 magazines railroad leaflets 35 pages, 51 pages other literature. Superintendent has also done personal work, calling on wife of station agent and inviting her to attend mothers' meetings. The wife appreciated reading matter sent by superintendent to her husband, who had been ill; she also visited section hands, presenting them with railroad leaflets. This superintendent has secured two subscriptions for Union Signal and six for Star in the East.

Respectfully submitted,  
HELEN THOMAS.

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#### WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN AND QUARRYMEN.

Cumberland county: Bolster's Mills 893 pages, Deering 800 pages, Harrison 1,900, New Gloucester 1000, Newhall 9,200, North Gorham 3,000, Peak's Island 5,000, South Windham 7,045, Westbrook 1,000, Windham 100, Yarmouth 5,000.

Kennebec county, comfort bags, letters and other literature.

Oxford county: Bethel, 277 monthly magazines, 90 Outlooks, 150 Christian Heralds and Youths' Companions, 12 Stars, nine comfort bags, 100 other newspapers. South Paris sent two comfort bags, a large quantity of good reading, hose and mittens to the camps at Greenwood and Upton. West Paris, 111 magazines and papers. Rumford Falls, comfort bags and books.

East Steuben reports 616 pages. Machias reports 304 and 49 magazines. Cherryfield reports 1,760 pages, 36 magazines distributed. Calais union reports 1,243 papers, 118 magazines, 99 leaflets, 20 books, also seven comfort bags containing needles and thread each, domestic yarn, darners, thim-



bles, soft cloth, court plaster, pins pincushions, safety pins, writing paper, lead pencils, envelopes, one Bible, one hymn book, leaflets, one good reading book, also a friendly letter in each of these bags.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES W. ROGERS.

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### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

I regret to say that illness being a hindrance to my work it has been a year of inactivity on my part, and I judge also on the part of the local superintendents, as I have received but three reports one from Mrs. Lucy Snow of Cumberland county, which is always good. She writes encouragingly of Windham and Newhall unions. Literature has been distributed, sermons preached on Sabbath observance, and personal influence used. Mrs. Small of Bowdoinham, (Sagadahoc county) thinks the Sabbath is observed quite well, although few attend church. The superintendent at North Waldoboro (Lincoln county) reports "Sabbath desecration as slightly diminishing and public sentiment improving." I have written every local superintendent a number of times, and sent report blanks to all, to fill out and return to me, but I have received but one. Two of the local superintendents have left the work, one in Bath and one in Winthrop Center. I should say right here that four sermons on Sabbath observance have been preached in Bath the past year. This is a very poor report for sixteen counties. I have done all in my power to create an interest but apparently have failed.

Never was there a time when earnest workers were needed more than now, but it does seem the department of Sabbath Observance is fast being lost sight of. Must it be wholly so? We will hope and pray that it will become the most interesting and active department of the W. C. T. U. work.

Hoping some one will fill the office more acceptably I now tender (for the third time) my resignation of the office of State Superintendent of Sabbath Observance, which must be conclusive.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES S. MOODY.

Bath, September 15, 1902.

### PURITY.

I have failed to receive a report from all the county superintendents this year, but feel sure that much work has been done that has not been reported.

Aroostook County, Mrs. L. A. Smart, reports that mothers' meetings have been held with good results, one sermon preached, many hundred pages of literature distributed, and much personal work done.

Androscoggin County, Mrs. Augusta Maloon, superintendent reports good work done by several unions along department lines. The local superintendent of Auburn union is police matron and does a vast amount of good, both in rescue work and preventive work among the parents. The union has a room where the superintendent can take any who are homeless and care for them and many go out from the place with a determination to lead purer lives.

Somerset County, Mrs. F. H. Brown, superintendent. The department literature has been circulated and books on purity loaned, such as "Almost a Man," "Almost a Woman," and "True Manhood." Twelve dollars were given by the union for the purchase of books and literature, which has been faithfully distributed among the mothers. The union also organized early in the winter two W. C. T. U. mothers' clubs in country districts so that the mothers in the farming

communities might be reached. These clubs have proved very successful. Literature has been circulated among the teachers in the schools and the union is planning to hold parents' and teachers' meetings the coming year.

Kennebec County, Mrs. Abbie Jenkins, superintendent, reports excellent work done in this department by several unions. Some rescue work has been done and a helping hand extended to one who had been led astray. Books on purity have been circulated and literature distributed with discrimination and care. Mothers' meetings have been held. A paper has been printed in one place in the interest of boys and an effort has been made to introduce it into the public schools. The county superintendent sent the "American Mother" three months at the beginning of the year to each local superintendent, hoping that the unions would avail themselves of the help of this excellent magazine edited by Dr. Mary Wood Allen.

Hancock County, Mrs. Inez M. Small. About the usual amount of work has been done. Mothers' meetings have been held and the department literature distributed.

Washington County, Effie J. Sawyer superintendent. As usual the superintendent of this county sends an itemized report although the new superintendent speaks of the difficulty in sending a tabulated report as some of the unions do not report definitely. Number of unions in county, 14; number reporting work done seven; number of addresses reported, two; pages of literature reported, 88; personal conversations reported, 15; personal visits reported, two; purity books in circulation, nine; mothers' meetings reported, 18; copies of "American Mother" taken, two; copies of Motherhood one; pictures given away, 25.

I am sorry not to have a report from other counties where there are superintendents.

JENNIE E. SEAMANS.

### **PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART.**

Superintendent, Mrs. Inez L. Small, South Deer Isle.

County superintendents: Aroostook, Mrs. Hannah W. Tracy, North Amity; Cumberland, Mrs. S. B. Varney, South Windham, Rural No. 1; Franklin, Mrs. A. M. Thompson, Kingfield; Hancock, Mrs. Inez L. Small, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. Mary H. Church, Augusta, 2 Swan street; Oxford, Mrs. Dr. Bartlett, Norway; Penobscot, Mrs. L. A. Smart, Logan; Sagadahoc, Mrs. Nancy J. Clark, Popham Beach; Somerset, Mrs. F. A. Brown, Fairfield; Waldo, Mrs. S. W. Bicknell, Belfast.

Other counties either combine with Purity or do not take up the work.

Successful methods of work: Have a regular system, visit the schools, interest the teachers, visit the homes, interest the parents, talk with the children, interest them. When a general interest is aroused something is usually accomplished.

Further suggestions: Send to Anthony Comstock, The Times Building, New York, for copies of his 27th report of the "New York Society for the Suppression of Vice" and have it read in every local union. It gives a great deal of light on this line of work and shows the urgent need of work.

Keep an account of all work done no matter how small; and don't forget to send your superintendent a report before it is too late to use it.

Yours very truly,

INEZ L. SMALL.

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### **STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS.**

The object of this department is to present the principles of the W. C. T. U. to the greatest number of people with the least outlay of time or money. To use our influence to ele-

vate the moral tone at fairs; see that the prohibitory laws are enforced, and that gambling devices and immoral exhibits are not permitted, either at fairs or any open air meetings.

We are glad to go to the people instead of waiting in church or home for the people who never come. The reports for the year show great interest in the opportunity offered at the "open air meetings" to reach the people and successful work has been done.

At the State Fair, Androscoggin County, both Lewiston and Auburn unions were represented. Their restaurants were attractive and well patronized. Literature was distributed, a special one-page leaflet entitled "Against Resubmission," having been prepared by their press superintendent, was freely distributed.

At an open air meeting in Hancock county, the ladies of the union sold refreshments and the man who sold liquor had to leave.

At Lincoln county fair space was secured in agricultural hall, prettily decorated, and comfortable chairs furnished for visitors. During the three days of the fair members of the union were present to welcome and entertain the visitors and distribute literature. One noteworthy feature of their work was the securing of five new members.

At the Oxford county fair the ladies of Norway and South Paris unions furnished a very attractive booth—the best unoccupied space being granted by the president of the agricultural society. Spring water was served and literature freely distributed. The young ladies very kindly assisted. The work was highly commended by many present.

We are very glad to report for Penobscot county the work on the fair ground at Bangor. A large tent was erected, a rest room furnished which was well patronized, lunches served, parcels checked, ice water furnished and literature

distributed. All expenses were paid and a balance for county treasury. The county superintendent says: "I think it is one of the best things we ever did for we reached so many people." Everyone was very kind and hoped we would be there another year." Many local unions assisted.

At the Waldo county fair—Monroe—the union was, as usual well represented. At headquarters a rest room was conveniently furnished, nearly 1,000 bouquets given away, and literature distributed. They had a temperance pledge book and 241 signed the pledge.

The work in other counties has been much the same as in former years, literature distributed and ice water furnished at county and town fairs.

Pages of literature distributed, 12,000; Union Signals, 340; state paper, 20; Young Crusader, 80; national leaflets, 300; Timely Talks, 50.

Receipts from sale of refreshments at Auburn, Lewiston, Bangor, Bar Harbor, amount to nearly \$500 which goes directly into the work.

EDITH N. OAKES.

### **SOCIAL MEETINGS AND RED LETTER DAYS.**

Considerable progress toward systematizing the work of this department has been made during the past year. Another county has elected a superintendent, making three that thus report, and very gratifying have been the prompt responses from the corresponding secretary of so goodly a number of the counties where no superintendent has been elected. Ten counties have responded to the call for reports.

Androscoggin sends no report, but at the convention in June we heard the corresponding secretary read from her report: "One of the unions has observed all the Red Letter days."

Aroostook reports four or five local superintendents with literature scattered throughout the county and those unions that are observing the Red Letter Days find this a great help in their work.

Cumberland reports Willard memorial nearly universally observed, several other of our Red Letter Days mentioned, fifteen social meetings held, sixteen dollars sent to the memorial fund and nearly fifty dollars collected.

Franklin reports an occasional social in connection with their regular meeting in one union.

Hancock says that nearly all the unions held the Willard memorial and sent \$2 to the fund. Neal Dow Day marked by appropriate readings and discussions. On Flower Mission day flowers were sent to the jails and to the sick. Temperance Sunday was celebrated and one union makes a red letter day of its anniversary with special program. A good idea.

Kennebec instead of adopting the department recommended at its county convention that each union should prepare programs in advance, making special provision for the proper observance of Red Letter days.

Oxford reports the observance of the birthday of Frances Willard, Madam Willard and Neal Dow, also a union gospel temperance meeting.

Sagadahoc intended to have a superintendent elected, but by an oversight it was omitted. Several items, however, have come in. Willard memorial, Neal Dow and flower mission days were fittingly observed. One union held a social meeting, each member bringing a dollar and relating how she earned it. One held a franchise meeting, using Mrs. Hunt's "Suggestions and Questions." They pronounced it a very interesting time.

Somerset says that Miss Willard's heavenly birthday and

Neal Dow's birthday were universally observed. Also an occasional social meeting.

York has no county superintendent but reports that every union observed Willard memorial day and all except one sent \$2 to the memorial fund. Several observed Mrs. Stevens' birthday, Neal Dow day and Flower Mission day.

Although so few have sent definite statistics, we are glad to report so much good work along this line, and believe it to be supplemented by more that is hidden.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET J. LORING.

### FRANCHISE.

It is a trite saying that "no one can make bricks without straw," and the force of this expression comes each year to the county and state superintendents when they are trying to gather up the records of work accomplished in the several departments. If nothing has been done in a special line of work let me urge upon the local superintendents or secretaries to say so; if but little, report that, and at any rate say something, in order that your county and state superintendents who in turn must report to the national superintendents, may be able to add their bricks to the house which Jack (otherwise the national organization) is building. With this earnest admonition I wish to express my gratification that so much interest has been awakened in the department of franchise during the past year, while adding my regret that I have received so little statistical information of the efforts made and work accomplished. I have had more calls for literature than ever before. In October, 1901, I sent to the publisher of Parliamentary Suffrage Leaflets (Mrs. Emily J. Gilbert) and obtained from her about six hundred copies. These



I have distributed among the local unions, and in all cases have received enthusiastic reports of the interest which these created, especially at the grange meetings. I have printed two leaflets which I have called Political Lessons, one giving information about city and town elections, and the other about state elections. These I shall follow with one on the presidential elections. My object has been to familiarize you with these subjects, hoping that these lessons might lead to study and discussion, as a preparation for the time "which will surely come," when women will have the right to vote in Maine.

My greatest source of encouragement has been the interest which the W. C. T. U. women who also belong to the granges have been able to arouse both among the men and women on this question. I urge upon you to continue your good work, as this is a most fruitful soil in which to sow suffrage seed. I will be ready to furnish free of charge literature for use at the grange meetings. Let me also urge upon you to attend the town meetings. In this way you will not only obtain much information as to the methods by which the affairs of your community are managed, but men will become accustomed to seeing you there and will realize that you have an equal interest with them in your roads, poor houses, school buildings and in all that pertains to the public welfare.

Of the statistical information received Kennebec and Cumberland counties send the fullest reports. I will give you the very words of each. No doubt you are all familiar with these words of Frances Willard: "If prayers and womanly influence are doing so much for God by indirect methods, how shall it be when that elastic force is brought to bear through the battery of the ballot box."

Cumberland county: Within the year I have written twice to every union in the county—six letters and 48 postal cards

—followed by franchise literature of the best kind, viz., 300 of Mrs. Hunt's leaflets, 100 leaflets issued by the Christian Endeavor World, "A Double Jury on Woman's Suffrage"—and 200 leaflets "The Schools and the Commonwealth," by Mrs. Esther F. Boland. Have also contributed a year's numbers of "The Woman's Column," and 12 varieties of small leaflets. In summing up this report I regret to add that I have received so few encouraging answers to written requests, and am doubly grateful for the assurances of those who have replied, of their continued interest in the great cause.—Louise A. Titcomb.

In closing let me urge upon you all to keep a W. C. T. U. diary. On each day of the meeting of the local union write against the date the name of the subject discussed. It will then be an easy matter to gather up the record for your county superintendent and she in turn will be ready to make her report to the state superintendent. Do not be weary in well doing.

Fraternally yours,

AUGUSTA M. HUNT,  
State Superintendent Franchise.

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### PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

The past year has been the best one yet in the history of this department. In the spring and summer the state superintendent visited twelve of the sixteen county conventions in the interest of the work, speaking once or twice at each, securing the adoption of a peace resolution in most, distributing literature and securing the appointment of several new county and local superintendents. She has also visited other places under the auspices of the department. Millinocket, among the rest. All but three of the counties now have

peace superintendents. During the year about seventy-five local superintendents have been newly appointed or re-appointed.

Two general peace days have been observed in the state—the usual peace Sunday, the third Sabbath in December and the fifteenth of May, a special date, selected by the International Federation of Women to which our national peace department is auxiliary. May was chosen since this is the month in which the Hague Conference was held. These days were observed by peace sermons, addresses or general exercises. Easter was also observed as a special state peace day.

A complete assortment of our department literature has been sent to the libraries of all of our colleges and to most of the academies, normal schools and other higher seats of learning. Literature has been sent to fairs and to conventions of various kinds. About 10,000 pages of peace literature have been distributed throughout the state, also several thousand peace text chains.

It is encouraging to note that our cause is receiving so much attention from educational circles. I. C. Phillips, supervisor of the public schools of Lewiston, for example, has placed our publications in the hands of all of his teachers and upon the observance of our May peace day seventy of our books and thousands of our tracts were distributed among his schools. One of our Maine clergymen preached a sermon against a local prize fight, which was issued in tract form and did much good.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.

# Constitution of the Maine W. C. T. U.

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## PREAMBLE.

We, Christian women of the 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.

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## 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, Editor of Star in the East, Y Secretaries of local Unions, the President, 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 paying a 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 a 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 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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 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 OR 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.

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

### 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 Recording and Corresponding 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 county general officers, county superintendents of departments, presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers of local Unions, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every ten paying members of the local Union.

### 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 sometime within May or June.

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

The duties of 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 and report a digest of these to the county convention and to the state superintendents, as required by the State Constitution.

### ARTICLE VI.

Local Unions shall pay to the county Treasurer an amount equal to — cents annually for each of its members, for county work.

### ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

## Local Constitution.

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### ARTICLE.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

### PLEDGE.

I herby 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.

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### 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 —— a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President (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 preceeding 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 County 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 1st, 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.

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#### 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 Employees. 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 until 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.

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### 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 to any person to teach in the public schools of 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 human system.

(Approved February 19, 1885.)

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAW.

Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, work-house, warehouse, or place of business; travels, or does any work, labor or business on that day except work 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 inn holder 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 work 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 offense; 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 thereof 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.

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## CIGARETTE LAW.

### CHAPTER 333.

An Act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors.

Sec. 1. Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

Sec. 2. Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

(Approved March 27.)

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### 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, indescant, 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.

(Laws of 1885. Chap. 348.)

Whoever knowingly sells, lends, gives away, or shows to any minor child and book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or any printed paper, devoted to the publication, or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust or crimes; or circulates, posts or causes to be circulated or posted in any conspicuous or public place, any picture, handbill or poster containing obscene, indelcent, or immoral representations; or in any manner hires, uses, or employs any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or who, having the care, custody, or control of any minor child, permits such child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, any book, magazine, pamphlet, or newspaper coming within the first paragraph of this section, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by fine, not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

(Public Laws of 1897. Chap. 213.)

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### **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF PROHIBITORY LAW.**

Sec. 34. Whoever sells intoxicating liquor contrary to law shall be fined fifty dollars and costs and imprisoned thirty days. For default, thirty days extra.

Subsequent convictions, two hundred dollars and costs, and six months' imprisonment.

In default of payment, six months' additional imprisonment. Clerks, servants and agents are equally guilty with the principal and shall suffer like penalties.









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## Annual Meetings.

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| 1875 | - | - | : | - | - | - | - | OLD ORCHARD |
| 1876 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | OLD ORCHARD |
| 1877 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | RICHMOND    |
| 1878 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | OLD ORCHARD |
| 1879 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BANGOR      |
| 1880 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BELFAST     |
| 1881 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | LEWISTON    |
| 1882 | - | - | , | - | - | - | - | ROCKLAND    |
| 1888 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | KENNEBUNK   |
| 1884 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | GARDINER    |
| 1885 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | PORTLAND    |
| 1886 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BANGOR      |
| 1887 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | AUBURN      |
| 1888 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BATH        |
| 1889 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BAR HARBOR  |
| 1890 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | PORTLAND    |
| 1891 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | AUGUSTA     |
| 1892 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | LEWISTON    |
| 1893 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ROCKLAND    |
| 1894 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | AUBURN      |
| 1895 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | HOULTON     |
| 1896 | - | - | - | - | - | - | : | BELFAST     |
| 1897 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BATH        |
| 1898 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BANGOR      |
| 1899 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | PORTLAND    |
| 1900 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | CALAIS      |
| 1901 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BIDDEFORD   |
| 1902 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | WATERVILLE  |
| 1903 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | DOVER       |

## Memorial Members of Maine W. C. T. U.

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|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mrs. Malinda Small        | 1901                    |
| Edward Forest Littlefield | Miss Harriet A. Leavitt |
| Mrs. Mary A. Osborne      | 1902                    |
| Miss Eunice Merritt       | Joseph Farwell          |
| N. S. Fernald             | 1903                    |
| George S. Hunt            | Nathaniel Ames          |
| David Perkins             | Mrs. Nancy Parsons Ames |
| Gen. Neal Dow             | Adoniram J. Ames        |
| Dr. C. F. Allen           | Miss Julia W. Soule     |
| Mrs. Ellen N. Reynolds    | Jesse W. Chandler       |

## Life Members of W. C. T. U.

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens    | Mrs. J. McLennan         |
| Miss Anna A. Gordon           | 1901                     |
| Miss Cornelia M. Dow          | Mrs. Julia Irish         |
| Miss Clara M. Farwell         | Mrs. S. W. Ricker        |
| Miss Estelle M. Brainerd      | Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan   |
| Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston     | Mrs. R. C. Hall          |
| Mrs. Evelyn A. Harvey         | Mrs. Rollin T. Hack      |
| Mrs. Helen Delano             | Mrs. Ann F. Greeley      |
| Miss Emily F. Miller          | Mrs. L. J. Spaulding     |
| Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey         | Willard Gordon Wyman     |
| Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt | 1902                     |
| Mrs. Kate DeWitt              | Mrs. Eliza L. Averill    |
| Mrs. Olive S. Hanson          | Miss Harriet J. Loring   |
| Mrs. Mary C. Woodbury         | Mrs. Jennie M. Nason     |
| M. Stevens                    | Ralph Ames Leavitt       |
| Francis Willard Hall          | 1903                     |
| Fuller Prince Studley         | Mrs. Mary S. Burnham     |
| 1900                          | Mrs. Sadie H. Bates      |
| Mrs. Mary C. McDowell         | Mrs. Frances W. Chandler |
| Mrs. Susan M. French          | Mrs. A. W. Clark         |
| Mrs. Emma E. Thompson         | Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney   |
| Mrs. E. Maria Vose            | Gordon Woodbury Johnson  |

## State Officers for 1903-1904.

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### *PRESIDENT.*

MRS. LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS, Stroudwater.

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MISS CORNELIA M. DOW, Portland

### *Recording Secretary,*

MISS CLARA M. FARWELL, Rockland

### *Assistant Recording Secretary,*

MISS JENNIE M. BROWN, West Paris

### *Treasurer,*

MRS. ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, Fort Fairfield

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Androscoggin—Mrs. E. M. Blanchard, Lewiston.  
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Cumberland—Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland.  
Franklin—Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington.  
Hancock—Mrs. Lilliau M. Robbins, South Deer Isle.  
Kennebec—Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Center.  
Knox—Miss Alice H. Moore, Rockland.  
Lincoln—Miss A. F. Ginn, Damariscotta.  
Oxford—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, E. Brownfield.  
Penobscot—Mrs. Evelyn A. Harvey, Kenduskeag.  
Piscataquis—Mrs. M. F. Hobbs, Milo.  
Somerset—Mrs. Frances M. Chandler, St. Albans.  
Sagadahoc—Mrs. Helen Delano, Bath.  
Waldo—Miss Emily F. Miller, North Searsmont.  
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York—Mrs. Elizabeth Manson, Kittery.

State Headquarters, 150 Free Street, Portland.

# Superintendents of Departments

FOR 1903-1904.

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## I. ORGANIZATION.

Work Among Foreign Speaking People—Mrs. Frances A. Bradbury, Dexter. Assistant—Mrs. Byron Stevens, Brunswick  
State Organizers—Miss Alice H. Moore, Rockland; Miss Jennie Price, Carmel  
Young Woman's Work—Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, 169 Westbrook St., Portland, Honorary Secretary; Miss Lutelle B. Patrick, Grovesville, 2nd Honorary Secretary; Miss Ella F. Merrill, Oldtown, General Secretary; Winifred Vose, Calais, Fellowship Secretary; Mrs. Lydia A. B. Gilmore, Woolwich, Custodian of Funds.  
L. T. L. Work—Miss Annie C. Bagley, Norway, Honorary Secretary; Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames, Fort Fairfield, General Secretary

## II. PREVENTIVE.

Hygienic Reform and Heredity and Physical Culture—Mrs. Myra M. Patrick, Harrison  
Non-Alcoholic Medication—Mrs. Laura Abbott, Eliot

## III. EDUCATIONAL.

Scientific Temperance Instruction—Mrs. Georgia Tyler Woods, N. Troy  
Sunday School Work—Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield  
Temperance Literature—Mrs. V. K. Rollins, Portland  
The Press—Miss Mary L. French, Auburn  
Anti-Narcotics—Mrs. Florence Nickerson, Portland  
W. C. T. U. Medal Contests—Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, So. Windham

## IV. EVANGELISTIC.

Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work—Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center  
Unfermented Wine at Sacrament—Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Caribou  
Systematic Giving—Miss Annie M. Nichols, North Vassalboro, R.F.D. 49  
Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work—Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington Reformatory for Women—Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland

Securing Homes for Homeless Children—Miss Jennie M. Anthoine,  
79 Anthoine St., So. Portland  
Work Among Railroad Employees—Mrs. Helen A. Thomas, Greene  
Work Among Soldiers and Sailors—Miss Jennie M. Brown, West Paris  
Work Among Lumbermen and Quarrymen—Mrs. Frances W. Rogers,  
Greenville  
Work Among Light Stations—Mrs. Estelle B. Stanley, Light Station,  
McKinley, Me  
Sabbath Observance—Mrs. Phoebe A. Pinkham, Vassalboro  
Purity—Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary  
Purity in Literature and Art—Mrs. Leonora H. Jones, Hampden Cor.  
Mercy—Miss Mary Crosby, Bangor  
Memorial Services—Mrs. R. C. Hall, Rockland  
School Savings Banks—

#### V. SOCIAL.

Flower Mission—Miss Belle Downes, Houlton  
State and County Fairs—Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft  
Social Meetings and Red Letter Days—Miss Harriet J. Loring, Otisfield

#### VI. LEGISLATION AND PETITION.

Legislation and Petition—State General Officers  
Franchise—Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt, Portland, Mrs. H. J. Bailey, Winthrop Center, Associate  
Peace and Arbitration—Miss Alice M. Douglass, Bath  
Business Manager of Star in the East—Miss Cornelia M. Dow, Portland  
Editor of Star in the East—Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Stroudwater  
Management of Headquarters—General Officers and Mrs. M. C. McDowell, Portland  
Musical Director—Miss Sarah M. Hall, Rockland  
Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. A. B. Crockett, Penobscot; Mrs. Harriet P. Keyes, Franklin; Mrs. Clara Getchell, Aroostook; Mrs. F. H. Pratt, Piscataquis; Mrs. Annie M. Mason, Somerset; Mrs. E. M. Vose, Washington; Mrs. L. W. Weston, Kennebec.

# Directory of Maine Unions.

## ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. M. R. McCallum, 9 James St., Auburn.

County Treasurer, Mrs. Helen A. Thomas, Greene

|                | PRESIDENT.                        | COR. SECRETARY.                      |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Auburn         | Mrs. Nellie E. Fellows            | Mrs. Mary R. McCallum                |
| Greene         | Mrs. Helen A. Thomas              | Miss Ann I. Fogg                     |
| Lewiston       | Mrs. Geo. Lane<br>(82 Prince St.) | Mrs. W. E. Webster<br>(29 Davis St.) |
| Lisbon         | Mrs. S. A. Jack                   | Miss Willa Johnson                   |
| Lisbon Falls   |                                   | Mrs. Minnie D. Harnden               |
| Mechanic Falls | Mrs. Addie P. Purington           | Mrs. Flora Skillin                   |
| South Durham   | Mrs. Anna F. Cox                  | Miss May Douglass                    |
| Turner         | Mrs. J. F. Quimby                 | Mrs. A. N. Jones                     |

## AROOSTOOK COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans, Cary

County Treasurer—Mrs. Kate DeWitt, Presque Isle

|                    | Mrs. Jennie E. Seamans<br>(Cary) | Mrs. Hannah Tracey<br>(North Amity) |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Amity              |                                  |                                     |
| Bridgewater        | Mrs. Ida Salley                  | Mrs. Frances A. Kimball             |
| Caribou            | Mrs. Albion Runnells             | Mrs. Dorethea Holmden               |
| Crystal            | Mrs. Etta Downing                | Mrs. Belle McKean                   |
| Fort Fairfield     | Mrs. Alice Richards              | Mrs. Alice French                   |
| Fort Fairfield Y   | Miss Mollie Pearce               | Miss Hope Richards                  |
| Houlton            | Mrs. Frances McLeod              | Mrs. Jennie S. Dunn                 |
| Island Falls       | Mrs. Anna Morse                  | Mrs. N. C. Sewall                   |
| Limestone          | Mrs. C. L. Hatch                 | Mrs. W. A. Long                     |
| Masardis           | Mrs. Ella Stimson                | Kathleen Fraser                     |
| Mars Hill & Blaine | Mrs. Lizzie York                 | Mrs. Maud E. Pierce                 |
| Mars Hill Y        | Miss Etta Sweet                  | Miss Lulu Bacheider                 |

## ARROSTOOK COUNTY—Continued.

|                 | PRESIDENT.                    | COR. SECRETARY.                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| North Oakfield  | Mrs. Annie Drew<br>(Burleigh) | Mrs. Nettie Allen<br>(Burleigh) |
| Perham          | Mrs. E. J. Nutting            | Mrs. Maggie B. Blackstone       |
| Presque Isle    | Mrs. Kate DeWitt              | Mrs. Kate DeWitt                |
| Robinson Mills  | Mrs. Lutia Cox                | Mrs. Emma Sprague               |
| Sprague's Mills | Mrs. Louise R. Sprague        | Miss Ermina Bragdon             |
| Washburn        | Mrs. A. J. Currier            | Mrs. Lizzie F. Norton           |
| West Caribou    | Mrs. D. R. Savage             | Mrs. J. C. Rackleff             |

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Miss Harriet J. Loring, East Otisfield

County Treasurer—Mrs. Emma E. Thompson, Portland

|                    |                                                      |                                                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Bolster's Mills    | Miss Lucy Dorman                                     | Mrs. Etta L. Warren<br>(Harrison, R.F.D. No. 3)      |
| Bridgton           | Mrs. Lucy Weymouth                                   | Mrs. Sarah E. Whitney                                |
| Brunswick          | Mrs. Byron Stevens                                   | Mrs. J. S. Towne                                     |
| Cape Elizabeth     |                                                      | Miss Lena Hannaford                                  |
| Cumberland Mills   | Mrs. Geo. E. Morrill                                 | Mrs. Howard E. Cotton                                |
| Cumberland Mills Y | Miss Myra E. Whitney<br>(Westbrook)                  | Miss Myra E. Whitney<br>(Westbrook)                  |
| East Windham       | Mrs. Josephine Merrill<br>(S. Windham, R.F.D. No. 1) | Miss Florence Sweetman<br>(S. Windham, R.F.D. No. 1) |
| Freeport           | Mrs. A. C. Bowden                                    | Mrs. H. E. Coffin                                    |
| Gray               | Mrs. Abbie A. Smith                                  | Mrs. Clara W. Dow                                    |
| Harrison           | Mrs. Lilla E. Cole                                   | Mrs. Myra M. Patrick                                 |
| New Gloucester     | Mrs. Margaret E. Jordan<br>(Upper Gloucester)        | Mrs. Jennie Sturgis                                  |
| Newhall            | Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan<br>(South Windham)            | Mrs. Etta M. Walker<br>(Gorham)                      |
| North Yarmouth     | Mrs. Harriet B. Richards                             | Mrs. Emma A. Hayes                                   |
| Otisfield          | Miss Harriet J. Loring<br>(East Otisfield)           | Miss Etta M. Mayberry<br>(Harrison, R.F.D., No. 3)   |
| Peak's Island      | Mrs. Nancy B. Sterling                               | Mrs. Lila A. Bliesling                               |
| Portland           | Miss Cornella M. Dow                                 | Mrs. Emma E. Knight<br>(246 Allen Ave.)              |
| South Windham      | Mrs. M. A. Edwards                                   | Mrs. Abbie Morton                                    |
| Stroudwater        | Mrs. Gertrude S. Leavitt                             | Mrs. H. A. Jackson                                   |
| Westbrook          | Mrs. N. A. Whitney                                   | Mrs. Sarah J. Gilkey                                 |
| Windham Center     | Mrs. Adelia L. Varney                                | Miss Cynthia S. Carter                               |
| Yarmouth           | Mrs. Emma L. Blake                                   | Mrs. Eva G. Maxfield                                 |



## FRANKLIN COUNTY.

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| County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. O. M. Jennings, Farmington |                           |                       |
| County Treasurer—Mrs. Luella E. Reynolds, Farmington  |                           |                       |
|                                                       | PRESIDENT.                | COR. SECRETARY.       |
| Farmington                                            | Mrs. Sarah B. Purington   | Mrs. O. M. Jennings   |
| Farmington,<br>Somerset Y                             | Miss Grace M. Tibbets     | Miss Lena M. Madan    |
| Kingfield                                             | Mrs. Josephine M. Jenkins | Mrs. Annette Thompson |
| New Sharon                                            | Mrs. Addie S. Remick      | Mrs. Emily F. Rand    |
| North Jay                                             |                           | Mrs. Iola A. Emery    |
| Stratton                                              | Mrs. Emma M. Porter       | Mrs. Ella Blanchard   |
|                                                       | (Eustis)                  |                       |
| Wilton                                                | Mrs. R. C. Fuller         | Mrs. G. H. Bass       |

## HANCOCK COUNTY.

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|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Rubie J. Tracy, Winter Harbor |                           |                         |
| County Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. Clark, Southwest Harbor      |                           |                         |
| Bar Harbor                                               | Mrs. Hannah B. Jordan     | Miss Juliette Nickerson |
| Bar Harbor Y                                             | Miss Maude P. Chaffey     | Miss Ida M. Kelley      |
|                                                          |                           | (Tremont)               |
| Northeast Harbor                                         | Mrs. Evadne Bunker        | Mrs. Emily Manchester   |
| So. Deer Isle                                            | Mrs. Susan F. Warren      | Mrs. Rebecca S. Warren  |
| Southwest Harbor                                         | Mrs. A. C. Norwood        | Mrs. A. W. Clark        |
| Southwest Harbor Y                                       | Miss Katherine P. Freeman | Miss Grace C. Carroll   |
| Stonington                                               | Mrs. Laura J. Small       | Mrs. Violet Goss        |
| Winter Harbor                                            | Mrs. Jennie Kingsley      | Mrs. Cora Guptill       |

## KENNEBEC COUNTY.

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary—Miss Etta H. Johnston, Winthrop Center   |                        |                              |
| County Treasurer—Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, 23 Stone St., Augusta |                        |                              |
| Augusta                                                        | Mrs. Olive Holway      | Mrs. Mary H. Church          |
| China                                                          | Mrs. Edna C. Hunnewell | Mrs. Katherine M. Brown      |
| Gardiner                                                       | Mrs. Sarah S. Payne    | Mrs. Chester Beane           |
| Hallowell                                                      | Mrs. Harriet R. Perry  | Mrs. Etta Morse              |
| Monmouth                                                       | Mrs. Helen M. Haynes   | Mrs. Lettie T. Pinkham       |
| Sidney                                                         | Mrs. Lucy Wyman        | Mrs. H. F. Corson            |
|                                                                | (Oakland, Route 36)    | (Augusta, Route 4)           |
| South China                                                    | Mrs. Emma F. Plaisted  | Miss Harriet L. Hoxie        |
| Vassalboro                                                     | Mrs. Anna Marden       | Miss Emily S. Weeks          |
|                                                                | (East Vassalboro)      | (N. Vassalboro, R. F. D. 50) |
| Wayne                                                          | Mrs. Jennie L. Johnson | Mrs. Harriet T. White        |
| Waterville                                                     | Mrs. Sarah G. Crosby   | Mrs. Abbie J. Tubbs          |
| Winthrop                                                       | Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey  | Miss Alice A. Clough         |
|                                                                | (Winthrop Center)      | (Winthrop Center)            |

## KNOX COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Elizabeth Newbert, Appleton

County Treasurer—Mrs. Clara E. Light, Union

## PRESIDENT.

## COR. SECRETARY.

|             |                        |                       |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Appleton    | Mrs. Mary E. Hanley    | Mrs. Evie M. Perry    |
| Camden      | Miss Carrie S. Barrows | Mrs. D. F. Wadsworth  |
| Friendship  | Mrs. Susan Bradford    | Mrs. Mary Stanley     |
| Rockland    | Mrs. R. C. Hall        | Miss Clara M. Farwell |
| Spruce Head | Mrs. C. P. Waldron     | Mrs. Susan Smith      |
| Thomaston   | Mrs. John Stetson      | Mrs. A. F. Burton     |
| Union       | Mrs. Clara E. Light    | Mrs. Abby S. Hills    |
| Warren      | Mrs. Marion H. Mallett | Mrs. Josepha W. Watts |

## LINCOLN COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro

County Treasurer—Mrs. M. E. Wellman, Cedar Grove

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| Boothbay Harbor               | Mrs. Isaac Coombs     | Mrs. B. F. Spurling     |
| Bremen                        | Mrs. Almeda Havener   | Mrs. Laura E. Turner    |
| Dresden Mills                 | Mrs. M. E. Wellman    | Mrs. J. Maude Barker    |
|                               | (Cedar Grove)         | (Cedar Grove)           |
| East Jefferson                | Mrs. Angia A. Skinner | Miss Addie C. Ames      |
| East Jefferson Y              | Miss Ella E. Chapman  | Miss R. Ella Russell    |
| Newcastle and<br>Damariscotta | Miss Almira F. Ginn   | Mrs. Amanda W. Bryant   |
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| North Waldoboro               | Mrs. Lavinia Hoffses  | Mrs. Genia Meserve      |
| Round Pond                    | Mrs. Emma F. Fuller   | Mrs. J. E. Nichols      |
| South Newcastle               | Mrs. Mary E. Sherman  | Miss Sarah A. Shortwell |
| Southport Y                   | Miss Susan Greenleaf  | Miss Lydia Maw          |
| Waldoboro                     | Mrs. D. W. Potter     | Mrs. Susan F. Winslow   |

## OXFORD COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Annie M. Barnes, Norway

County Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie M. Y. Clifford, Hiram

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| Bethel        | Mrs. Sarah F. Billings     | Mrs. Emma W. Chandler  |
| Brownfield    | Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney     | Mrs. A. J. Cameron     |
|               | (East Brownfield)          |                        |
| Buckfield     | Mrs. Caroline M. Spaulding | Mrs. L. Murch          |
| Hiram         | Mrs. Fannie M. Y. Clifford | Mrs. Fannie M. Burnell |
| Norway        | Mrs. C. N. Tubbs           | Mrs. Alice Woodsome    |
| Rumford Falls | Mrs. Emma J. Crowe         | Miss Mary Bisbee       |
| South Paris   | Mrs. L. W. Berry           | Mrs. Harriet W. Bonney |
| West Paris    | Mrs. Ella Bates            | Mrs. Emily L. Emmons   |

### PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. S. H. Bates, 16 No. Park St., Bangor

County Treasurer—Mrs. L. M. Howes, Enfield

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bangor Crusade          | Mrs. L. J. Wheelden               | Mrs. S. L. Beecroft          |
| Bangor                  | Mrs. Addie M. Mitchell            | Mrs. S. H. Bates             |
| Bangor Y                | Miss L. Mabel Freese              |                              |
| Bradford                | Mrs. Susan Plummer                | Mrs. Stella W. Vannah        |
| Burlington              | Mrs. M. J. Barker                 | Mrs. E. E. Page              |
| Carmel                  | Mrs. J. M. Price                  | Miss Ella F. Mayo            |
| Charleston              | Mrs. Sarah T. Johnson             | Mrs. Sarah Tibbetts          |
| Dexter                  | Mrs. E. R. Horton                 | Mrs. Flora A. Carr           |
| East Corinth            | Mrs. Mary A. Farmer               | Mrs. Emily M. McKenney       |
| East Dixmont            | Mrs. Lida J. Tasker               | Mrs. Florence M. Rowell      |
| Enfield                 | Mrs. Lila B. Howes                | Mrs. Katherine Wilson        |
| Garland                 | Mrs. Mark Avery                   | Mrs. B. M. Avery             |
| Kenduskeag              | Miss Ethel Cole                   | Miss Annie Edgerly           |
| Lagrange                | Mrs. Cella Frost                  | Mrs. Amanda Savage           |
| Lincoln                 | Mrs. V. E. Libby                  | Mrs. C. E. Osborn            |
| Mattawamkeag            | Mrs. D. S. Chadbourne             | Mrs. Ida Gray                |
| Millinocket             | Mrs. Sarah R. Beattie             | Mrs. Alice M. Robertson      |
| Montague and<br>Howland | Mrs. Maude E. Bates<br>(Montague) | Mrs. Della Lord<br>(Howland) |
| Newport                 | Mrs. S. A. Howe                   | Mrs. T. S. Ross              |
| North Orrington         | Mrs. Mary P. Johnson              | Mrs. Josephine L. Johnson    |
| Oldtown                 | Mrs. H. M. Dickey                 | Mrs. Harriet M. Hunt         |
| Oldtown Y               | Miss Ella F. Merrill              | Miss Bessie V. Johnston      |
| Orono                   | Mrs. A. L. Clifford               | Miss Olive J. McPheters      |
| Orono Y                 | Miss Nellie Goode                 | Miss Jennie Brown            |
| Passadumkeag            | Mrs. Belle Twaddle                | Mrs. Flora T. McDuff         |
| Patten                  | Mrs. Lucia E. Fairfield           | Mrs. Mabel Mayo              |

### PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Walton, Milo

County Treasurer—Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft

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|------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Abbott Village   | Mrs. Elizabeth H. Delano | Helen H. Delano        |
| Atkinson         | Mrs. Abbie Meservey      |                        |
| Boyd Lake        | Mrs. Jennie S. McKenzie  | Mrs. Nettie S. Perkins |
| Brownville       | Mrs. Eliza Howard        | Mrs. Annie L. Ryder    |
| Burdin           | Mrs. Jane C. Foss        | Mrs. Marla P. Watson   |
| Dover & Foxcroft | Mrs. L. P. Evans         | Mrs. F. H. Pratt       |
| Greenville       | Mrs. W. L. Rogers        | Mrs. Frances S. Rogers |
| Milo             | Mrs. E. E. Walton        | Mrs. E. E. Walton      |
| Monson           | Mrs. Anna Davis          | Mrs. Azelle Ladd       |
| Parkman          | Mrs. L. W. Clark         | Mrs. L. H. Wight       |
| Shirley          | Mrs. Emma Young          |                        |

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County Cor. Secretary—Miss Kate W. Spinney, Popham Beach

County Treasurer—Mrs. Susan N. Montgomery, Bath

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|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bath           | Mrs. Helen Delano      | Mrs. S. N. Montgomery   |
| Bath Y         |                        | Mrs. Ethel M. Blanchard |
| Bowdoinham     | Mrs. L. D. Small       | Mrs. L. D. Small        |
| Popham Beach   | Miss Kate W. Spinney   | Mrs. Annie Spinney      |
| Popham Beach Y | Miss Jessie Richardson | Miss Gladys Leighton    |

**SOMERSET COUNTY.**

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. H. May Lawrence, Madison

County Treasurer—Mrs. Annie M. Frost, Pittsfield

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|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Bingham       | Mrs. Dora Goodrich       |                     |
| Bingham Y     | Mrs. Alice J. Smith      | Miss Emma Hilton    |
| E. St. Albans | Mrs. Narcissa A. Libby   | Miss Mabel Libby    |
| Fairfield     | Mrs. Flora A. Fikes      | Mrs. C. C. Hatch    |
| Hartland      | Mrs. Jennie Schwartz     | Mrs. Sarah C. Page  |
| Madison       | Mrs. Juliette Edwards    | Mrs. C. K. Evans    |
| Mercer        |                          |                     |
| Palmyra       | Mrs. E. L. Cook          | Miss Myra E. Pray   |
| Pittsfield    | Mrs. Eva W. Bryant       | Mrs. Annie M. Frost |
| Ripley        | Mrs. Julia A. Bowdoin    | Mrs. Mary E. Felker |
| Shawmut       | Mrs. Rebecca E. Lawrence | Mrs. Edith McPhee   |
| Skowhegan     | Mrs. L. W. Weston        | Mrs. F. A. Nolin    |
| St. Albans    | Mrs. Frances M. Chandler | Mrs. Eva P. Turner  |

**WALDO COUNTY**

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Georgia T. Woods, North Troy

County Treasurer—Mrs. A. Sarah Tyler, North Troy

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|------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Belfast    | Miss Ellen P. Frothingham | Mrs. Ada E. Brier      |
| Burnham    | Mrs. E. D. Carr           | Mrs. M. Gilmore        |
| Freedom    | Mrs. Anne Murch           | Mrs. Annie Libby       |
| Monroe     | Mrs. Elizabeth M. Stearns | Miss S. A. Mansur      |
| Northport  | Mrs. Sarah Orcutt         | Mrs. Etta P. Dickey    |
| Searsmont  | Mrs. Emma Beebe           | Miss Emily P. Miller   |
| Troy       | Mrs. Georgia T. Woods     | Mrs. Rewbertle Whitney |
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| Waldo      | Mrs. Lucy E. Roberts      | Mrs. Mary A. Smith     |
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**WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. W. S. McKellar, Calais

County Treasurer—Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Eastport

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| Baring | Mrs. Julia F. Getchell | Miss Lydia Polleys     |
| Calais | Mrs. E. M. Vose        | Mrs. Weston McAllister |

## WASHINGTON COUNTY—Continued.

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|----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|
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| Columbia Falls | Mrs. Fronle E. Smith                        | Mrs. Agnes Goodwin     |
| Eastport       | Mrs. H. A. Frost                            | Mrs. Susan P. Hayman   |
| Eastport Y     | Miss Lulu S. Daniels                        | Miss Harriet Huckins   |
| East Steuben   | Mrs. Mary A. Pinkham                        | Mrs. L. M. Stevens     |
| Harrington     | Mrs. Cecelia A. Curtes                      | Miss Geneva Plummer    |
| Harrington Y   | Miss Millie Nash                            | Miss Marion D. Lord    |
| Jonesport      | Mrs. Elizabeth R. Peasley                   | Mrs. Frances V. Sawyer |
| Machias        | Mrs. E. C. Drisko                           | Miss M. O. Longfellow  |
| Machias Y      | Miss Kate McDonald                          | Miss Carrie Hill       |
| Millbridge     | Mrs. A. W. Chalmers                         | Mrs. A. C. Friend      |
| Milltown       | Bethia L. Lavers                            | Mrs. Sarah M. Hamilton |
| Milltown Y     | Miss Harriet Lavers                         | Mrs. Harriet Bridgham  |
| Petit Menan    | Mrs. Susan M. Grant                         | Mrs. Hannah Colewell   |
|                | (Millbridge)                                | (Millbridge)           |
| Princeton      | Mrs. Nellie G. Mercier                      | Mrs. Kate Furbush      |
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## YORK COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Mary W. Thomas, Saco

County Treasurer—Mrs. A. B. Buffum, South Berwick

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|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Biddeford     | Mrs. Lydia Fogg           | Mrs. Sarah L. Cram     |
|               | (Alfred St.)              |                        |
| Biddeford Y   | Miss Jane L. D. Leavitt   | Miss Viola M. Campbell |
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| Buxton        | Miss Jennie Garland       | Mrs. W. P. Rounds      |
| Elliot        | Mrs. Laura Abbott         | Miss Marietta B. Frye  |
| Kennebunk     | Miss Anna O. Kimball      | Mrs. S. A. Ross        |
| Kittery       | Mrs. Elizabeth Manson     | Mrs. Annie M. Damon    |
| Kittery Point | Mrs. Maria Frisbee        | Mrs. Belle Hoyt        |
| Limerick      | Mrs. Emily D. J. Mills    | Mrs. Walter Severance  |
| North Berwick | Mrs. Addie Knight         | Mrs. Mary T. Hurd      |
| Old Orchard   | Mrs. Sophia Harvey        | Mrs. Lois H. Moody     |
| Saco          | Mrs. Lucy A. Foss         | Mrs. Mary W. Thomas    |
| Sanford       | Miss Ellen M. Emery       | Miss Mary L. Trafton   |
| South Berwick | Miss Blanche H. Adams     | Miss Ella W. Ricker    |
|               | (Berwick, R. F. D. No. 1) |                        |
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| Mrs. Elizabeth Manson  |                          |

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Report of the Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention  
OF THE  
Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

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PEOPLE'S BAPTIST CHURCH, DOVER.

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The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the People's Baptist Church, Dover, September 15-17, 1903.

The beautiful state prize banner and the county banners adorned the walls. The platform was decorated by a large number of beautiful bouquets of cut flowers, asters, sweet peas, phlox and pinks.

The convention met in Mrs. Stevens' native town, and many trips were taken to the house where she first saw the light of day, the delegates taking away numberless souvenirs of flowers and cones from Mrs. Stevens' favorite, stately pine trees, standing like sentinels just outside the door.

The delegates were greatly pleased with the courteous reception given them by the family of Mr. G. W. Edgerly.

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Convention, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 9 a. m.

The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow. Convention called to order by the State President, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens. "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" was sung, led by the musical director, Miss Sarah M. Hall.

The Crusade Psalm was read responsively, led by the



general officers, prayer by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney. Singing, "Simply Trusting Every Day."

Roll-call by recording secretary showed all the general officers, nearly all the vice-presidents, and many of the department superintendents present.

On motion, the president appointed the following committees:

Credentials—The corresponding secretary, Miss Cornelia M Dow, Mrs. S. H. Bates, Miss Isabel M. Shirley. Courtesies—Mrs. Clara V. Evans, Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Miss Isabel H. Stickney, Miss Carrie Jackson, Miss Jennie Price, Miss Belle Downes, Mrs. M. F. Hobbs.

Then followed the recommendations of the State President, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens; which were both able and logical and were received with much applause.

On motion, the recommendations were accepted with three hearty cheers and the Chautauqua salute.

Mrs. Nelle G. Burger of Missouri was then introduced and most cordially received.

Voted, To accept the program as prepared.

Report of department of Mercy given by Miss Mary Crosby.

Voted, That the report of the L. T. L. department should be the special order at 4 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon.

On motion of Miss Dow, Mrs. Burger was made a member of the convention.

Noontide prayer offered by Rev. F. H. Pratt, pastor of the church where the convention is held.

Remarks by Mrs. Stevens concerning the sad and unexpected passing away of Mrs. Alice Gordon Gulick, president of the W. C. T. U. of Spain, also president of a college for girls in Madrid, and sister of our Anna Gordon. Singing, "Elest Be the Tie that Binds."

Announcements were made and the convention adjourned after benediction by Rev. E. L. Sampson.

Convention, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2 p. m.

Convention called to order by President Stevens. Prayer by Miss Jennie Price.

Reports of Star in the East by the editor, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, and the publisher, Miss Cornelia M. Dow, were made and received with applause.

A most gratifying report of the financial condition of Headquarters was given by Miss Dow and received with thanks.

The president made some explanations regarding the Union Signal, and stated that changes would probably be made in the management which would be for the benefit of the organization.

Then followed the introduction of the following clergymen and friends who made pleasant and helpful remarks: Rev. C. H. Johonnett, Hartland; Rev. E. L. Sampson, Foxcroft; A. S. Strout, Guilford; Rev. Hannah J. Powell; Rev. Geo. C. Bliss, Springfield; Rev. L. E. Hall, Charleston; Rev. A. Gertrude Earle, Dover.

The state treasurer, Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston, read her annual report which showed a good balance in the treasury.

The auditor's report was read by Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames and accepted, after which the treasurer's report was accepted by a rising vote of thanks.

The report on Sabbath Observance was given by Mrs. Phebe A. Pinkham.

At this point Miss Anna A. Gordon was introduced and was most cordially received by the convention. She made some very touching and interesting remarks. Miss Gordon was made a member of the convention.

The report of the press department was given by Miss Mary L. French and followed by some discussion.

By request, President Stevens gave an explanation of the

chain letter scheme, and said that no endorsement had ever been given by the W. C. T. U. to any of these undesirable projects.

Remarks by Miss Moore urging the delegates to purchase the Y almanac as the proceeds were devoted to the support of Miss Kara A. Smart in Japan.

The department of the Loyal Temperance Legion was reported by the superintendent, Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames. Following this report Miss Gordon emphasized the great value of this work.

Miss Belle Downes presented Miss Gordon with a bouquet of cream white roses which she placed on Miss Willard's picture.

Singing, "Some Glad Day," by Miss Hall, congregation joining in the chorus.

Announcements were made, the benediction pronounced by the Rev. H. W. Norton, and the convention adjourned.

Convention, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 7.30 p. m.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens presiding.

Music by the Baptist choir.

Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Abbie E. Shapleigh.

The solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," by Miss Hall, was received with great applause.

An address of welcome on behalf of the towns of Dover and Foxcroft was given by Hon. W. F. Parsons, who spoke of the work of the W. C. T. U. in the home, in the legislature and in the world. He referred also to President Stevens in glowing terms.

Rev. H. W. Norton followed, speaking in behalf of the churches. He felt that the churches especially welcomed the convention in that it was fighting the worst foe to righteousness.

Mrs. Clara V. Evans, on behalf of the local union, fittingly referred to the birthplace of Mrs. Stevens in Dover and said that the latchstring of the home was out to members of the convention.

All the addresses received many compliments.

In response, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt spoke of the welcome they had received as being most cordial and hearty. She paid a fine tribute to her mother, President Stevens, in her home life which effectively answered the objection that the women neglect their homes to do temperance work.

Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

President Stevens gave the principal address of the evening, which embodied the ideas advanced in her recommendations of the morning. It contained words of encouragement to the workers and gave a world-wide view of the situation. She said that the two basic principles of the W. C. T. U. are total abstinence and prohibition; that the man who is a total abstainer is at a premium in the business world today, and that the temperance sentiment is rising and advancing throughout the world.

Collection. Music by the choir. Benediction.

Executive Committee, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 8.30 a. m.

The Executive Committee met at 8.30 a. m. Prayer by Mrs. Helen Delano.

Voted, To continue the legislative committee of the Maine W. C. T. U. consisting of the general officers, and to enlarge the committee by adding the county presidents. Said committee to be further enlarged according to the needs of certain localities.

The committee rose.

Convention, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 9 a. m.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy.

Convention called to order by the president.

Report of executive committee meeting read and adopted.

Report of meetings of preceding day read and approved.

Report of medal contest given by Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan.

Discussion.

Mrs. Burger spoke of the valuable assistance medal contests have been in other states.

Mrs. V. K. Rollins reported for Temperance Literature and Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney for Sunday School Work.

Voted, To authorize state superintendent of S. S. Work and superintendent of Literature to send suitable articles to the editor of the Sunday School Star for publication.

Rev. H. H. Hayes, pastor of Free Baptist church, Dover, and Rev. V. M. Hardy, pastor of the Congregational church, Dover, spoke strongly in favor of the prohibitory law.

Voted to send a telegram of greeting to the First Maine Cavalry now holding a reunion at Dexter.

A verse of "America" was sung, led by Miss Hall.

The report of the resolutions committee was read by the chairman, Mrs. A. B. Crockett.

Voted to read the resolutions as a whole and consider them seriatim.

The resolutions were discussed, amended and adopted as follows:

#### PREAMBLE.

We, the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union as co-laborers with God and relying always on Him for guidance have once more assembled in convention, still believing in the ultimate victory of our holy cause. We are greatly rejoiced to know that total abstinence is increasing; that prohibition sentiment is rapidly gaining ground in license territory and that great nations are sounding the alarm against the perils of the drink habit, hence with one heart and mind we once

more declare that it is our continued purpose to labor unceasingly for the following basic principles:

#### TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

Since the annihilation of the drink habit, the prime object for which we strive, can only come through universal total abstinence we will continue to work patiently and earnestly until God gives us victory.

#### PROHIBITION.

Resolved, That we affirm our belief in the righteousness and efficiency of the law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks. We are opposed to re-submission and will do our utmost to repel the attack now being made upon the Maine law by the liquor interest of the state and nation. To this end we will seek to arouse the indifferent and to inform those who are misled by false and illegal statements. We will hold public meetings, distribute literature, circulate petitions, etc., and work to carry out plans that may be formulated by the legislative committee of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### PURITY.

We reiterate our former declarations in favor of purity in the individual, in the home, in society and in the nation. And we will seek to destroy those influences which foster and encourage impurity in word and deed.

#### TRAINING THE YOUNG.

Because the children of to-day are the men and women of to-morrow and because formation is better than reformation, we, as an organization, will continue to train the boys and girls in temperance principles, emphasizing the evil effects caused by the use of alcohol and narcotics, by courses of study, scientific, ethical and governmental, through the day school, the Sunday school, the Loyal Temperance Legion and Medal Contests, thus insuring a future nation of intelligent total abstainers.

#### SUFFRAGE.

Believing that franchise for woman is a measure of simple justice and also that the ballot in the hands of women will hasten the overthrow of the liquor traffic and kindred evils, therefore,

Resolved, That we will never cease to labor for equal suffrage until the same is granted.

#### COURTESIES.

We hereby wish to express our obligations and gratitude to the Dover and Foxcroft union and to the citizens of both towns who have tendered gracious hospitality in their homes.

To the press our appreciation is due for full and just reports of our proceedings. To the officials of the People's Baptist church; to all who have furnished special music; to the faithful pages; to the railroad officials and all others who have contributed to our pleasure and success we give hearty thanks.

Rev. Mr. Hardy offered the noon-tide prayer.

Reception of memorial and life members was made the order for Wednesday at 3 p. m.

Voted, That the report of Flower Mission Work be given at the Y hour.

Moved and seconded that telegrams of love, sympathy and appreciation be sent to Mrs. Effie Littlefield Murray and Mrs. L. J. Spaulding. Also that a telegram of love and gratitude be sent to Mrs. Margaret T. W. Merrill. Carried by a rising vote.

Doxology, benediction by Mr. Hardy. Adjourned.

Convention, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2 p. m.

Convention called to order by President Stevens.

Singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." Prayer by Mrs. Curtis of Dexter.

Report of Foreign Speaking Peoples by Mrs. Frances W. Bradbury.

The following were made life members: Mrs. Mary S. Burnham by Cumberland County, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney by her daughter, Isabel, Mrs. A. W. Clark by Hancock County, Mrs. Frances M. Chandler by Somerset County, Mrs. Sadie H. Bates by Penobscot County, Gordon Woodbury Johnson by Miss Anna Gordon. Memorial members: Nathaniel Ames and Mrs. Nancy Parson Ames by their granddaughter, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, Adoniram J. Ames by his sister, Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, Jesse Chandler by Mrs. Frances Chandler, Miss Julia W. Soule by Mrs. M. C. McDowell.

Mrs. Estelle B. Stanley of Duck Island light station, McKinley, Me., gave an interesting report of the work among light house keepers.

Miss Jennie M. Brown of West Paris reported that the important department of Work Among the Soldiers and Sailors

is receiving increasing interest and attention and with good results.

Mrs. M. S. Burnham, superintendent of the work at Portland, added an extremely interesting account of the work done at that place.

Report of Work Among Railroad Employes, Mrs. Helen A. Thomas. Brief remarks upon importance of this work by Mrs. Burger.



Memorial service conducted by Mrs. R. C. Hall.

"Are they not all ministering spirits?" Let us be glad of immortality, and of all those who have loved it, as all great souls have done. Let us wait like a sentry on duty, listening for the word of command in this brief, earthly battle, that we may become skilled in the great unseen battle of the forces of good, when, with no weariness following our work, we are God's true, bright messengers to the suffering and bewildered of this world."

—Frances E. Willard.

Solo, "The Shepherd's Psalm," by Miss Alice Genthner of Foxcroft.

Resolved, That the members of the Maine W. C. T. U. feel a sense of personal bereavement in the home going of Mrs. Alice Gordon Guick and wish to convey to Miss Anna Gordon our loving sympathy in her sorrow, and reverently thank the dear Father that He sustains her by His wondrous power and supplies her with that Christian courage and fortitude which sacrifices self upon the altar of duty.

Miss Belle Downs read the names of those, who this year have left us for that country where there is no more sickness or sorrow:

Mrs. Mary E. Cole, Miss Julia W. Soule, Mrs. Mary W. Fletcher, Portland; Mrs. Jane E. Quinby, Miss Ann Broad, Stroudwater; Mrs. Emma Haskell, New Gloucester; Mrs. John Leighton, Mrs. A. L. Burbank, Portland; Miss Sarah B. Barrows, Burmah; Mrs. Clara F. Nickerson, Miss Evilena Eells, Mrs. D. W. Lincoln, Belfast; Mrs. Jane E. Nye, Monroe; Mrs. Melissa Woodbury, Northport; Miss Lucy A. Grindle, Winterport; Mrs. Drusilla Levensaler, Brownville; Miss Edna Marden, Vassalboro; Mrs. Jennie L. Pratt, West Paris; Mrs. Mary Durgin, Brownfield; Mrs. E. I. Spofford, South Paris; Mrs.



James Danforth, Norway; Mrs. Ellen Sullivan, Mrs. Addie Arnold, Appleton; Mrs. Sarah Cutting, Warren; Mrs. Ella M. T. Wentworth, Rockport; Mrs. Ann Neal, Mrs. Fannie S. Tucker, Mrs. Bettie Rowe, Kittery; Mrs. M. Houston, Mrs. Martha O. Robbins, Mrs. Lydia B. Lurvey, Southwest Harbor; Mrs. Charlotte A. Huckins, Petit Menan; Mrs. Lizzie Cole, Mrs. Kate Gibson, Calais; Mrs. S. Irving Lovell, Eastport; Mrs. Cary, Augusta; Mrs. Mary Hunter, Mars Hill; Mrs. Sarah Torrey, Foxcroft; Mrs. Cornelia Chamberlain, Foxcroft; Miss Elith E. Burdin, Burdin; Miss Flora Bell, Fairfield Y; Mrs. Bessie Parcher, Dexter; Mrs. Ellen Stanley, Mrs. Martha Wiggin, Mrs. Nancy Starbird, Lewiston; Mrs. Celia Lara, Miss Isabelle Bateman, Mrs. Geo. W. Blanchard, Auburn; Miss Lulu E. Dudley, Mrs. Belle McPeters, Bangor; Mrs. Chester Weld, Kenduskeag; Mrs. Charlotte Robinson, Skowhegan; Mrs. Angie Martin, Mrs. John Lowell, St. Albans; Miss Myra Pray, Palmyra. Honorary Members: Dea. T. H. Chapman, Bethel; Dea. H. H. Crie, Mr. H. N. Keen, Rockland; Mr. E. A. Foss, Burdin; Mr. Frank Ames, Fairfield Y; Mr. J. C. Longley, Madison.

Prayer by Mrs. Burger. Remarks by Mrs. Hall and a most touching poem read. Tender words by Mrs. Stevens.

A bouquet of beautiful flowers was presented by the Cumberland delegation to Mrs. Stevens to be placed on the mounds of her father, mother and brother.

Solo, "Face to Face," was most impressively sung by Miss Hall.

Closed by the delegates rising and repeating the Mizpah benediction.



The Young Woman's hour was presided over by Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt. Solo by Miss Hall. Report of Miss Lubelle Patrick, Y secretary, read by Miss Ella F. Merrill. Address by Miss Jennie Price.

Report of Flower Mission Department by Miss Belle Downes.

Remarks by Miss Alice H. Moore, especially regarding the Y work.

Short, but helpful talk by Mrs. Nelle G. Burger.

Singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Doxology. Adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday Sept. 16, 5 p. m.

Committee called to order by the president.

Prayer by Mrs. F. M. Chandler.

Moved by Mrs. Beedy and seconded by Mrs. Chandler that the morning devotional meetings of the next State Convention be held from 8.30 to 9.30.

Committee on appropriations appointed, the treasurer, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Stickney.

The treasurer and Mrs Beedy were appointed to award and present the prize banner given to the county making the greatest gain pro rata.

The department superintendents were nominated.

The committee rose.

Convention, Wednesday, Sept. 16, 7.30 p. m.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens presiding. The Crusade Hymn was sung. Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. F. M. Chandler. Duet, "Lead Kindly Light," by Miss Hall and Dr. E. D. Merrill of Foxcroft.

President Stevens introduced Miss Anna A. Gordon as the speaker of the evening.

Miss Gordon's address was both witty and pointed and was much enjoyed by the audience. She alluded pleasantly to President Stevens and Dover and Foxcroft where she had passed some of her early years and spoke particularly of the fact that the ministers in Maine strongly favored prohibition. She warned parents that the liquor dealers were making a systematic effort to recruit the ranks of their customers by

drawing children to the saloons and creating in them an appetite for liquor.

Liquor dealers, she said, claim as a reason for the substitution of a license law for the prohibitory law, that under the former there would be a better condition of things than now, but she could not understand why they should advocate a law that would decrease their business.

Miss Gordon spoke of the efficient work of Miss Hall, the musical director, and presented her with a baton made from the wood of an apple tree that once grew in Miss Willard's garden.

Miss Hall sang "Welcome," the Maine State Song written by Miss Gordon, and sung at the National Convention in Portland, the audience joining in the chorus. Mrs. Burger also rendered "The Little Lady of Shalotte," by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

Collection. Benediction by Rev. F. H. Pratt.

Convention, Thursday, Sept. 17, 9 a. m.

A service of prayer and praise was led by Mrs. L. W. Clark of Parkman.

Convention called to order by the president, who read the words of Frances E. Willard on the program for Thursday.

Minutes of Executive Meeting read and adopted.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Telegram received from the First Maine Cavalry in response to one sent them..

Telegram received from Mrs. Mary R. Wade, first president of the Dover and Foxcroft Union.

During the forenoon Rev. W. A. Meservey, Rev. W. W. Hayden and H. F. Daggett of Milo, Rev. W. H. Clark of Parkman, the editor of the Observer and Rev. H. H. Hayes of

Dover, were introduced to the convention and made brief remarks, speaking strongly against resubmission.

Report of Securing Homes for Homeless Children given by Miss Jennie Anthoine. Mrs. Woods of Calais, a lady over 80 years old, was introduced as one who had been very successful in finding homes for children. In nine years this department has provided for over 250 children.

Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy reported for Prison, Jail and Almshouse Work.

On motion of Mrs. A. S. Johnston, the state constitution was so amended that the state superintendents are made members of the Executive Committee of the Maine W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Myrtle R. G. Ames gave the following notice:

"I hereby give notice that at our next convention I, or some one in my place, will move to add to Article III of our Constitution, 'And one delegate for every fifty paying members of the Loyal Temperance Legions in the State.'"

Report of Credential Committee made, showing 204 delegates present. Adopted.

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, on motion, the chair appointed the following tellers: Mrs. Fanny Damon, Mrs. Georgia Tyler Woods, Miss Jennie Price, Mrs. Della Libby, Miss Cora Loring, Miss Mary Hovey. The tellers reported that Mrs. Stevens had received all the votes cast for president.

Moved that the recording secretary cast the ballot of the convention for Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens as president. The recording secretary cast the ballot and Vice President Gordon declared Mrs. Stevens elected and presented her to the convention.

The convention rose and sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The unanimous election of Mrs. Stevens was her 27th as State President. In accepting this election, Mrs. Stevens

spoke tender words of appreciation of the comradeship and help which had always been given her. She said that at this time great responsibilities rest upon the W. C. T. U., but it should go on and be victorious.

Miss Gordon moved that a telegram announcing Mrs. Stevens' election be sent to Mr. Stevens. Moved that the recording secretary send letters to the sisters of Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Skillin.

The following officers were re-elected: Miss Cornelia M. Dow, corresponding secretary; Miss Clara M. Farwell, recording secretary; Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston, treasurer.

Miss Farwell nominated Miss Jennie M. Brown as assistant recording secretary. The nomination was confirmed.

Noon-tide prayer, Rev. A. Gertrude Earle.

Mrs. Chas. F. Allen, the first president of the Maine State, W. C. T. U., who had been seated on the platform, spoke feelingly to the convention. Mrs. Allen is now a resident of California and is on a visit to Maine.

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung with special reference to the words of Mrs. Allen.

Benediction by Rev. A. W. Meservey. Adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting, Thursday, Sept. 17, 1.30 p. m.

Called to order by the president.

Prayer by Miss A. F. Ginn.

Voted, to appoint Miss Alice H. Moore and Miss Jennie M. Price as state organizers.

The committee rose.

Convention, Thursday, Sept. 17, 2 p. m.

Convention called to order by the president.

Singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer by Mrs. Oliver Newman.

Minutes of Executive Committee read and adopted. Minutes of Thursday morning read and approved.

Election of national delegates: Mrs. J. F. Quimby, Turner; Mrs. Anna A. Morse, Island Falls; Mrs. Olive S. Hanson, Portland; Mrs. Estelle B. Stanley, McKinley; Mrs. Anna Austin, Farmington; Miss Alice H. Moore, Rockland; Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, Augusta; Miss Jennie Price, Carmel; Mrs. Effie J. Sawyer, Millbridge; Y delegate, Miss Isabel H. Stickney; alternates: Miss Mary L. French, Auburn; Miss Belle Downes, Houlton; Mrs. M. C. McDowell, Portland; Miss Emily F. Miller, North Searsmont; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Farmington; Mrs. George W. Lord, Calais; Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Miss Sarah M. Hall.

Mrs. Helen C. Beedy gave a report on Reformatory for Women. She spoke of the valuable building on Widow's Island, 12 miles from Rockland, which the National Government had given the State and said that the State W. C. T. U. was trying to influence the State to use it as a reformatory for women.

Miss Annie M. Nichols of North Vassalboro made a report on Systematic Giving; Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, Windham Center, on Bible Reading and Evangelistic Work; Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft, assisted by the superintendents of Piscataquis and Penobscot counties, on State and County Fairs. Through the latter department rest rooms and ice water have been furnished at fairs throughout the state, and much literature distributed.

Peace and Arbitration reported by Miss Alice M. Douglass.

Members of Dover and Foxcroft Union, the entertainment committee, and pages, were presented to the convention and received with applause and the Chautauqua salute.

Mrs. F. H. Pratt and baby were introduced to the convention. Baby Pratt was presented with a rose by Miss Gordon and Mrs. Stevens tied a white ribbon on its arm, all emblematic of the interest the W. C. T. U. takes in children.

A verse of the State Song, written by Miss Anna Gordon, was sung.

Recitation, "Fisherman Jack," by Mrs. Burger.

Following this was the County Presidents' Hour, when each made a short fitting report of the year's work in her county.

A very pretty and impressive scene was enacted when the Piscataquis County women gathered around Mrs. Stevens and her daughter, Mrs. Leavitt, and sang their county song while the convention joined in the chorus in honor of their leader and her native town, Dover.

The prize banner, won last year by Somerset County, was presented by Mrs. Beedy to Penobscot County for having made the largest gain in membership, 99 members. The original donor, Mrs. Olive Stevens Hanson, offers for next year a gavel made from cherry wood from Mrs. Stevens' garden. This prize is to be kept, instead of going about from year to year.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Hanson.

Telegram received from Mrs. L. J. Spaulding.

A message of sympathy was sent Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey of Winthrop, who was unable to be present because of illness, and prayer was offered in her behalf by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Committee.

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#### Executive Meeting, 5 p. m.

Meeting called to order by the president.

Prayer by the president.

Report of Appropriations Committee made and accepted as follows: President's appropriation, \$200; president's postage, \$200; corresponding secretary's, recording secretary's and treasurer's bills as received; state superintendent of literature, \$50; L. T. L. medal contest and Y department each \$20;

Scientific Temperance Instruction as per bill rendered not to exceed \$20; all other superintendents \$5.

Voted, That the corresponding secretary shall have the terms and conditions upon which the state organizers can be obtained by local unions, and in unorganized places, put in printed form and a copy sent to each union.

Voted, To leave all unfinished business to the general officers.

The committee rose.

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Convention, Thursday, Sept. 17, 7.30 p. m.

The report of Miss Moore, state organizer, read.

Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy was introduced as the president of the Dorothea Dix Association and made some interesting remarks concerning that philanthropic woman.

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens presided.

Duet by Miss Hall and Dr. Merrill.

Prayer by Rev. A. Gertrude Earle.

Solo by Miss Hall.

Address by Mrs. Nelle B. Burger of Missouri. She took for her subject: "Barrabas, or Christ; License or Prohibition." The liquor business, she said, is intrenched in the home, church and legislature, in license states, and the law restraining it is not enforced. She effectually dealt with the objection to prohibition by showing the difference between license and prohibition cities, that license does not lessen taxes and does not stimulate business. The remedies she suggested were (1) greater effort to enforce the immigration laws; (2) eliminate the ignorant ballot; (3) grant right of suffrage to women; (4) make the courts a just tribunal; (5) let God into all government. Mrs. Burger is a fine speaker and her remarks were listened to with great interest.



Voted, to refer the report of Miss Alice H. Moore to the Executive Committee.

Resolution of thanks read by Mrs. A. B. Crockett.

Solo, "Victory," by Miss Sarah Munroe Hall.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt moved that the convention adjourn and it was so voted.

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. H. H. Hayes. Adjourned.

CLARA M. FARWELL,

Recording Secretary.



## President's Recommendations.

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Dear Comrades:

It is planned that I give a brief address this evening and hence what I bring to you this morning will be largely recommendations with a brief review of the year's work. First, what have we accomplished since last we assembled in State convention? Only in the most general way can this question be answered. To reply in detail would take hours if not days of time. The earnest effort, the faithful work of the local W. C. T. U. members and of the local unions throughout the state is recorded fully in Heaven alone. Not only has direct temperance work been done but in some instances the philanthropy of the place and even the Sunday School are conducted by the W. C. T. U.

The division of organization has received considerable attention during the year. New unions have been organized and existing unions have been strengthened. There is an increasingly lively interest in the temperance cause and more and more are women coming to realize their responsibilities and their duty in relation to this great home question. It has been often said and often reiterated that women suffer most because of intemperance. Women do not suffer most because women drink more alcoholic poison than men for they drink far less, but because so many of their husbands and sons, fathers and brothers become victims of that which destroys the highest and holiest interests of the home. Because

of all this the W. C. T. U. was called into being, and the work we do is directly in the interest of the home, and all true and good women are interested in the welfare of the home.

I earnestly recommend that at this convention we make definite plans to still further extend organization in our State. To be sure our society is organized in every county but there are some points in nearly every county which have not yet been reached by local organization. It is the duty of the county president with the cooperation of local presidents in her county to strive to reach these places. It is the duty of the State W. C. T. U. to encourage and help such effort every possible way including financial aid if desired. I recommend that we carefully consider this proposition in an executive committee meeting in connection with this convention.

In the educational division of our work I think great advance has been made during the year, and I trust the reports of the various superintendents will thus show. I most earnestly recommend that more attention be given to work among children. Every union should have connected with it a Loyal Temperance Legion. I am well aware of the difficulty of finding leaders for this department but we must arrange in some way to find them and to keep them. In some cases it may be necessary to pay the leader a small amount for her work; this is successfully done by some unions. With a little special effort the money can be easily secured; for work among the children would receive help from many who are not interested in other lines of temperance effort. I think as a rule we underestimate the value of having the help of the children. Aside from the public meeting of the L. T. L. where the children sing and speak we should also enlist them to help in other public meetings, and remember that many a father or brother has been saved through the influence of a little child.

We are gratified that what we have heard from time to time

of the temperance work in Sunday Schools. While there has been some opposition to the plan of the Quarterly Temperance Lesson, yet the action of the last meeting of the International Sabbath School Association is certainly encouraging and our faithful departmental superintendents are enabled to give reports of much work accomplished.

It is well known that temperance teaching is required by law in all of the states and territories and there are it is estimated twenty-two million children and youth of school age in our country and while they will not all be reached we have reason to believe that goodly proportion of the educators of the nation are obedient to the requirements of this law secured largely through the pleadings of the W. C. T. U., whose pleadings however would have been in vain but for the action of legislatures who were convinced of the wisdom of this measure.

A course of study was sent out last spring by the superintendent of the schools of Maine. The division devoted to Physiology and Hygiene contains a large section relative to the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human system. Some of the topics are, "Sugar a food. Alcohol a poison. The poison in tobacco. Alcoholic drink blunt the senses and deceive the mind. Why alcohol is classed with poisons, why not with foods. Change in structure of heart caused by beer and other alcoholic drinks. Power of alcohol to weaken self control. How soon alcohol may be formed in cider. Why railroads require total abstinence. Why business men choose boys who do not use tobacco. Effects of tobacco on ability to study, will to do right and on success in life."

We have great reason to be grateful to Superintendent Stetson for issuing a course of study so plainly in harmony with the law and with the thought of well informed people who have at heart the best interests of the youth of our State. It is but fair to say that there are some well meaning people

who are opposed to such teaching. I found a good representative of this class in another state. A teacher who insisted that it was wrong to call the attention of the children to strong drinks and its effects and this teacher's pupils lived in one of the worst sections of the city where liquor was freely sold and where as a result there was much drunkenness, and the children were constantly brought in contact with drunkards and surrounded by temptation. I am glad that this teacher is an exception, for as a rule educators reason more logically than this.

W. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education, said: "I do not see how any one can question the great general usefulness of scientific temperance instruction established by law in the states of this Nation."

The Advisory Board of the National W. C. T. U. department of scientific temperance instruction is composed of such men as Commissioner Harris, Dr. James R. Day, Chancellor Syracuse University, Dr. T. D. Crothers, Hartford, Conn., Dr. Brower, Illinois, Prof. Webster, Northwestern University Medical College and thus far we have been able to successfully refute the attacks of Prof. Atwater and a few others like minded with him. It is our duty to help and encourage the teachers and be ready always to furnish them with latest and best scientific facts concerning the nature of alcohol and its moral and physical effects.

Our work in finding homes for homeless children is progressing well. Through its department hundreds of children have been placed in real homes, a large proportion of them by legal adoption. We believe in the institution for neglected and dependent children. Institutions are needed at the present time, but we believe still more in the real home and this plan is being introduced by those who have to deal with the dependent and delinquent classes and is proving to be successful in its results. Our state superintendent will present

an encouraging report of work accomplished in this line by the Maine W. C. T. U. during the last year.

I should review all of the work done through our various departments did I not think it better to devote the time it would require to discussions and questions when the reports are presented to this convention. In as much as the department of legislations and petitions is in the hands of the general officers of the State W. C. T. U. I can fitly speak of this work at some length. It is well known that the National W. C. T. U. has its national superintendent of its department of legislations and petitions and that she remains in Washington during the sessions of Congress.

The White Ribboners of Maine always respond promptly when asked to circulate petitions or co-operate with the National society of which it is an important part, but I wish now to speak specially of Maine legislative matters particularly of that part relating to the prohibitory law of our State. It is hardly necessary with such as you to review the story of prohibition in Maine.

The Prohibitory Law of Maine was enacted by the legislature of 1851 and received the signature of the Governor, June 2, 1851, thereby becoming statutory law. The influence of the law for good was felt almost immediately. To be sure there were some unfaithful officials then as now, but the law on the whole was well enforced. And there was a great reduction in the public expense due to pauperism and crime. Notwithstanding this a license law in 1856 was substituted for the prohibitory law, but the people had seen the benefits of prohibition and in 1858 the Prohibitory Law was re-enacted. In the legislature there were 128 votes for it and only 28 against it. It was not necessary for the question to go to the people, but as a matter of form it did go to the voters of Maine at a special election and by an immense majority they sustained

the action of the legislature in substituting prohibition for license.

In 1884 the question was again submitted to the people, this time on the question of making the law more permanent, by dignifying it by placing it in the Constitution of the State, and by a vote of three to one the prohibitory law of Maine was made a part of the fundamental or constitutional law.

There have been frequent attempts for resubmission having in view the repeal of the law and substituted for it some form of license. The vote of the legislature of 1903 on the bill to resubmit stood 115 against resubmission to 54 in favor; but the question is not settled; the enemy of prohibition has declared that such effort must be put forth as will bring about a reversal of this vote in 1905. The analysis of the petitions and remonstrances indicate that those desiring resubmission were largely representatives of the liquor trade either as drinkers or would be sellers and their close sympathizers. Those who remonstrated were the clergymen, the educators, the reformers, the philanthropists and many of the solid business men of the State. Besides the many thousands of individual signatures there were remonstrances from hundreds of churches, from the young people's church societies, the philanthropic societies, the church societies, etc. But this did not settle the question. For the last six months we have been hearing about resubmission clubs and their formation in the various sections of the State, and we looked forward with peculiar interest to the Bangor resubmission convention. That convention has been so well reported by the press of the State that I need not enter into particulars. I may not give a better illustration of its importance and influence than by comparing it with some other recent public gatherings of the Maine people where resubmission was the topic. A few weeks ago at Old Orchard there was a three days' temperance conference. Among the speakers were Congressman Littlefield

Dr. J. W. Bashford, Rev. Mr. Magruder and other prominent men to say nothing of the many leading women who participated. The speeches made were all against resubmission and in strong advocacy of the righteousness and the effectiveness of the prohibitory law; and this sentiment was sustained by the large audience. Two weeks later in another part of the State, Hon. John D. Long delivered an anti-resubmission address. Speaking as a native of Maine and one who spends much of his time in the State and also as a resident of Massachusetts, and therefore being competent to judge of the relative value to the State of state prohibition and local option high license. His clear cut forceful utterances in favor of prohibition should go far in convincing the skeptic or the inquirer for truth that prohibition is by far the best system and that the State that has a prohibitory law should strive to hold it and to enforce it.

A few days ago in Franklin County there was a large open air meeting. Among those who were present were men prominent in church, business and educational circles. At the close of the address the presiding officer asked all who opposed resubmission to rise; no one remained sitting. He then called those who favored resubmission to rise. There were a dozen or more men standing around as is always the case at open air meetings, but when the call came for anti-resubmissionists to stand it was significant to see those already standing hasten to find some seats. They did not wish for a moment to be classed with the resubmissionists.

The same day that the resubmission convention met in Bangor the Baptists of Penobscot County were holding a conference in Bangor, and a strong resolution against resubmission and in favor of prohibition and its strict enforcement was unanimously adopted. A few days later a State convention of the Christian denomination was held in the same city and they passed a similar resolution.



I might enumerate a great many meetings of similar character and expression but these few which have lately taken place are more than enough to offset the one resubmission meeting held in the State. With two bands of music, railroad fares freely paid to give the "needy or indifferent" a good chance to be present, widespread and elaborate advertising succeeded in collecting six hundred people (the largest estimate) who appeared at the famous Bangor resubmission meeting. The personnel of the speakers is too well known to call for description by me. They are unmistakably those who are in league with the liquor interests both inside and outside the State. Their talk is very like that which appears week after week in the Wine and Spirit News, The Washington Sentinel, The New England Liquor Dealer, Bonfort's Wine and Spirit Circular, The Liquor Trades Review and every other journal published in the interest of the liquor business.

There have been in the past a few temperance men who favored resubmission, believing that a reaffirmation of the prohibitory law would bring stricter enforcement, but it is evident that those who now stand for resubmission are aiding and abetting the liquor interest of the State and nation. It is from this class that the demand for resubmission comes.

Money from the National Liquor Manufacturers' and Dealers' Associations will be sent to Maine (no doubt some has already come) as it was sent to Vermont and New Hampshire to help overthrow prohibition. The state will be flooded with resubmission and license literature. The general manager of the National Liquor Dealers' Protective Bureau reported last June that during the year the Bureau had sent out 2,515,000 pieces of literature which had been largely sent to points where prohibition campaigns were pending or anticipated.

We should always make the point clear that we do not fear the result of the vote if the questions of retaining the pro-

hibitory law were again submitted to the voters of Maine. Undoubtedly there would be as large a vote in favor of keeping the law, as there was in 1884, less than a generation ago; but since there is no demand for resubmission which is worthy to be honored, and since it will be far better for temperance people to spend their time and money in advancing the temperance cause rather than battling in a great campaign with the worst elements of society, it is our duty to continue to oppose resubmission, and at the same time to do all within our power to secure enforcement of the law throughout the state. We are deeply grateful to those judges who have been true in word and deed to those high principles and righteous statutes which have to do with the happiness and prosperity of the homes of Maine. We are grateful likewise to all officials who have been and are honest and upright; but we must in this convention renewedly pledge ourselves to perpetual warfare against law breakers, law defiers and home destroyers. We must reappoint and rearrange our legislative committee so that it will continue to be a forceful ready power in every one of our hundreds of local unions.

There never was a time when the temperance cause was advancing as rapidly as now. Even in Continental Europe there is an arrest of thought and the two vital principles of the temperance reform, total abstinence and prohibition, are recognized more widely than ever before in every section of our country and in other civilized lands. It is generally admitted by sociologists that while advancing civilization enlarges the sphere of individual life and liberty, society must also defend itself by an increased number and a strict enforcement of prohibitory statutes.

Let us endeavor to bring about an increased number of temperance mass meetings, temperance sermons, Sunday evening union temperance meetings; the presentation of the question at the meetings of the grangers and summer assemblies; se-

cure help from the young people and the children; freely scatter the best literature on Prohibition vs. License and promptly refute unfounded statements made through the press by anti-prohibitionists. In short, "do everything" to awaken and to keep awake those who wish for the continuance of the Prohibitory Law of Maine, and to educate those who may be inactive, but who desire the promotion of the state's highest and best interests. Only by eternal vigilance can victory be won for any reform.

## Corresponding Secretary's Report.

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Androscoggin County: Eight unions; all report; 393 active and 48 honorary members; two L. T. L.'s with 63 members; five unions have sent donations to Willard Memorial Fund; \$314.50 aside from dues have been raised to carry on the work; two unions have prepared programs; 11 gospel temperance and 21 other public meetings have been held; 32 Stars and 26 Signals are taken; five unions circulated petitions against resubmission.

Arroostook County: Eighteen unions, 14 of which have reported; two unions were gained this year; 384 active and 88 honorary members; two L. T. L.'s with 72 members; one union only has reported sending to Memorial Fund; \$835.76 outside dues have been raised; 30 gospel and 25 other public meetings have been held; 109 Stars and 65 Signals are taken; one union only reports circulating petitions against resubmission.

Cumberland County: 21 unions; only 17 report; three unions were lost this year; active membership 658, honorary six; seven L. T. L.'s with a membership of 239; 16 of the unions have sent to the Memorial Fund; \$122.56 outside dues have been raised; 10 have circulated the petition against resubmission; six unions have printed programs for the year's meetings; 19 gospel temperance meetings have been held and 21 other public lectures; 113 Stars and 56 Signals reported taken.

Franklin County: Eight unions; five report 223 active and

13 honorary members; four unions have sent to Memorial Fund; \$127.85 have been raised; two new unions organized; two gospel temperance and three other meetings only reported; 38 Stars and 17 Signals taken; three of the unions have circulated our petitions; two use prepared programs; one union has been lost.

Hancock County: Eight unions; one new Y union; seven of these report 201 active and 44 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 14 members; five contributed to the Memorial Fund; six gospel temperance and 13 other public meetings have been held; 57 Stars and 19 Signals are taken; \$245.00 have been raised; five unions have circulated our petitions and five use prepared programs.

Kennebec County: 12 unions; eight report 305 active and 44 honorary members; four L. T. L.'s with 115 members; six have sent donations to Memorial Fund; 75 gospel and 26 other public meetings have been held; 48 Stars and 37 Signals are taken; \$333.03 have been raised; seven have circulated our petitions and six use prepared programs.

Knox County: Eight unions; seven report 274 active and 36 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 46 members; seven have sent to the Memorial Fund; six gospel temperance and 14 other public meetings have been held; 151 Stars and 33 Signals taken; \$71.38 raised; three have circulated petitions; four used prepared programs, and one union has dropped out this year.

Lincoln County: Eleven unions; one new Y union; eight report 135 active and 27 honorary members; one L. T. L.; five have contributed to Memorial Fund; eight gospel temperance and 11 other public meetings have been held; 28 Stars and 21 Signals taken; \$64.51 raised; two have circulated petitions and one use prepared programs.

Oxford County: Eight unions, having lost one; six report 224 active and 21 honorary members; four have sent to Me-

morial Fund; 12 gospel temperance and 13 other public meetings held; 45 Stars and 34 Signals taken; \$141.90 raised; three circulated our petitions and four use prepared programs.

Penobscot County: Twenty-four unions, five of which are new; 21 report 523 active and 132 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 90 members; 10 have sent to Memorial Fund; 58 gospel temperance and 29 other public meetings held; 79 Stars and 66 Signals taken; \$409.05 raised; 10 have circulated petitions; eight used prepared programs; one union lost.

Piscataquis County: Eleven unions; three are new; nine report 208 active and 47 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 88 members; four sent to Memorial Fund; 12 gospel temperance and 12 other public meetings held; 39 Stars and 12 Signals taken; \$93.72 raised; six circulated petitions; seven used prepared programs.

Sagadahoc County: Five unions, one of which is new; four report 162 active and 13 honorary members; three sent to Memorial Fund; one gospel temperance and three other public meetings held; 44 Stars and 15 Signals taken; \$21.70 raised; three have circulated petitions; one uses prepared program.

Somerset County: Twelve unions; nine report 175 active and 29 honorary members; two L. T. L.'s with 76 members; seven sent to Memorial Fund; 10 gospel temperance and 12 other public meetings held; 48 Stars and 21 Signals taken; \$57.05 raised; eight circulated petitions; five use prepared programs; one union lost.

Waldo County: Nine unions; eight report 175 active and 27 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 16 members; six sent to Memorial Fund; 10 gospel temperance and seven other public meetings; 40 Stars and 23 Signals taken; \$17.50 raised; six circulated petitions; two use prepared programs.

Washington County: Twenty unions, five of which are new; 15 report 323 active and 41 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s; seven have sent to Memorial Fund; 63 gospel temper-

ance and 38 other public meetings; 63 Stars and 48 Signals taken; \$127.64 raised; seven have circulated petitions; six use prepared programs.

York County: Fifteen unions, one of these new; 13 report 412 active and 41 honorary members; two L. T. L.'s with 13 members; nine have sent to Memorial Fund; 13 gospel temperance and 18 other public meetings held; 75 Stars and 20 Signals taken; \$176.70 raised; five circulated petitions; four use prepared programs.

Totals: One hundred and seventy-eight unions; active members 4,222; honorary 617; 30 L. T. L.'s; 801 members; 86 unions sent to Memorial Fund; \$3,004.61 raised; 265 gospel temperance, 216 other public meetings; 824 Stars; 459 Signals taken; 54 unions use prepared programs; 16 unions organized; eight unions disbanded.

Cumberland county largest active membership; Aroostook largest honorary membership; Cumberland largest number of L. T. L.'s with largest membership in the same; Penobscot largest number of new unions; Cumberland largest number of unions sending to Memorial Fund; Kennebec largest number gospel temperance and Washington largest number other public meetings; largest number of Stars taken in Cumberland, of Signals in Penobscot; Aroostook has raised the most money; Cumberland has circulated most petitions; Penobscot largest number of unions; Cumberland largest number reporting; Penobscot largest number of unions using prepared programs; Cumberland has lost largest number of unions.

CORNELIA M. DOW.

# Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                                              |                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Balance from last year....                                                   | \$ 853 14        |
| 1902 convention collections..                                                | 46 52            |
| Life memberships .....                                                       | 30 00            |
| Memorial membership .....                                                    | 10 00            |
| Members at large.....                                                        | 4 50             |
| Dues from local unions....                                                   | 1538 45          |
| L. T. L. dues.....                                                           | 10 65            |
| Maine's share in benefit<br>night .....                                      | 12 05            |
| Above cost of Maine badges<br>at National Convention..                       | 5 90             |
| Sale of State reports.....                                                   | 4 90             |
| Gifts from Portland friends,<br>through Mrs. Olive Stev-<br>ens Hanson ..... | 100 00           |
| Gift from Stroudwater<br>Union .....                                         | 16 75            |
| Gift from So. Berwick<br>Union .....                                         | 2 00             |
| Gift of corresponding sec-<br>retary's postage .....                         | 8 34             |
| Deficit from counties on<br>Miss Carter's itinerary...                       | 25 31            |
| Collections by Miss Car-<br>ter .....                                        | 422 10           |
| Collections by Miss Moore,                                                   | 328 41           |
| Memorial fund .....                                                          | 123 71           |
| <b>Total receipts .....</b>                                                  | <b>\$3542 73</b> |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                                                                |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Convention expenses (1902) \$                                                  | 129 15           |
| Expenses incident on na-<br>tional convention being<br>held in state.....      | 27 05            |
| Paid Miss Tingling for ad-<br>dress before State S.S.asso                      | 7 90             |
| Paid Mrs. Beedy for Prison<br>Day services .....                               | 10 00            |
| Paid Mrs. Stevens, appro-<br>priation .....                                    | 200 00           |
| Paid Mrs. Stevens, postage,<br>etc. ....                                       | 200 00           |
| Paid superintendents' ap-<br>propriations .....                                | 169 93           |
| Paid for mileages.....                                                         | 132 84           |
| Aid in organizing.....                                                         | 19 30            |
| Paid Harris & Williams,<br>(printers) .....                                    | 56 60            |
| Paid A. H. Dunn, (printer)                                                     | 25 25            |
| Paid printing state minutes                                                    | 98 70            |
| Paid corresponding secre-<br>tary's bill .....                                 | 8 34             |
| Paid recording sec'y bill...                                                   | 23 06            |
| Paid treasurer's bill.....                                                     | 30 00            |
| Balance due headquarters..                                                     | 30 27            |
| Deficit on Star in East.....                                                   | 30 81            |
| Balance due on resubmis-<br>sion leaflets .....                                | 35 60            |
| Sent memorial fund.....                                                        | 123 71           |
| Contributed toward Madam<br>Thompson's portrait for<br>Hillsboro' church ..... | 2 00             |
| Paid Miss Carter's salary<br>and expenses .....                                | 361 10           |
| Paid Miss Moore's salary<br>and expenses .....                                 | 515 47           |
| Paid balance due Miss<br>Moore on last year.....                               | 118 88           |
| Sent national dues.....                                                        | 514 32           |
| <b>Total .....</b>                                                             | <b>\$2960 28</b> |
| <b>Balance in treasury....</b>                                                 | <b>582 45</b>    |
|                                                                                | <b>\$3542 73</b> |



## RECEIPTS BY COUNTIES.

|                    |           |                   |           |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Androscoggin ..... | \$ 109 80 | Oxford .....      | 74 90     |
| Aroostook .....    | 130 50    | Penobscot .....   | 184 80    |
| Cumberland .....   | 219 00    | Piscataquis ..... | 71 40     |
| Franklin .....     | 66 90     | Sagadahoc .....   | 47 70     |
| Hancock .....      | 38 15     | Somerset .....    | 69 90     |
| Kennebec .....     | 116 90    | Waldo .....       | 48 00     |
| Knox .....         | 91 70     | Washington .....  | 107 70    |
| Lincoln .....      | 49 80     | York .....        | 111 30    |
|                    |           | Total .....       | \$1538 45 |

## REPORT BY COUNTIES OF Y DUES.

|                  |         |                  |         |
|------------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Aroostook .....  | \$11 10 | Penobscot .....  | 24 00   |
| Cumberland ..... | 3 00    | Sagadahoc .....  | 3 60    |
| Franklin .....   | 9 00    | Washington ..... | 3 00    |
| Hancock .....    | 12 60   | York .....       | 4 20    |
| Lincoln .....    | 3 30    |                  |         |
|                  |         | Total .....      | \$73 80 |

## L. T. L'S PAYING DUES.

|                        |        |                    |         |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| Bangor .....           | \$2 00 | Sa. Deer Isle..... | 1 40    |
| Bath, Cradle Roll..... | 50     | Stroudwater .....  | 1 25    |
| Columbia Falls .....   | 1 50   | Wayne .....        | 1 00    |
| Shawmut .....          | 3 00   |                    |         |
|                        |        | Total .....        | \$10 65 |

## HEADQUARTERS ACCOUNT.

| Receipts.              |           | Expenditures.                |           |
|------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance last year..... | \$ 222 48 | Fuel, water, light, ice..... | \$ 309 61 |
| Rentals .....          | 1025 90   | Furnishings .....            | 228 58    |
|                        |           | Housekeeper .....            | 104 00    |
|                        | \$1248 38 | Repairs .....                | 79 38     |
|                        |           | Taxes .....                  | 78 00     |
|                        |           | Insurance .....              | 74 26     |
|                        |           | Interest .....               | 150 00    |
|                        |           | Postage .....                | 16        |
|                        |           | Sundries .....               | 10 45     |
|                        |           |                              | \$1034 44 |
|                        |           | Balance .....                | 213 94    |
|                        |           |                              | \$1248 38 |

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON, Treasurer.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have carefully examined the treasurer's books, with their receipts and vouchers, (as far as possible, some superintendents having failed to send receipts), and find them correct, as qualified by the state treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, in regard to dues sent from Knox County but not received.

MYRTLE G. R. AMES, State Auditor.

## REPORT OF STAR IN THE EAST.

| Receipts.                   |           | Expenditures.               |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Subscription and sales..... | \$423 08  | Paper .....                 | \$ 66 88  |
| Paper on hand.....          | 36 48     | Printing .....              | 240 00    |
| Mailing advanced .....      | 4 02      | Mailing .....               | 14 74     |
|                             | <hr/>     | Printed receipt and other   |           |
|                             | \$ 468 58 | cards .....                 | 12 25     |
| Balance last year.....      | 23 65     | Postage .....               | 1 32      |
| Paid by state.....          | 30 81     | W. T. P. A. Signal subs.... | 182 45    |
|                             | <hr/>     | All other expenses .....    | 5 40      |
|                             | \$523 04  |                             | <hr/>     |
|                             |           |                             | \$ 523 04 |

CORNELIA M. DOW.

Business Manager.

## Superintendents' Reports.

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### LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION

Your L. T. L. secretary thinks it best to report by the counties in order that those doing good work may be encouraged to do still better and those doing little or no work may know that, "what has been done may be done," is particularly applicable to Loyal Temperance Legions.

Aroostook, superintendent, Myrtle G. R. Ames, reports three Legions with a membership of 110.

Androscoggin, superintendent, Mrs. Ella McLain, Lisbon Falls, two Legions, membership 60.

The very efficient superintendent of Cumberland county sent an excellent report. Her figures combined with those sent directly to me show that there are eight Legions in that county with a membership of about 450. Superintendent, Mrs. Agnes L. Johnson, Gray.

Franklin county has no superintendent and no Legions.

Hancock has one Legion of 14 members at South Deer Isle. Superintendent, Lillian M. Robbins.

Kennebec, superintendent, Mrs. Nellie Perkins, Augusta. There are five Legions with a membership of 148.

Knox, superintendent, Mrs. Hattie Adams, Spruce Head, has three Legions with a membership of 71.

Lincoln has no superintendent and no Legions.

Oxford has no superintendent but its president is very much alive upon this question, so it will not long report, "No Legion."

The new superintendent of Penobscot is a worker and her

county may be expected to push things this year. Number of Legions five, membership 205. Mrs. Lizzie Beals, Orono, superintendent.

Piscataquis has five Legions with a membership of 131, all new with the exception of one reorganized. Superintendent, Mrs. W. A. Meservey, Atkinson.

Sagadahoc has no superintendent, but has a small Legion at Woolwich.

Somerset has done good work through its county president. It has two Legions with a membership of 58.

Waldo, superintendent, Miss S. A. Manser, Monroe, has one Legion with a membership of 23.

Washington has a faithful, conscientious superintendent, Miss Geneva A. Plummer, Harrington, and is pushing to the front with seven Legions; membership 201.

The superintendent of York, Mrs. Sophia Harvey of Old Orchard, not only is doing faithful work in her own county but during her stay in the South last winter, organized two Legions, one of over 100 members, among the colored children. Her county has three Legions, two of them new, with an estimated membership of 75.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE G. R. AMES.

## HYGIENE, HEREDITY AND PHYSICAL CULTURE

It is very pleasing to note the increasing interest in all phases of the health problem. How many papers have a health column and what an abundance of literature is now published pertaining to this subject. With more knowledge, sanitary conditions of homes, streets, schoolhouses, etc., are becoming better. But there is still much room for improve-

ment and I would urge all our women to renewed zeal in this important work. Physical culture is being made a part of the work in an increasing number of schools from year to year—it should be in all.

The work of this department is done in connection with so many other departments that it is impossible to gather any correct report, but what matter so long as the work is done? While realizing that little has been accomplished in comparison with the great work waiting to be done, your superintendent can yet say that she has done what she could. She has written many letters, distributed over 500 pages of department literature, spoken at one county convention and one Christian Endeavor meeting, and has tried whenever opportunity offered to speak a word in season.

Through special arrangement with Mrs. Leiter and by courtesy of the editor of "Star," I was able to obtain fifty-five subscriptions to the "Physical Education Quarterly," which I distributed as well as I could through the state, placing some in each county.

MYRA MOORE PATRICK.

## SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

In offering this report to the state convention, it is a matter of regret to me that the reports of the county superintendents cannot be given verbatim. The letters and other correspondence received during the year certainly show an increase in growth and interest in this department.

There are still some unions which have no local superintendent and therefore do not take up the work. Thus county superintendents meet with disadvantages in carrying out

their plans. Most of them furnish literature and postage and give their time without remuneration from the county. In some cases a small sum is allowed for postage but even this is not always claimed. In some cases the superintendents order the leaflets and helps directly from the national superintendent or W. T. P. A. and do not report the amount.

The personal work done by the county superintendents has covered a wider field than formerly. Kennebec county sends an unusually interesting report and those from Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Oxford, Penobscot, Sagadahoc and Washington mention encouraging features. The number of towns using indorsed text-books is larger than last year but few report having more than one lesson per week, where oral instruction is given.

The unions that have tried, have met with gratifying success in their efforts to increase the interest of teachers by receptions, teachers' meetings and by supplying them with the School Physiology Journal. Personal visitation of schools brings the best result as far as reported, but few superintendents have the time necessary to give to this duty.

Unions will find the manual prepared by W. W. Stetson, state superintendent of schools, for the use of the County Teachers' Institute, a help to interest teachers. Pages 28 to 36 contain the methods and courses of study in physiology and hygiene and are most excellent and all we could desire. The manual will be sent free on application to the state superintendent of schools.

The Scientific Temperance Instruction Responsive Readings prepared by the national superintendent have been recommended to the local unions for use as a program but seem not to have been used to any greater extent than last year.

Our workers in the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction should be glad for all that has been gained the past

year, but our efforts must not be relaxed for it requires constant vigilance to hold what we have gained and to win new victories.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH L. CRAM.

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### TEMPERANCE LITERATURE

Letters with sample copies of the leaflets, "Resubmission" and "Dispensary or State Control System of Managing the Liquor Traffic," have been sent to every county and local president, to the master of every Grange and every minister of the gospel in the state, asking them to co-operate with us in distributing these leaflets. As a result 26,000 have been scattered from one end of Maine to the other.

In addition to this our unions have distributed 400,544 pages of department leaflets, 7,306 temperance papers, 1,004 magazines, and 92 books, 285 temperance papers are taken in the Sabbath schools, 35 loan libraries are in circulation, 673 copies of the "Union Signal," 990 copies of the "Star in the East," and 41 of the "Young Crusader" are taken; 12 counties report \$122.10 expended for books and leaflets. In addition to the above, 43 boxes and barrels filled with papers, magazines and comfort bags, have been sent to the lumbermen, soldiers and sailors, the number of which no account has been given.

There are 181 superintendents of this department.

V. K. ROLLINS.

## THE PRESS

This department is organized in every county in the state, two, however, have failed to report. Upwards of 1,600 columns (125 lines to the column) of temperance matter contributed by county and local superintendents, have been published by the papers of Maine. Of this amount about four-fifths has been original, the remainder selected from temperance papers.

The principal subjects treated have been prohibition, enforcement, anti-resubmission, national, state and county conventions, purity, suffrage, arbitration, cigarette laws, schools, savings banks, Sabbath observance and Sunday School pledges.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has many good friends and well-wishers among the editorial fraternity of Maine. It is said, that never have the reports of a national convention occupied so much space or been so favorable as those last autumn in the Portland dailies as well as those which went out through the Associated Press.

There is also much to encourage us in the hostile attitude of many of our leading dailies and weeklies toward resubmission. The religious and agricultural papers are also in the main with us on this question.

It will be well during the coming year to invite influential persons to contribute articles or letters on this subject especially to papers which favor license or resubmission. Whenever practicable, a symposium might be arranged on this subject.

MARY L. FRENCH.



## ANTI-NARCOTICS

In making my annual report I can only bring to your notice the same conditions that I have brought so many times before. I have never given more thought to the matter than I have for the past year, but I meet the same old difficulties and many new ones.

I find that the habit of cigarette smoking is on the increase. That what little law we have is being evaded by the dealers selling Manila paper and tobacco separately, and the young man or boy rolls his own cigarette.

I find that the sale of morphine and kindred narcotics has increased to such an alarming extent the last year that our county attorney, R. T. Whitehouse, said before the Associated Charities that we must have more legislation in regard to these things.

The same and even more can be said in regard to patent medicines which contain from 16 to 46 per cent. alcohol and all some harmful drug.

Men are known to buy and drink these so-called medicines and get intoxicated by so doing, in places where it is impossible to buy whiskey or other liquors.

I ask you all to take time and read a booklet written by Mrs. Allen, our national superintendent of Non-Alcoholic Medication. Now what can we as superintendents do when our papers advertise these so-called medicines.

I have spoken repeatedly in my reports in regard to this and our national superintendent, Mrs. Ingalls, called my attention in particular to Piso Consumption Cure as a harmful preparation containing morphine—and still all of our religious papers have this among their advertisements. They also advertise Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, also Dr. Shopp's Rheumatic Cure, and a druggist informed me yester-

day that they were quack medicines, no better, no worse, than all the rest.

There are hopeful aspects. People are being aroused. Government and all large corporations insist that all employes shall be free from all these habits and although the task seems an Herculean one we will work and pray to God for ultimate results.

I feel much encouraged from the fact that I have received reports from more of the county superintendents this year than last, and that these reports are fuller and show that there is a growing interest and activity along this line of work. The following counties have reported: Cumberland, Knox, Kennebec, Penobscot, Somerset, Waldo, Hancock, Washington, Oxford.

FLORENCE A. NICKERSON.

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### EVANGELISTIC WORK

Androscoggin sends in an excellent report not only of work done in many of her unions, in one of which at the opening devotional service there were 17 vocal prayers, three from those whose voices had never been heard in this part of the service, but in the interest shown by ministers and other helpers.

Cumberland county: The superintendent sends a very inspiring report of work done in the past year. Earnest efforts to secure superintendents in local unions. Letters sent to sheriff urging enforcement of Prohibitory Law. One local union in a rural town in spite of limiting circumstances, re-

ports 16 evangelistic services, eight sermons, two funerals, 114 calls on sick and afflicted, 53 bouquets, 4,201 pages of literature scattered in addition to letters and cards to shut-in, sorrowing and sick ones. Surely if "He that watereth shall himself be watered," one sister's heart must be greatly blessed.

Franklin county has done good work in visiting those who were "sick and in prison," but sends no statistics. We shall no doubt hear a good report from its new superintendent another year.

Hancock sends no report.

Kennebec has not been officially reported though we have heard of excellent work done and your state superintendent has had several opportunities for work in that county.

Knox county reports some work done.

Lincoln county limited report but believe more has been done than reported.

Oxford county has through its workers in this department visited and prayed with the sick and sorrowful ones. In some cases a deep appreciation of work in this direction was shown and we trust for more and more of such blessed results.

Penobscot county is for the first time without a superintendent, but expects to supply the vacant place soon.

Piscataquis county: Good work done but no statistical report.

Sagadahoc we know has had some good speakers but sends no report.

Somerset through its able superintendent sends her usual inspiring report telling of Mrs. Ellis as a speaker, of many, many public meetings, also that they have interested their brothers in that county, while the churches lend their cordial

influence so they no longer feel lonesome in the work but touch elbows with Christian Endeavor, Civic League, etc.

In Waldo we hear of good work down through its venerable superintendent, Mrs. Hunnewell, and her assistant. No figures sent.

Washington county reports the work moving slowly amid many difficulties some of which those will appreciate who realize its magnificent distances and the hindrance in the way of transit. One union reports six sermons preached, 832 pages of literature distributed. Another, meetings held every Sunday afternoon, temperance literature 2,000 pages, Memorial Day service in honor of Neal Dow and Miss Willard, other work done visiting sick, sewing for needy, 56 calls on sick in one union. Evangelistic, jail and almshouse work are combined in this union.

York county is still doing good work through its superintendent who is abundant in labors more especially among reformed men, prisoners and those who need a friend. Your superintendent in gathering this report has realized her own work to be increasingly blessed though greatly feeling her own inefficiency. Yet she has had part in more than 30 church services, some funerals, several lectures, calls on sick, letters of condolence, has attended Workers and Sabbath School conventions, has written resolutions for those occasions, and in such ways as lay within her reach helped on our blessed work. She would recommend for the coming year when all the powers of evil seem combined to hinder the building up of Christ's Kingdom that we be more systematic and persevering in having set times for study of the word and prayer, till having touched His garment with Faith's full purpose we shall have the "virtue" only He can impart and know it is through Him we conquer.

LUCY A. SNOW.

### SYSTEMATIC GIVING

Sickness prevented my doing anything in this department until late in the year. My report suffers accordingly.

I have written ninety letters, chiefly to unions having no superintendent of this department. Many of the replies were very encouraging, and opened the way for further work. I have sent out about 4,000 pages of literature. Six counties have superintendents. Much more work has been done than can be reported in figures.

Cumberland county reports 1,200 pages literature, and several addresses, sermons and union meetings devoted to this subject.

Aroostook county reports 2,000 pages literature distributed in Houlton alone. Waldo county superintendent has sent out 4,300 pages literature, Kennebec 1,200.

I would call attention to the literature of this department. Twenty-one kinds have been distributed in the convention. You will find that they are not dry and uninteresting, but attractive and readable, even to one not interested in this subject.

I wish to reply in a word to one question asked me in letters which I have received. I am sometimes asked to explain the relation of this department to W. C. T. U. work.

I would reply that giving is the foundation principle of all our work. We give our time, our influence, our money, ourselves, for the uplifting of humanity, the overthrow of evil. Why? Because "the love of Christ constraineth us." Giving is but another word for helping. Thank God for every great philanthropy. The spirit of the Master is in them all. Yet we know that many a noble work is crippled for lack of funds. We know too, that if Christian people tithed their incomes there would be no lack. Our own resources as an organization, would be nearly doubled, if all our women gave even a penny a week beside their dues. I believe, and I know an in-

creasing number of our women believe, that this department has its place in our work.

As for this method of giving it needs no defense. Like the one day in seven, this plan was given for our highest spiritual development. Only as we are true to God's plans for us, can we grow most like Him, and best honor Him.

ANNIE M. NICHOLS.

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### PRISON, JAIL AND ALMSHOUSE WORK

Every year is marked by improvement in the penal institutions of Maine. There is but one prison, at Thomaston, a jail in every county save one—now fifteen jails—and almshouses or poor farms in nearly every town in the state; all of which receive both men and women. We are glad to learn that some of the jails have been empty part of the time, and in some of the rural towns that the almshouse has been sold there being no poor to care for.

In several counties no women have received jail sentence during the year. It is to be deplored that in the smaller jails, some system of hard labor has not yet been instituted. No jail in the state has been without religious services as far as has been reported. The women of our organization have been most faithful in their efforts in Sabbath teaching at the jails. No service should be more prayerfully conducted.

Choicest and most discreet women should be selected. The one purpose—to comfort, to lift up, to inspire hope, not simply to take criminal men and women by the hand, but to save a soul. Dear sisters bear this upon your heart. Go to all services from your knees—and bear them in your arms before the throne of grace.

HELEN COFFIN BEEDY.

## SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

In the performance of the duties devolving upon me as your superintendent for Securing Homes for Homeless Children, I respectfully submit to you a statement of all the money received, and all the money expended, also a brief summary of the work done by the department, under the supervision of your state superintendent during the fiscal year, ending September first, nineteen hundred and three.

The report of the work done is very incomplete. This is owing to the failure of the county superintendents to send reports of the work done in their locality. Sixty-five letters were sent to local and county superintendents requesting them to send a report of the work done during the year, but have received returns from only eight counties. Your superintendent kindly requests each county superintendent to awaken to the importance of this duty. Only six counties report any work done. Waldo and Franklin counties report no work done; four letters were returned unclaimed.

Androscoggin county, Maria M. Swett, superintendent, reports six children cared for and \$62 expended.

Cumberland county, Jennie M. Anthoine, superintendent, reports two children cared for, and a box of clothing is kindly acknowledged from Miss H. Loring of East Otisfield.

Oxford county, Miss Mattie Gerrish, Buckfield, reports several dollars spent for boots, shoes and clothing of all kinds, also made and provided two hundred and fifty articles of clothing for poor families.

Kennebec county, Mrs. Harriet R. Perry, superintendent, reports one child adopted in a white ribbon family.

Washington county, Elizabeth R. Peasley, reports for

Calais, two children cared for and \$15 expended. Millbridge reports homes were provided for two children, and clothing for eighteen children, thus enabling them to attend Sunday School.

York county, Miss R. H. Goodwin, superintendent, reports one little girl placed in a good family to be brought up.

Twenty-seven children have been cared for during the year. One boy has been sent to the Good Will Farm, and one to the Temporary Home. Nine are placed in free homes with view of adoption. Three in free homes until permanent homes can be found. Five are being boarded. Three are in free homes, but are clothed by the department. Three little girls are now ready to be taken to good homes that are waiting to receive them. Most of these children have been boarded temporarily and nearly all of them clothed under the supervision of your superintendent.

Two little boys, aged two and four years, were abandoned by their mother, and taken to Philadelphia to their father at the expense of the department.

Thirteen hundred and ninety-two letters have been written, and twelve hundred and twenty-four received, relative to the department.

Your superintendent, who has been in this field of labor for God and humanity, is very grateful to the sisters who have so kindly and cheerfully assisted her in her work, and she feels grateful to God, the Father of all children, for the increased courage, strength and patience so greatly needed in this department of work.

Respectfully submitted,  
JENNIE M. ANTHOINE.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

## DEPARTMENT FOR SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

IN ACCOUNT WITH JENNIE M. ANTHOINE, SEPT. 1. 1902-1903

## RECEIPTS.

|                |                           |                |
|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Sept. 1, 1902. | To balance, cash on hand, | \$207 88       |
| July 3,        | State aid,                | 500 00         |
|                | Collections.              | 30 50          |
| Total,         |                           | <hr/> \$738 38 |

## EXPENDITURES.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Boarding children,                   | \$146 50 |
| Clothing,                            | 96 50    |
| Travelling expenses,                 | 65 47    |
| Paid assistant,                      | 60 00    |
| Stamps and postals,                  | 29 50    |
| Glasses and treatment,               | 5 00     |
| Office supplies,                     | 3 50     |
| Telegrams,                           | 2 10     |
| Printing,                            | 3 45     |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
| Total,                               | \$412 02 |
| Balance cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1903, | 326 36   |
|                                      | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$738 38 |

## REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN

The committee upon Reformatory for Women hoped to be able to present, today, a report of the government building on Widow's Island which through the instrumentality of the Hon. Charles E. Littlefield was presented to the State of Maine by the Congress of 1902. Your committee went to Rockland, July 4, assisted in the services at the state prison at Thomaston on July 5, and intended to inspect the building on Widow's Island, July 6, but after all arrangements had been made they were unable to reach the island on account of the weather. There seems to be a growing sentiment throughout the state that there is great need of an institution having for its purpose the reformation of those women who have been long in the paths of evil; the rescue of those who are in danger of falling into vice; and the education and training of all such in habits of virtue and usefulness.

Not a jail in the state is adapted to the accommodation of women. They were entirely left out of the account, in building; even the more modern ones afford no separate wards for women. The committee would recommend that white ribboners all over the state bring this matter to the notice of their committees, that their legislators may be intelligent in regard to it when it comes before the state legislature for action as it is hoped it will come at the next session of the legislature.

Your committee wish to again reiterate that they have often expressed that criminal women should be by themselves; that it is not possible to help them to a better life while under the same roof with criminal men; and that women should be under the care of women. There have been striking illustrations of these needs in the state the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
CLARA M. FARWELL,  
HELEN COFFIN BEEDY.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

From reports received I have selected the following:

Androscoggin, Mrs. A. N. Jones, superintendent. The general interest good. One school in Durham reports about all have signed the pledge. In Turner one school observed the 5th of July as Flag Day and carried out the program as outlined by the National Superintendent.

Aroostook, Mrs. L. R. Sprague, superintendent. A very large per cent. of pledged members with 15 secretaries and 90 addresses.

Cumberland, Mrs. Augustus Bragdon, superintendent. A large per cent. of the members pledged. Family pledges, rolls of honor, and cradle roll, three medal contests, mass meetings and addresses. Stroudwater is mentioned as sending a grand report.

Hancock, Mrs. A. W. Lawton, superintendent. Large number of members pledged this year, the number of teachers who are white ribboners and one class composed of Y.'s.

Kennebec, Miss Etta Lovejoy, superintendent. The Vassalboro report was all that could be desired—only one beside this in all the county.

Knox, Mrs. E. W. Cobb, superintendent. In this county there has graduated one class of six in the Congregational Sunday School of Union—the first ever reported. The others doing good work, and each reporting at county convention its own special feature.

Oxford, Mrs. Emily Emmons, superintendent. Work along general lines. The Mercy Department taken up. Concerts and temperance papers distributed.

Piscataquis, Mrs. E. A. Baxton, superintendent. Pledging scholars, and working in all ways to advance the interest in the work.

Sagadahoc, Mrs. Helen Delano, superintendent. Have ob-

served each Temperance Sunday by giving out literature and quarterly temperance lesson helps and by pledge signing. Requests made to county and district Sunday School conventions to give space on their programs for temperance, and time for discussion, have received cheerful responses. Sunday School superintendents and teachers are showing an increasing interest in searching for truths in God's word concerning this vital question.

Somerset, Mrs. J. L. Macklin, superintendent. All the unions in this county have reported. From Madison a most excellent report. Work at Shawmut and Ripley encouraging—large number of pledged members are on the anti-cigarette pledge in one school.

\* Waldo, Mrs. O. G. Hussey, superintendent. Monroe, Belfast, Lincolnville and Swanville are mentioned as doing good work.

Washington, Mrs. Frances Nickels, superintendent. In Steuben two Sunday schools are carried on by the W. C. T. U. entirely, there being 100 people under their care.

York, Mrs. E. D. J. Mills, superintendent. Biddeford is reported as making a specialty of circulating pledge cards and literature. In West Lebanon all the teachers are white ribboners. The work is extended to towns where there is no union. The superintendent wishes to circulate 1,000 pledge cards on next World's Temperance Sunday.

In all the reports there are many encouraging items besides these noted. The year's work has been successful. The state superintendent in company with Miss Tinling attended the State Sunday School Convention in Farmington last October, where Miss Tinling presented our work very acceptably. We are invited as an "allied force" to send some one to represent us at the coming convention at South Paris. Miss Alice Moore has been designated for this service.

At District and County Conventions our work has been represented. The National Superintendent has recommendations which it will be well for all superintendents to notice. Among them the Normal work, especially adapted to large Sunday Schools and the Mercy work for primary classes in all schools.

MRS. E. A. G. STICKNEY.

### MEDAL CONTEST WORK

In presenting my second annual report of this department of our work, I rejoice in the steady growth and increasing interest manifested.

Mrs. G. D. Holmes, superintendent for Androscoggin county, says: "I wrote and sent literature to every union in the county, and presented the matter at county convention. Three contests have been held. One at Auburn passed off well in every particular, and was a success financially. One at Lisbon Falls a large and appreciative audience; eight competitors. One at South Durham in July was a success."

Aroostook county: Superintendent, Mrs. Cordelia E. Lermond of Fort Kent, is interested in the work and has kept herself well informed, but has not yet succeeded in having a contest.

Cumberland county, Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan, superintendent: Two gold medal contests held. Success attended each.

Kennebec county has not yet succeeded in the appointment of a superintendent. President, Miss Brainerd, writes: "Our contest was a grand success. We held it in the beautiful opera house at Monmouth and had an audience of about 300 people; took a silver offering at the door—\$22.65. I hope this contest will be the means of arousing more interest in this department in our county.

Knox county: In May this county held a contest at Apple-

ton, the medal being awarded to Fannie M. Gushee. We hope for great things from Knox, as this is the home of our organizer and medal contest helper.

Oxford county: Last year reported a superintendent, Miss E. Belle Dutton. She has died, and no one has been found to take her place. Nevertheless, at South Paris a fine contest has been held under the care of Mrs. S. C. Ordway, superintendent for that union. They gave to each member of the class one year's subscription to Contest Journal, published by National and World's Superintendent in the interest of contest work entirely. Fine plan. Hope others will do so.

Penobscot county, superintendent, Mrs. May H. Richardson. Has had no contest as yet, but with such a leader I trust will do much work.

Piscataquis county: One contest held under the supervision of Mrs. W. L. Rogers, Greenville. Medal awarded to Miss Thelma Davis. Mrs. E. E. Walton, Milo, was first to respond to the call through the "Star" for information as to the number of medals held and by whom won. Let me here express thanks for all such help extended through the state and solicit a continuance of the same.

Somerset county: Three fine contests held under the supervision of Mrs. Edith V. Cook and Mrs. Sarah L. Rogers.

Waldo county: Superintendent, Miss Maude E. Monroe with Miss Miller as president: Have held one fine contest and are planning for more.

Washington county: Superintendent, Miss Mary E. Peabody. As a county they seem to be quite alive to this grand work, but Milltown and Unionville are the leading unions. They practice giving small prizes to the class, as Contest Journal, Willard Pins, or Willard Bookmarks. Wise plan. During the year from September 1, 1902 to September 1, 1903, they have held 14 contests, two of them gold. Milltown seems wealthy in contest workers. It is the home of county super-

intendent and she writes me: "To our county president, Mrs. Susan M. Grant, our local superintendent, Mrs. Florence Strout Glen, and not the least our Milltown local president, Mrs. Kate Hughes, is due the enterprise that made the gold medal contests possible." Contest books are only ten cents. buy a book, read the selections and talk the matter up. It may take months to get well started, but talk, keep on talking till you find the right one to go ahead then others will give assistance.

York county: Miss Blanche H. Adams, superintendent. Only one contest has been held, though others are nearly ready. I wish here and now to make the same offer of a silver oratorical prize for the year September 1, 1903 to September 1, 1904, on the following basis, viz.: The largest gain per cent. on the past year's work, that is, the money expended for medals the past year as compared with money expended for medals the coming year, in all counties which have held one or more contests, trusting that all others will do that the coming year, so as to compete for the prize after that.

Since the beginning of the warfare no graver responsibility has been laid upon us as a state than rests upon us at this time. God grant that we may arouse ourselves, and putting on the strength which He so graciously offers, yea, promises and bestows upon the obedient, go on to be the great factor in the right solution of this problem, that it is our duty as well as privilege to be, not forgetting, that in no way can we labor more effectually than in this department of Medal Contests.

Number of contests: Androscoggin 3; Cumberland 2; Kennebec 1; Knox 1; Oxford 1; Piscataquis 1; Somerset 3; Waldo 1; Washington 15; York 1; total 29. Of which Washington held 15, thus winning the offered prize for the year September 1, 1902 to September 1, 1903.

SARAH W. McLELLAN.

## WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

**Motto:** The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in. (Ps. 121).

At the commencement of this year I sent out letters to all superintendents and have repeatedly urged counties having no superintendents to appoint one, and while some have responded to this plea I am sorry to report some have not. Nearly all superintendents report railway officials favorable to our work, more so than in former years.

In the United States there are more than a million steam railway employes, besides the army of street railway men, policemen, firemen and postmen, all of whom we desire to have brought in touch with this department. Will not the counties that have no superintendents of Railway Department, please appoint and send name and address to me?

Some of the unions have the idea that the Y. M. C. A. is doing our work. This is a mistake. Through the work of the W. C. T. U. a few Y. M. C. Associations have a railway branch, but this does not reach many of our railway employes.

It is a source of rejoicing that many railway companies demand of their employes that they use no intoxicating liquor either off or on duty; and some street car companies have issued orders prohibiting its employes from entering saloons in uniform either off or on duty.

Will not the county superintendents bring the work more fully before the local unions? Good might be done by having ice-water fountains in places where street car conductors and motormen can make use of them.

Your superintendent has written letters, sent out and given literature, spoken for the department as opportunity offered, and endeavored in all ways possible to advance the work; and she begs that the counties may see to it that



superintendents be appointed, and that the superintendents will keep an account of work done and send to her the figures.

The report from the counties so far as received is as follows:

**Androscoggin:** Very encouraging reports come from Lewiston and Auburn unions. Lewiston superintendent reports two thousand three hundred pages of good reading carried to hospital; also boxes at two stations kept filled with good temperance reading.

Auburn reports boxes at stations supplied, also gate houses. She has given out more than one thousand pages of literature. Officials and employes always seemed pleased with a call from her and assured her they were glad of reading matter. Greene has kept box at station filled. Two hundred and sixty-one railroad leaflets given away.

**Kennebec:** Miss Alie Clough reports Winthrop R. 'R. station wall pocket kept filled. She has also placed box in trolley car station at Winthrop Centre and kept it filled. She says the literature goes rapidly. Wayne union has placed box at North Leeds station and kept it filled.

**Penobscot county,** superintendent Mrs. M. H. Graffam, Bangor.

**Piscataquis,** Mrs. Florence Gerrish, superintendent, reports a steady gain in the work.

**Somerset:** Mrs. Olive Marcia reports that her courage is better than in any previous year; that nearly every union in the county is doing railroad work. At Shawmut, Mrs. Barney, superintendent, has kept stations supplied with good reading, and as she has been traveling on street and steam cars has left R. R. leaflets. Fairfield, Mrs. Alden Luce, superintendent, reports a large amount of leaflets and good R. R. literature distributed and personal work.

Waldo: Since the death of Mrs. Addie McIntyre has sent no report. Hope that some one may be found to take her place.

Washington county, Mrs. Mary Stone, superintendent, has done a large amount of work. She reports a gain in many ways. More literature and leaflets distributed than any previous year. Five R. R. stations were kept supplied with good temperance and R. R. leaflets. This department is taken up at Harrington, Cherryfield, Machias, Calais and Eastport.

HELEN THOMAS.

### WORK AMONG SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

The interest in this department has greatly increased this year and fine work has been done. About 150 meetings have been held, 500 comfort bags and housewives made and distributed. We estimate over 100,000 pages of literature given out, which includes good books, papers, magazines, tracts and leaflets. Also 410 Bibles or Testaments distributed, and 720 letters written. Twenty-five conversions reported, and 256 pledges taken. Four hundred and twenty-four dollars and fifty cents in money has been expended and much fruit, jelly and clothing given at hospitals. In many places on Memorial Day the unions furnished flowers. Ice water and lemonade have also been furnished several times at special gatherings of soldiers or sailors. There have been many personal conversations with the men, the value of which I could make no adequate estimate.

In Washington, Sagadahoc and York counties a good beginning has been made in work for sailors. A Christian Temperance Union was organized among the veterans at the Old Sol-

diers' Home at Togus about two years ago, which has increased in membership from 4 to 111.

Mrs. Lizzie H. Towle, a member of Augusta union, is president of this union at Togus, and has had excellent success, and good results from her labors. Mrs. Towle is an untiring worker, and the veterans in many ways indicate their sincere appreciation of her efforts. She lives five miles from Togus, but has presided at the regular weekly meetings during the whole two years, with but one exception, and that was when there was a heavy snow storm and no conveyance. She has visited the hospital many times taking over 100 bouquets of flowers, also fruit and jellies. Mrs. Towle says: "A year of prosperity has ended for the C. T. U. at Togus. Marked interest is felt through the Home, from the highest officer to the private, and God has wonderfully blessed the work. The meetings are well attended, and members of Augusta union and pastors from Augusta have many times attended and rendered valuable assistance."

Some of the most important work has been done at Portland where Mrs. Mary S. Burnham is local superintendent. She has done most efficient work and deserves much credit. Through the efforts of the national superintendent, Mrs. Thacher, in November, 1903, Christian Temperance Unions have been organized at Fort Preble, and Fort Williams, where quite a large number of soldiers are maintained, the first being called Thacher Union, and the last taking the name of the fort. Good interest has been maintained at both places, and regular meetings held at Fort Preble. The members were remembered at Christmas with appropriate gifts, literature distributed, and from time to time comfort bags given. Last winter from Fort Williams a company of 100 men were ordered to the Philippine Islands. Mrs. Burnham immediately organized another C. T. U. among these boys, who gave it her name.

The meetings have been continued since they went to that far off land, and excellent loyal work done. Before they left Maine, a reception and banquet was given them in Portland by Portland W. C. T. U. and all were supplied with comfort bags. Through the influence of Mrs. Burnham the San Francisco W. C. T. U. rendered them much kindness before they left the Pacific coast. Mrs. Burnham is president of all three of these unions. Kind and courteous assistance has been rendered by officers in charge.

Two soldiers' rest and reading rooms have been opened at Monument Square in Portland, which are furnished and maintained by Portland union. These rooms contain a piano, various games, and good reading matter. On Saturday evenings special social entertainments were given, and sometimes refreshments served. This department of Soldiers and Sailors is one of our important departments, and I trust the W. C. T. U. members will more earnestly and thoughtfully respond to the needs of this work throughout the state.

JENNIE M. BROWN.

## WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN AND QUARRYMEN

Aroostook sent much literature to camps near home.

Penobscot sent 30,000 pages from Bangor. Many mail packages were sent from Dexter. La Grange sent two large boxes of papers and comfort bags. A barrel of sundries was received from Worcester, Mass.

Cumberland county: A nice package was received from Mrs. Merrill, Portland. Through efforts of Mrs. L. B. Roberts and others 33,000 pages of literature, besides games, books and clothing have been sent to lumber camps.

Washington county: Mrs. G. H. CondeU, superintendent,

Calais 1,370 papers, 116 magazines, 170 leaflets, 20 books and five comfort bags. Petit Menan, 600 pages reading. Columbia Falls, 3,000 pages, 21 magazines. Cherryfield, 2,000 pages, 24 magazines, and comfort bags, Bibles, hymn and song books, games, letters, leaflets, and pledge cards.

Androscoggin county: Auburn sent three barrels with the usual articles to three camps, also a large amount of good literature. I want to emphasize the efforts of Mrs. R. A. Pratt to obtain a missionary to go through the lumber camps.

Somerset county: Mrs. Annie B. Avery, superintendent, Hallowell, four thousand, six hundred and ten pages to camps; sending good newspapers every week to Jackman, Dudley, Flagstaff and Stockholm. St. Alban sent 500 pages to camp. Shawmut sent 5,878 pages and a nice package to Greenville to state superintendent. Westbrook union, through Mrs. Sarah J. Gilkie, sent a nice box, papers, magazines, books, and clothing for lumbermen's wives and children.

I will send names to those who wish to send by mail or express. Freight can be sent to me and I will forward to the camps.

FRANCES W. ROGERS.

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## WORK AMONG LIGHT STATIONS

I am here to represent the Light-house Department adopted by the State W. C. T. U. convention at Biddeford two years ago.

The first year nothing was accomplished. This year, thanks to the patience of our state officials, brings forth fruit. We had a nucleus of 17 members, a department song,

and the 1st Light-house Department awakened to the social and educational needs of its light-house population.

The second district is also aroused to question. Mrs. Sibley of Brookline, Mass., has been sent into Maine in behalf of light-house work, coming with the questions, "How?" and "Why?" The information received led her to believe she must by personal work help to answer the questions asked.

The 1st Light-house Department extends from Whitlock Mills in St. Croix River to Isles of Shoals off the New Hampshire coast, numbering 81 stations. Five of the stations have two lights numbered as a station, making but 76 separate and distinct stations, or homes for over 100 keepers and their families. In these families we find about 300 light-house children, whose future lives are shaped and influenced by these surroundings; and educated, if educated, from the parents' private purse whose salary is but a living sum, and inadequate to this extra demand of fitting these children who are unclaimed, unknown and unacknowledged by town, state or nation, for future citizenship.

On the Atlantic coast there are 1,190 stations; on the Pacific 206; on the Great Lakes and Rivers 543; Porto Rico 14. Now what is true of our Maine coast is approximately true of the Lights of the Atlantic, Pacific, Great Lakes and Porto Rico, numbering 1,953.

I have here today two little light-house children, the first I believe to publicly wear the white ribbon, of the 1,953 lights. These stations are divided into districts under the supervision and care of an inspector, who belongs to the navy, and generally ranks as commander. The present inspector of the Light-house Department is A. G. Merriam, a man fully equal to the position, ready and willing to promote and work for the best welfare of his light-house people, who in return, respect and love him for his kindly thoughtfulness. Through

his recommendation, with other help, we hope to have better school privileges in Maine. We may as well add right here that with man we find the faithful, unselfish and devoted servant—woman. There are nine women light-house keepers. We therefore find woman in a sphere of work where we little suspect she may be, filling her position with honor, and receiving the same salary as man.

In this department we have put out over 100 letters, 180 songs, 100 white ribbon bows and pledge cards and about 100 L. T. L. leaflets. In return we have 17 members and 12 answered letters, with an even chance for more members and letters.

I believe there is a reason for this: In the letters W. C. T. U. they see the concealed word "reform," for which light people have no use, as they are a self-respecting, law abiding, temperate and conservative class, and just the idea of reform creates a sensitive indignation, which we hope will pass away, when it is known that the Light-house Department of the W. C. T. U. is not for reform but one of the few channels through which light-house keepers and their families shall become a part of the "earth," recognized as citizens, with all the rights and privileges thereto.

We wish to recommend that the lights in each county be made a part of the county unions and all members of the different stations be made members of the nearest local unions, and that L. T. L. work be made a prominent feature of this department.

Now if Maine with her bold motto, "I direct," will claim, acknowledge and educate her light-house children, giving them the same privileges and compensations to which any and all children of Maine are entitled, she will fulfill her motto by directing every other coast state in this great nation—Porto Rico included—to educate, acknowledge and claim her unknown population.

ESTELLE B. STANLEY,

### SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The work to be reported the present year is encouraging. Your superintendent has written 200 letters, has sent report blanks, Maine Sunday laws and literature to superintendents with instructions for the work. There have been 8,600 pages of literature distributed, 20 prayer meetings held, 33 Sabbath sermons preached by pastors, 10 public meetings held in the interest of Sabbath Observance, and much personal work done. Sabbath laws have been posted, Sabbath pledge cards signed by children, places closed where liquor has been sold on Sunday, doing all possible by influence and word against excursions and the Sunday newspapers. We hope the coming year much more will be done in this grand work. We hope the superintendents will come up to the work as they are able. We have grand workers in the field. This work is gaining ground. So let us work on till victory is ours.

PHEBE A. PINKHAM.

### PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART

Good reports have been received especially from Cumberland and Aroostook counties. There is a general interest in the Purity work throughout the state.

Outline of work done: Local superintendents appointed, department literature, including state and national papers distributed, lectures and sermons by pastors, objectionable pictures removed from public places, circulation of obscene books, papers and pictures stopped, places closed which were unfit for young people to visit, separate recesses in schools where needed, beside such individual work as may be required in different localities.

INEZ L. SMALL.



## PURITY

My report will be brief this year as I have not heard from all the county superintendents, although I wrote to them all asking for their reports as soon as they were read at the county conventions.

Mrs. L. J. Smart the efficient superintendent of Aroostook county has felt compelled to resign her office, owing to a pressure of cares. Mrs. Lizzie Kipp of Fort Fairfield has been appointed in her place. Mrs. Smart sent no report to the county convention but good work along this line has been done by several unions.

Androscoggin county's superintendent, Mrs. Augusta Maloon, reports that the Auburn union has done good work through one of their number, Mrs. Swett, who is police matron. Mrs. Swett reports that the condition of things among the poor class is improving along this line. Other unions report some work done.

Mrs. Abbie P. Jenkins, superintendent of Kennebec county, reports 1,000 pages of literature distributed, seven Purity meetings held. Mrs. Jenkins keeps several books on this subject in circulation, and for two years has sent a three months' subscription to the American Mother to ten unions, an example worthy of imitation.

Mrs. F. H. Brown, superintendent of Somerset county, has been unable on account of ill health to do much, as she has been obliged to give up many of her duties. She writes that good work has been done by the Fairfield union. The secretary wrote the high sheriff regarding a woman who was keeping a house of ill repute. He replied very kindly and in a short time the woman and her son were taken to jail and the place broken up. Mrs. Brown says: "We are thankful for a man who will do something."

Good work has been done in Oxford county, especially by

the unions in Norway and West Paris. The work of the last named union was reported in the "Star" several months ago, and was exceedingly interesting, showing what can be done even by a small union.

As usual the superintendent of Washington county, Mrs. Effie J. Sawyer, sends an itemized report. Literature distributed 938 pages, addresses delivered two, personal conversations nineteen, Mothers' meetings held nine, subject presented in three schools, talks given on the subject in two public meetings, two Purity books kept in circulation and one copy of American Mother taken.

I regret that not more county superintendents have reported. I hope to have a better report next year.

JENNIE E. SEAMANS.

### FLOWER MISSION

Bouquets distributed, 6,435; text books, 900; growing plants, 129; slips, 100, with seeds and bulbs.

Number of visits to sick, poor, etc., 1,875; number of drives and other outings, 74; number of visits to public institutions, 17; number of services held in public institutions, 13; number of pledges signed through the influence of this department, 75; number glasses or jars of jelly and preserves distributed, 250; number garments, 992.

Other donations: Sixteen Thanksgiving dinners, quantities of fruit, vegetables, milk, all kinds of food and delicacies and confectionery; 116 donations of hats, caps, mittens, shoes and stockings; 380 papers distributed; one union observed Arbor Day; 15 letters written to "shut-ins"; sewing and knitting done for needy families.

Money raised for work in this department, \$55.90.

Flower Mission Day observed quite generally; 10 meetings devoted entirely or principally to the subject of Flower Mission work. A number of unions take a penny collection at each meeting, the sum thus raised to be used in this department.

BELLE DOWNES.

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### FAIRS AND OPEN AIR MEETINGS

The first and most important work of this department is, to see that the law is enforced; and, when broken, that the offender is punished.

As this department includes work at all Open Air Meetings, it affords a wide field in which to work up public sentiment in favor of temperance. This can be done by the distribution of temperance literature; by having temperance addresses; or, in some way having temperance one of the topics discussed on the program.

If any effective work is done with agricultural boards or program committees it must be done early in the year. The preparatory work must all be done before the Fair, or holiday season begins.

This year I have failed to receive a report from county superintendents, where I am sure work has been done. This may be due in part to less activity on the part of your superintendent, who was very busy along other lines at the time notices are usually sent to county superintendents.

Reports received have been very encouraging.

Androseoggin superintendent reports very successful work at the State Fair at Lewiston by the Auburn and Lewiston

unions, both from a financial and moral standpoint. They are now seeing the results of years of faithful work.

Oxford county was represented at the County Fair by members of Norway and South Paris unions. Free distribution of literature, also spring water furnished.

In Penobscot county the principal work was done at the Eastern Maine State Fair. The local unions assisting by contributions of money, food and flowers. About 200 bouquets were given away and 2,500 pages of literature distributed. Forty-nine dollars and fifty-five cents was realized from the sale of lunches.

At the Piscataquis County Central Fair, Dover and Foxcroft, the union had a booth prettily decorated and furnished from which they distributed literature and dispensed cold water freely, it being the only place on the ground where water could be obtained; five new members were gained for the local union and many people interested.

At the Fourth of July celebration at Parkman the union had a barge filled with L. T. L. members bearing banners, mottoes and pictures.

In Waldo county the women of the Monroe union worked at the fair in that town. A rest room was furnished and kept open during the fair, one or more W. C. T. U. women being always present to welcome and entertain. Literature was distributed; 151 signed the pledge.

County superintendents as follows: Androscoggin, Mrs. Susan A. French, Auburn; Aroostook, Mrs. Kate DeWitt, Presque Isle; Cumberland, Mrs. Ellen F. Webb, South Windham; Franklin, Mrs. Luella Reynolds, Farmington; Hancock, Mrs. Lillian M. Robbins, South Deer Isle; Kennebec, Mrs. Lucy A. Wyman, Oakland Route R. F. D.; Knox, Mrs. Harriet M. Robbins, Union; Lincoln, Miss Hattie L. Knowlton, Damariscotta; Oxford, Mrs. Rosa L. Thurston, South Paris;

Penobscot, Mrs. Carrie E. Vincent, Bangor; Piscataquis, Mrs. L. H. Wight, Parkman; Sagadahoc, Miss Susan P. Cary, Bath; Waldo, Miss Alice G. Kane, Searsport; Washington, Mrs. Katherine Ray, Cherryfield.

EDITH N. OAKES.

### SOCIAL MEETINGS AND RED LETTER DAYS

The past year four new county superintendents have been reported to me, making six that now have superintendents. Have written to every county not already having systemized their work in this way, sending samples of literature and renewing the request for a county leader. Have used in this way 2,270 pages of leaflets.

Aroostook county reports a growing interest in this department and says more unions are reported as observing Red Letter Days this year than last. Thirteen days are tabulated, while three other unions report several. An aggregate of \$56 is reported.

Cumberland county's new superintendent reports four local superintendents. Says that Frances Willard Memorial was observed and \$2 sent to the Memorial Fund.

Franklin county says that every union has sent \$2 to the Memorial Fund. Two members were gained at the meetings. A good supply of literature was distributed at the County Fair. Considerable charitable work has been done, in furnishing the poor with Thanksgiving dinners, visiting the jail, etc. A good item is the use of a column in the weekly local paper, which column is filled with temperance items and reaches a large number of readers.

Oxford county unions observed the Willard Memorial Day and sent the \$2 to the Memorial Fund. Most of them observe

also Neal Dow's birthday, distribute literature and collect some money aside from dues.

Kennebec county sends a report from one union only, which has held three social meetings, observed two Red Letter Days, one of which was the Willard Memorial and sent \$2 to the Memorial Fund.

Lincoln county also reports one union which with no superintendent of this work has observed Memorial Day and sent \$2 to the Memorial Fund.

Piscataquis county sends a report from Milo union. Six social meetings and a social at close of each business session; two Red Letter Days, one the Willard Memorial, eight new members gained; \$2 sent to the Memorial Fund and \$60 collected.

Waldo county has tabulated three social meetings with five honorary members gained, and the \$2 sent to the Memorial Fund. One union has a committee to arrange for Red Letter Days, instead of a superintendent.

Washington county reports from one union, two Red Letter Days observed and the \$2 sent to the Memorial Fund.

Eight counties are represented in this report. Others have doubtless been at work and results were probably reported at the county conventions. If any union or county of unions has failed to receive due credit, let it stimulate each to keep a more accurate record and report through proper channels to the state.

HARRIET J. LORING.

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### FRANCHISE

The work of this department is steadily advancing. Moral sentiment in favor of Equal Suffrage for men and women alike is apparently stronger, more general and more encouraging than ever before. We did not ask our last state legis-

lature for the right of Suffrage, or rather, we did not ask them to acknowledge the right and confer the power and privilege of having votes of women cast and counted. The Maine Equal Suffrage Association asked the legislature for partial suffrage, and as we believe nothing but full suffrage will be satisfactory we decided to wait till the next legislature convenes and then request full suffrage for women of our state. We have already begun to circulate petitions and we hope for a very large enrollment of names before the bill is presented, in order that we may convince the legislators that we are in earnest in the matter and that women do want the ballot and want true representation in our law-making and law-enforcing bodies. We ought to have a voice in creating the laws which we are bound to obey. Let us all make most determined efforts, by personal influence, to have men of the right sentiment elected to go to the front and fight our battles for us with their own ballots (not bullets), when the legislature meets in 1905. It is none too soon to begin now to work on this line.

By reports from county and local unions we find that not much public work has been done, but a good deal of personal effort has been put forth by our workers on the line of this department during the past year. We urge that more be done by way of public addresses in the year upon which we are entering. Resubmission is in the air in some localities but woman's ballot can "down it" as nothing else can. Let us secure this weapon as soon as possible.

Mrs. Hunt will probably return from Europe in October and will be ready to help by her wise counsels and suggestions in every possible way.

The privileges of women are multiplying. During last year women were granted the right to practice law in the state of

Maine. In some municipalities women are serving on school boards, which is a new step forward.

Let us be wide awake on the subjects connected with the work of the Franchise Department and let us "not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Respectfully submitted,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
Assistant Supt.

### PEACE AND ARBITRATION

Work has been done for this department in all the counties, mostly through county superintendents. Among those counties deserving especial attention is Cumberland, where 5,000 pages of literature have been distributed, and four new local superintendents appointed. The report of the county superintendent, Mrs. Lucy A. Hawkes, read at the County Convention was so good that the state superintendent sent it to The Herald of Truth, published by the Mennonites, a sect who came to this country from Russia to avoid conscription in the army. It was immediately published.

Kennebec county likewise sent an excellent report. One of its Sunday Schools gives a peace lesson every Sabbath. Peace principles have also been taught in two Junior Endeavor Societies. Twelve Peace books have been presented to the library of one of the Sunday Schools and 150 calendars and 150 cards have been distributed. At one of the many public Peace meetings held by the National W. C. T. U. Mrs. H. J. Bailey gave an address. Mrs. Bailey also spoke in Lewiston in the interest of the cause.

The state superintendent visited Penobscot and Washington County Conventions in the interest of the work.



During the session of the State Legislature, the state superintendent wrote to the committee of Military Affairs, asking that nothing be done to increase the state militia. A most courteous letter was received in reply in which the committee expressed an interest in the department. Peace resolutions have been presented through the influence of the department at several religious conventions.

In nearly all of the counties Peace addresses have been given and Peace Sunday, the third Sabbath in December, appropriately observed, and literature, text chains and Peace calendars distributed. New superintendents have been formed and much personal work done.

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.



# Constitution of the Maine W. C. T. U.

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## PREAMBLE

We, Christian women of the 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.

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## 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, Editor of *Star in the East*, Y Secretaries of local Unions, the President, 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 paying a 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 a 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 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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 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 OR 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

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the \_\_\_\_\_ County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

### 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 Recording and Corresponding 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 county general officers, county superintendents of departments, presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers of local Unions, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every ten paying members of the local Union.

### 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 sometime within May or June.

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

The duties of 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 and report a digest of these to the county convention and to the state superintendents, as required by the State Constitution.

### ARTICLE VI.

Local Unions shall pay to the county Treasurer an amount equal to — cents annually for each of its members, for county work.

### ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

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



## Local Constitution

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### ARTICLE.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

### PLEDGE.

I herby 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 —— a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President (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 sub-

mitted 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 preceeding 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 County 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 1st, 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.

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**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. Hygenic 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 until 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.

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### TEMPERANCE EDUCATION

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#### CHAPTER 267 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.

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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 to any person to teach in the public schools of 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 human system.

(Approved February 19, 1885.)

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### EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAW

Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, work-house, warehouse, or place of business; travels, or does any work, labor or business on that day except work 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 inn holder 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 work 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 offense; 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 thereof 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.

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## CIGARETTE LAW

### CHAPTER 333.

An Act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors.

Sec. 1. Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

Sec. 2. Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

(Approved March 27.)

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## 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, indescant, 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.



(Laws of 1885. Chap. 348.)

Whoever knowingly sells, lends, gives away, or shows to any minor child and book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or any printed paper, devoted to the publication, or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust or crimes; or circulates, posts or causes to be circulated or posted in any conspicuous or public place, any picture, handbill or poster containing obscene, indelcent, or immoral representations; or in any manner hires, uses, or employs any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or who, having the care, custody, or control of any minor child, permits such child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, any book, magazine, pamphlet, or newspaper coming within the first paragraph of this section, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by fine, not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

(Public Laws of 1897. Chap. 213.)

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## **PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF PROHIBITORY LAW**

Sec. 34. Whoever sells intoxicating liquor contrary to law shall be fined fifty dollars and costs and imprisoned thirty days. For default, thirty days extra.

Subsequent convictions, two hundred dollars and costs, and six months' imprisonment.

In default of payment, six months' additional imprisonment. Clerks, servants and agents are equally guilty with the principal and shall suffer like penalties.

**IMMORAL SHOW LAW**  
**CHAPTER 105, LAWS OF 1899.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Whoever in connection with any show or entertainment, whether public or private, either as owner, manager or director, or in any other capacity, uses or causes or permits to be used, a phonograph or other contrivance, instrument or device, which utters or gives forth any profane, obscene or impure language, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. Whoever as owner, manager, director, agent or in any other capacity, prepares, advertises, gives, presents or participates in any obscene, indecent, immoral or impure show or entertainment, or in any show or entertainment manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of youth, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Approved March 17, 1899.)

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**ADULTERATION OF CANDY LAW**  
**CHAPTER 71, R. S. OF 1895.**

An Act to prevent adulteration of candy.

Sec. No person shall by himself, his servant, or agent of any other person or corporation, offer for sale any candy under the name of brandy, whiskey, rum or wine drops. Fine not exceeding \$100, nor less than \$50 shall be imposed and the candy forfeited and destroyed. The county attorney shall prosecute all violations.



















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.....of Maine.....



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**Congregational Church, Augusta**  
**Year Ending September, 1904**

## 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    |
| 1894 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | AUBURN      |
| 1895 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | HOULTON     |
| 1896 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BELFAST     |
| 1897 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BATH        |
| 1898 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BANGOR      |
| 1899 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | PORTLAND    |
| 1900 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | CALAIS      |
| 1901 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | BIDDEFORD   |
| 1902 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | WATERVILLE  |
| 1903 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | DOVER       |
| 1904 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | AUGUSTA     |

## Date of Organization of Unions

|                           |              |                                   |             |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Auburn.....               | June, 1886   | Sidney.....                       | Aug., 1895  |
| Greene .....              | 1889         | Wayne.....                        | May, 1899   |
| Mechanic Falls.....       | Sept., 1902  | Winthrop .....                    | 1886        |
| South Durham.....         | July, 1892   | Appleton.....                     | Nov., 1899  |
| Turner.....               | Sept., 1888  | Camden.....                       | Feb., 1882  |
| Bridgewater.....          | June, 1896   | Friendship .....                  | 1899        |
| Crystal.....              | Oct., 1903   | Rockland .....                    | 1878        |
| Houlton .....             | 1885         | Spruce Head.....                  | July, 1891  |
| Houlton Y.....            | June, 1904   | Union.....                        | Nov., 1884  |
| Island Falls.....         | Nov., 1893   | Warren .....                      | 1891        |
| Limestone.....            | Dec., 1888   | Dresden Mills.....                | Oct., 1886  |
| Mars Hill and Blaine..... | 1894         | East Jefferson.....               | Feb., 1890  |
| Mars Hill Y.....          | March, 1903  | Newcastle and Damariscotta...1893 |             |
| Maple Grove.....          | Oct., 1903   | New Harbor.....                   | 1896        |
| Presque Isle.....         | April, 1879  | North Waldoboro.....              | Oct., 1900  |
| Sprague's Mills.....      | Dec., 1888   | Round Pond.....                   | 1890        |
| Washburn.....             | March, 1903  | Waldoboro.....                    | April, 1889 |
| West Caribou.....         | Sept., 1903  | Bethel.....                       | April, 1893 |
| Bridgton.....             | August, 1895 | Brownfield .....                  | 1878        |
| Brunswick.....            | Sept., 1892  | Buckfield .....                   | 1899        |
| Cumberland Mills.....     | 1887         | Hiram.....                        | June, 1879  |
| East Windham.....         | Jan., 1900   | Kezar Falls.....                  | Sept., 1904 |
| Freeport.....             | June, 1901   | Norway.....                       | Nov., 1898  |
| Jray.....                 | June, 1895   | Rumford Center.....               | Jan., 1904  |
| Harrison.....             | Jan., 1896   | Rumford Falls .....               | 1901        |
| New Gloucester.....       | Sept., 1892  | South Paris .....                 | Nov., 1898  |
| North Yarmouth.....       | Sept., 1901  | West Paris.....                   | Dec., 1890  |
| Peak's Island.....        | July, 1889   | Bangor Crusade .....              | March, 1874 |
| South Windham .....       | 1876         | Bangor Y.....                     | Oct., 1898  |
| Stroudwater .....         | 1875         | Bradford .....                    | July, 1896  |
| Westbrook .....           | 1881         | Carmel .....                      | Sept., 1902 |
| North Windham.....        | Sept., 1904  | Dexter .....                      | 1885        |
| Windham Center.....       | 1881         | Dexter Y.....                     | June, 1904  |
| Yarmouth.....             | Nov., 1892   | East Corinth .....                | Dec., 1901  |
| Farmington.....           | June, 1836   | Garland .....                     | 1890        |
| Farmington Y.....         | 1902         | Hampden .....                     | Feb., 1904  |
| New Sharon.....           | July, 1903   | Kenduskeag .....                  | Feb., 1892  |
| Stratton.....             | June, 1890   | Lagrange .....                    | Sept., 1902 |
| Wilton.....               | Oct., 1890   | Millinocket .....                 | Sept., 1901 |
| Bar Harbor.....           | March, 1886  | Montague and Howland..June, 1893  |             |
| South Deer Isle.....      | May, 1895    | Newport .....                     | July, 1903  |
| Southwest Harbor.....     | Sept., 1891  | Oldtown Y.....                    | March, 1901 |
| Southwest Harbor Y....    | March, 1902  | Orono .....                       | 1886        |
| Winter Harbor.....        | Oct., 1898   | Passadumkeag .....                | June, 1902  |
| Augusta.....              | Jan., 1896   | Atkinson .....                    | Sept., 1894 |
| China .....               | 1889         | Bowerbank .....                   | July, 1904  |
| Gardner.....              | Oct., 1902   | Dover and Foxcroft.....           | 1884        |
| Monmouth .....            | 1889         | Greenville .....                  | 1899        |

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|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Milo .....              | Oct., 1899  | Troy .....           | July, 1894  |
| Monson .....            | Oct., 1902  | Waldo .....          | Aug., 1892  |
| Parkman .....           | Aug., 1900  | Winterport .....     | 1892        |
| Summit .....            | July, 1904  | Baring .....         | Aug., 1903  |
| Bath .....              | March, 1881 | Calais .....         | Sept., 1891 |
| Bowdoinham .....        | 1897        | Cherryfield .....    | 1886        |
| Popham Beach .....      | Sept., 1899 | Columbia Falls ..... | 1901        |
| Woolwich .....          | Dec., 1901  | Eastport .....       | 1878        |
| Fairfield .....         | March, 1892 | East Steuben .....   | Sept., 1899 |
| Hartland .....          | July, 1902  | Machias .....        | Jan., 1883  |
| Mercer .....            | Oct., 1903  | Machiasport .....    | March, 1904 |
| Ripley .....            | Sept., 1902 | Millbridge .....     | Sept., 1892 |
| Shawmut .....           | 1890        | Milltown .....       | Feb., 1901  |
| Skowhegan .....         | 1880        | Petit Menan .....    | Feb., 1899  |
| St. Albans .....        | June, 1886  | Princeton .....      | Aug., 1903  |
| Belfast .....           | 1873        | Unionville .....     | 1902        |
| Burnham .....           | July, 1904  | Whitneyville .....   | Aug., 1903  |
| Freedom .....           | June, 1900  | Kennebunk .....      | Jan., 1879  |
| Ellingwood Corner ..... | Jan., 1904  | Old Orchard .....    | 1884        |
| Knox .....              | March, 1904 | Saco .....           | Dec., 1901  |
| Monroe .....            | May, 1899   | Sanford .....        | Sept., 1892 |
| Searsmont .....         | 1882        | South Berwick .....  | April, 1884 |
| Searsport .....         | March, 1904 | West Lebanon .....   | Aug., 1890  |

## Memorial Members of Maine W. C. U.

### 1900

Mrs. Malinda Small  
Edward Forest Littlefield  
Mrs. Mary A. Osborne  
Miss Eunice Merritt  
N. S. Fernald  
George S. Hunt  
David Perkins  
Neal Dow  
Rev. C. F. Allen, D. D.,  
Mrs. Ellen N. Reynolds

### 1901

Miss Harriet A. Leavitt

### 1902

Joseph Farwell

### 1903

Nathaniel Ames  
Mrs. Nancy Parsons Ames  
Adoniram J. Ames  
Miss Julia W. Soule  
Jesse W. Chandler

### 1904

Rev. Zachariah Gibson  
Mrs. Sally Gibson  
Miss Anna A. Wharff  
Mrs. Rebecca S. Warren

## Life Members of W. C. U.

### 1899

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens  
Miss Anna A. Gordon  
Miss Cornelia M. Dow  
Miss Clara M. Farwell  
Miss Estelle M. Brainerd  
Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston  
Mrs. Evelyn A. Harvey  
Mrs. Helen Delano  
Miss Emily F. Miller  
Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey  
Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt  
Mrs. Kate DeWitt  
Mrs. Olive S. Hanson  
Mrs. Mary C. Woodbury  
M. Stevens  
Francis Willard Hall  
Fuller Prince Studley

### 1900

Mrs. Mary C. McDowell  
Mrs. Susan M. French  
Mrs. Emma E. Thompson  
Mrs. E. Maria Vose  
Mrs. J. McLennan

### 1901

Mrs. Julia Irish  
Mrs. S. W. Ricker  
Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan  
Mrs. R. C. Hall  
Mrs. Rollin T. Hack  
Mrs. Ann F. Greeley  
Mrs. L. J. Spaulding  
Willard Gordon Wyman

### 1902

Mrs. Eliza L. Averill  
Miss Harriet J. Loring  
Mrs. Jennie M. Nason  
Ralph Ames Leavitt

### 1903

Mrs. Mary S. Burnham  
Mrs. Sadie H. Bates  
Mrs. Frances W. Chandler  
Mrs. A. W. Clark  
Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney  
Gordon Woodbury Johnson

### 1904

Miss Almira F. Ginn  
Mrs. Violet Goss  
Mrs. V. K. Rollins  
Rosamond Woods



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FOR 1904-1905.

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
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County Treasurer—Mrs. Luella E. Reynolds, Farmington

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## COR. SECRETARY.

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| Stratton                  | Mrs. Emma M. Porter       | Mrs. Ella Blanchard    |
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## HANCOCK COUNTY.

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County Treasurer—Mrs. A. W. Clark, Southwest Harbor

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
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| Bass Harbor Y      | Miss Maude Chaffey    | Miss Ida Kelley           |
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| Southwest Harbor Y | Miss Grace C. Carroll | Miss Katherine B. Freeman |
| Stonington         | Mrs. Fred Torrey      | Miss Caro Parker          |
| Sullivan           | Mrs. Barbara Taylor   | Mrs. Belinda Farnsworth   |
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## KENNEBEC COUNTY.

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County Treasurer—Mrs. Helen M. Haynes, Monmouth

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|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Augusta   | Mrs. Olive A. Holway   | Mrs. Mary H. Church     |
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| Gardiner  | Mrs. Sarah G. Payne    | Mrs. Addie H. Berry     |
|           | (Lincoln St.)          | (Harrison Ave.)         |
| Hallowell | Mrs. Harriet R. Perry  | Mrs. M. S. Canhan       |
| Monmouth  | Mrs. Helen M. Haynes   | Mrs. Letitia T. Pinkhan |
| Sidney    | Mrs. Lucy Wyman        |                         |
|           | (Oakland, Route 36)    |                         |

## KENNEBEC COUNTY—Continued.

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
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| Vassalboro  | Mrs. Anna Marden                     | Miss Emily S. Weeks   |
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| Waterville  | Mrs. Mary E. Marsh                   |                       |
| Wayne       | Mrs. Jennie M. T. Johnson            | Mrs. Harriet T. White |
| Winthrop    | Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey                | Miss Alice A. Clough  |
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## KNOX COUNTY.

|                                                                  |                           |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Elizabeth C. Newbert, Union, Route 1. |                           |                       |
| County Treasurer—Mrs. Clara E. Light, Union                      |                           |                       |
| Appleton                                                         | Mrs. Elizabeth C. Newbert | Mrs. Adella Gushee    |
|                                                                  | (Union, Route 1)          |                       |
| Camden                                                           | Miss Caroline S. Barrows  | Mrs. D. F. Wadsworth  |
| Friendship                                                       | Mrs. Lydia Newbert        | Mrs. May Stanley      |
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| Spruce Head                                                      | Mrs. C. P. Waldron        | Mrs. Mabel Wiley      |
| Thomaston                                                        | Mrs. John Stetson         | Mrs. A. F. Burton     |
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| Warren                                                           | Mrs. Letitia Montgomery   | Mrs. Josepha W. Watts |

## LINCOLN COUNTY.

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Helen M. Daggett, Waldoboro |                       |                       |
| County Treasurer—Mrs. M. E. Wellman, Cedar Grove       |                       |                       |
| Boothbay Harbor                                        | Mrs. Isaac Coombs     | Mrs. B. F. Spurling   |
| Bremen                                                 | Mrs. Almeda Havener   | Mrs. Laura E. Turner  |
| Dresden Mills                                          | Mrs. M. E. Wellman    | Miss J. Maude Barker  |
|                                                        | (Cedar Grove)         | (Cedar Grove)         |
| East Jefferson                                         | Mrs. Angia A. Skinner | Miss Addie C. Ames    |
| Newcastle and<br>Damariscotta                          | Miss Almira F. Ginn   | Mrs. Amanda W. Bryant |
|                                                        | (Damariscotta)        | (Newcastle)           |
| New Harbor                                             | Mrs. Annie E. Fossett | Mrs. Annie R. Poland  |
| North Waldoboro                                        | Mrs. Lavinia Hoffses  | Mrs. Genia B. Meserve |
| Round Pond                                             | Mrs. Emma F. Fuller   | Mrs. J. E. Nichols    |
|                                                        | (Buckport)            |                       |
| Waldoboro                                              | Mrs. Emma T. Potter   | Mrs. Susan F. Winslow |

## OXFORD COUNTY.

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|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Emma W. Chandler, Bethel |                        |                       |
| County Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie M. Y. Clifford, Hiram  |                        |                       |
| Bethel                                              | Mrs. Olive M. Mason    | Mrs. Emma W. Chandler |
| Brownfield                                          | Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney | Mrs. A. J. Cameron    |
|                                                     | (East Brownfield)      | (East Brownfield)     |

## OXFORD COUNTY—Continued.

|                | PRESIDENT.                 | COR. SECRETARY.                        |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
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| Hiram          | Mrs. Fannie M. Y. Clifford | Mrs. Fannie M. Burnell<br>(East Hiram) |
| Kezar Falls    | Mrs. G. W. Peare           | Mrs. Gertrude M. Chapman               |
| Norway         | Mrs. Leona G. Tubbs        | Mrs. Alice R. Woodsum                  |
| Rumford Center | Mrs. Lucy Lufkin           | Mrs. Annie E. Penley                   |
| Rumford Falls  | Mrs. F. B. Carroll         | Mrs. Etta Worthley                     |
| South Paris    | Mrs. E. E. Chapman         | Mrs. Harriet W. Bonney                 |
| West Paris     | Mrs. Ella Bates            | Mrs. Emily L. Emmons                   |

## PENOBSCOT COUNTY.

|                                                                 |                                         |                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. S. H. Bates, 16 No. Park St., Bangor |                                         |                                           |
| County Treasurer—Mrs. Lila B. Howes, Enfield                    |                                         |                                           |
| Bangor Crusade                                                  | Mrs. L. B. Wheelden<br>(50 Charles St.) | Mrs. Ellen M. Cushman<br>(64 Lincoln St.) |
| Bangor                                                          | Mrs. Addie M. Mitchell                  | Miss Mary Crosby<br>(12 Fifth St.)        |
| Bangor Y                                                        | Miss L. Mabel Freese<br>(20 Fourth St.) | Miss Alice S. Ginn                        |
| Bradford.                                                       | Mrs. Stella W. Vannah                   | Mrs. Rose B. Fletcher                     |
| Carmel                                                          | Mrs. Martha Hunt<br>(Route 3)           | Miss Ella F. Mayo                         |
| Charleston                                                      | Mrs. Sarah T. Johnson                   | Mrs. Sarah Tibbetts                       |
| Dexter                                                          | Mrs. E. R. Horton                       | Mrs. Flora A. Carr                        |
| Dexter Y                                                        | Miss Evelyn Jordan                      | Miss Edith Gerry                          |
| East Corinth                                                    | Mrs. J. F. Alvey                        | Mrs. Emily McKenney                       |
| East Dixmont                                                    | Mrs. Lida J. Tasker                     | Mrs. Florence M. Rowell                   |
| Enfield                                                         | Mrs. Ellen Buzzell                      | Mrs. Lila B. Howes                        |
| Garland                                                         | Mrs. Mark Avery                         | Mrs. B. M. Avery                          |
| Hampden                                                         | Mrs. Viola Garland<br>(Hampden Corner)  | Mrs. Lola Swett                           |
| Kenduskeag                                                      | Miss Ethel Cole                         | Miss Annie Edgerly                        |
| Lagrange                                                        | Mrs. Amanda A. Savage                   | Mrs. Jennie M. Fuller                     |
| Lincoln                                                         | Mrs. V. E. Libby                        | Miss Salome Ripley                        |
| Milford                                                         | Mrs. Lucretia Linn                      | Miss Mary Dwyer                           |
| Millinocket                                                     | Mrs. Sarah R. Beaty                     | Mrs. C. E. Young                          |
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| Newport                                                         | Mrs. G. A. Howe                         | Mrs. T. S. Ross                           |
| North Orrington                                                 | Mrs. Mary P. Johnson                    | Mrs. Josephine L. Johnson                 |
| Oldtown                                                         | Mrs. H. M. Dickey                       | Mrs. Harriet M. Hunt                      |
| Oldtown Y                                                       | Miss Ella F. Merrill                    | Miss Cora Wilson                          |

**PENOBSCOT COUNTY—Continued.**

|              | <b>PRESIDENT.</b>       | <b>COR. SECRETARY.</b> |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Orono        | Mrs. Elizabeth A. Beale | Mrs. Letitia Clifford  |
| Orono Y      | Miss Nellie Goode       | Miss Jennie Brown      |
| Passadumkeag | Mrs. Isabel Twaddle     | Mrs. Flora T. McDuff   |
| Veazie       | Mrs. Frank Beal         | Miss Ida McPheters     |

**PISCATAQUIS COUNTY**

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|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary— | Mrs. Abbie Meservey, Atkinson                  |                         |
|                        | County Treasurer—Mrs. Edith N. Oakes, Foxcroft |                         |
| Atkinson               | Mrs. Abbie Meservey                            | Mrs. Mary Hathorn       |
| Bowdoinbank            | Mrs. Isa Thompson                              | Miss Genieve Glover     |
| Brownville             | Mrs. Eliza Howard                              | Mrs. Annie L. Ryder     |
| Dover & Foxcroft       | Mrs. Clara Evans                               | Mrs. F. H. Pratt        |
| Greenville             | Mrs. W. L. Rogers                              | Mrs. Frances S. Rogers  |
| Milo                   |                                                | Mrs. Elsie E. Sherburne |
| Monson                 | Mrs. Anna Davis                                | Mrs. W. C. Jackson      |
| Parkman                | Mrs. L. W. Clark                               | Mrs. L. H. Wight        |
| Summit                 | Mrs. Louise Noyes                              | Miss Bertha Hamlin      |

**SAGADAHOC COUNTY.**

|                        |                                                 |                       |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary— | Miss Kate W. Spinney, Popham Beach              |                       |
|                        | County Treasurer—Mrs. Susan N. Montgomery, Bath |                       |
| Path                   | Mrs. Helen Delano                               | Mrs. S. N. Montgomery |
| Powdoinham             | Mrs. L. H. Hinkley                              | Mrs. L. D. Small      |
| Popham Beach           | Miss Kate W. Spinney                            | Mrs. Annie Spinney    |
| Woolwich               | Mrs. Lydia A. B. Gilmore                        | Miss Mary L. Dodge    |

**SOMERSET COUNTY.**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| County Cor. Secretary— | Mrs. H. May Lawrence, Madison                    |                                     |
|                        | County Treasurer—Mrs. Annie M. Frost, Pittsfield |                                     |
| Bingham                | Mrs. Dora Goodrich                               |                                     |
| Bingham Y              | Mrs. Alice J. Smith                              | Miss Emma Hilton                    |
| E. St. Albans          | Mrs. Narcissa A. Libby                           | Miss Mabel Libby                    |
| Fairfield              | Mrs. Flora A. Files                              | Mrs. Emma F. Hatch                  |
| Hartland               | Mrs. Jennie Schwartz                             | Mrs. Sarah C. Page                  |
| Madison                | Mrs. Juliette Edwards                            | Mrs. Grace Clement                  |
| Mercer                 | Mrs. Josie Pressey                               | Miss Elva M. Brown<br>(East Mercer) |
| Palmyra                | Mrs. E. L. Cook                                  | Miss Myra E. Pray                   |
| Pittsfield             | Mrs. Eva W. Bryant                               | Mrs. Annie M. Frost                 |
| Ripley                 | Mrs. Julia A. Bowdoin<br>(Dexter)                | Mrs. Mary E. Felker                 |
| Shawmut                | Mrs. Rebecca E. Lawrence                         | Mrs. E. M. Hunt                     |
| Skowhegan              | Mrs. L. W. Weston                                | Mrs. W. R. Gifford                  |
| St. Albans             | Mrs. Bessie Prescott                             | Mrs. Eva P. Turner                  |



### WALDO COUNTY

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Georgia T. Woods, Troy

County Treasurer—Mrs. A. Sarah Tyler, Troy

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|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
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| Burnham           | Mrs. F. P. Shaw                            | Mrs. Clara B. Gilmore                      |
| Ellingwood Corner | Mrs. Matilda Ellingwood                    | Mrs. Anna M. Hill<br>(Winterport, Route 1) |
| Freedom           | Mrs. Augusta Nutt                          | Mrs. Myra Brown                            |
| Knox              | Mrs. H. W. Woods<br>(Brooks, Route 2)      | Mrs. Florence Post                         |
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| Northport         | Mrs. Sarah Orcutt                          | Mrs. Etta P. Dickey                        |
| Searsmont         | Mrs. Emma Beebe                            | Miss Emily F. Miller<br>(North Searsmont)  |
| Searsport         | Mrs. W. T. C. Runnells                     | Mrs. Annie S. Porter                       |
| Troy              | Mrs. Georgia T. Woods                      | Mrs. Rewbertie Whitney                     |
| Waldo             | Mrs. Lucy E. Roberts<br>(Belfast, Route 1) | Mrs. Mary A. Smith<br>(Belfast, Route 1)   |
| Winterport        | Miss Emily M. Hall                         | Mrs. Sarah Moody                           |

### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. W. S. McKellar, Calais

County Treasurer—Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Eastport

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Addison        | Mrs. Julia Caler                    | Mrs. Rhoda Plummer                   |
| Baring         | Mrs. A. B. Getchell                 | Miss Lydia S. Polleys                |
| Baileysville   | Mrs. Leona Morrison                 |                                      |
| Calais         | Mrs. E. Maria Vose                  | Mrs. S. D. McAllister                |
| Cherryfield    | Mrs. Ada Ward                       | Mrs. Frances Nickels                 |
| Columbia Falls | Mrs. Fannie Luce                    | Mrs. Fronie E. Smith                 |
| Eastport       | Mrs. J. B. McGregor                 | Mrs. Susan P. Hayman                 |
| East Steuben   | Mrs. Mary A. Pinkham<br>(Steuben)   | Mrs. Lessie M. Stevens               |
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| Machias        | Mrs. Geo. W. Drisko                 | Miss Mary O. Longfellow              |
| Machiasport    | Mrs. W. A. Sanborn                  | Miss Alta Flynn                      |
| Millbridge     | Mrs. Effie J. Sawyer                | Mrs. A. C. Friend                    |
| Milltown       | Mrs. Florence S. Glen               | Mrs. Sarah B. Abbott                 |
| Milltown Y     | Mrs. Ivan Tuell                     | Mrs. Harriet Bridgham                |
| Petit Menan    | Mrs. Susan M. Grant<br>(Millbridge) | Mrs. Hannah Colewell<br>(Millbridge) |

## WASHINGTON COUNTY—Continued.

|              | PRESIDENT.                            | COR. SECRETARY.                       |
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| Pembroke     | Mrs. W. P. Hunt                       | Mrs. M. A. Gardner<br>(West Pembroke) |
| Princetown   | Mrs. Waldo Mercier                    | Mrs. Kate Furbush                     |
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## YORK COUNTY.

County Cor. Secretary—Mrs. Mary W. Thomas, Saco, Box 211

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|               |                                          |                                            |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Biddeford     | Mrs. Lydia Fogg<br>(Alfred St.)          | Mrs. Sarah L. Cram<br>(South St.)          |
| Biddeford Y   | Miss Jane L. D. Leavitt<br>(65 Pool St.) | Miss Viola M. Campbell<br>(163 Alfred St.) |
| Buxton        | Miss Jennie Garland                      | Mrs. W. P. Rounds                          |
| Ellot         | Mrs. Laura Abbott                        | Miss Marietta B. Frye                      |
| Kennebunk     | Miss Anna O. Kimball                     | Mrs. Laura Littlefield                     |
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| Kittery Point | Mrs. Abbie F. Sawyer                     | Mrs. Belle Hoyt                            |
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| North Berwick | Mrs. Addie Knight                        | Mrs. Mary T. Hurd                          |
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| South Berwick | Miss Blanche H. Adams<br>(Dover, N. H.)  | Miss Ella W. Ricker                        |
| Springvale    | Mrs. Mary H. Roberts                     | Mrs. Rose Turner                           |
| West Lebanon  | Mrs. E. J. Cowell                        | Mrs. Ellen L. Clowson                      |

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*Treasurer*—Miss Adelaide S. Johnston.

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**Report of the Thirtieth Annual Convention**  
**OF THE**  
**Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union**  

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**Congregational Church, Augusta**  

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Executive Committee Meeting, Sept. 12, 7.30 p. m.

President Stevens called the committee to order.

Voted, That Miss Dow and Mrs. Thomas seat the delegations.

Voted, That the special order of the day for Wednesday at eleven o'clock be the reception of delegates from the Christian Temperance Union at Togus accompanied by Mrs. Towle of Augusta.

The Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Harvey, Mrs. Blanche M. Friend, Mrs. C. M. Kies, and Miss Jennie B. Price were appointed a committee to formulate some plan whereby a small sum of money from the treasury may be used to extend the work in the various counties.

Mrs. Friend acknowledged a gift of \$25 from Mrs. H. J. Bailey for the benefit of the work in Kennebec County.

The committee rose.

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Convention, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 9 a. m.

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Congregational Church, Augusta, September 13, 14 and 15, 1904.

The church was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, while banners of the different counties

helped complete the handsome effect. The pulpit decorations made a beautiful and appropriate setting for the inspiring face of Frances E. Willard as it rested on the easel in front.

As for many years past, the opening devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow, superintendent of Evangelistic Work.

President Stevens called the convention to order.

Responsive reading of the Crusade Psalm followed, and prayer was offered by Mrs. H. J. Bailey.

Miss Sarah Munroe Hall, musical director, led the convention in singing "Give to the Winds thy Fears."

The recording secretary called the roll which showed a good number in attendance.

On motion, the chair appointed the following committees: Credentials—the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Belle Downes and Miss Jennie Price. Courtesies—Mrs. Olive A. Holway, Mrs. Helen Delano, Misses Alice Moore and Isabel Stickney.

When Mrs. Stevens was questioned as to her feelings about the recent elections, she said, in part:

"Let us be full of that optimism which should possess the soul of every Christian reformer. . . . Perpetual work is necessary as new occasions and conditions arise. Even from the standpoint of yesterday's vote on candidates for sheriffs we need not be discouraged. If the good people would be as zealous for good as the bad people are for evil, the result would be far different. The liquor men of this nation have left no stone unturned to defeat the enforcement forces of Maine, but the good people of our State and our Nation are learning that they must awake not only upon the temperance question but upon other great moral questions. The liquor power of this country has decided that Maine's prohibitory law must go, the Maine W. C. T. U. with

a power behind it which the liquor element does not know, has determined to uphold this righteous law."

Moved by Miss Dow, seconded by Miss Farwell, that Miss Anna A. Gordon be made a member of the convention with all its rights and privileges. Carried by a rising vote.

Reports of superintendents given: Work Among Railroad Employees, by Mrs. Helen A. Thomas; Homes for Homeless Children, by Miss Jennie M. Anthoine; Temperance Literature, by Mrs. V. K. Rollins.

Noontide Prayer voiced by Miss Gordon.

The Corresponding Secretary took the chair and Mrs. Stevens spoke of the urgent need of more subscribers to the Union Signal in order that its financial obligations may be met.

Notices were given.

Rev. Mr. Canhan of Hallowell was introduced and pronounced the benediction.

Adjourned.

Convention, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2 p. m.

The convention was called to order by Mrs. Stevens. Prayer by Mrs. McLeod.

Report of corresponding secretary, Miss Cornelia M. Dow, read and accepted with thanks.

Report of treasurer, Mrs. A. S. Johnston, was read and showed a most gratifying balance.

Report of state auditor, Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames, was read and on motion accepted.

The report of the treasurer was accepted with great applause.

Reports of Star in the East by Miss Cornelia M. Dow, business manager, and Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt, editor, were presented and received with grateful thanks.

Miss Anna Gordon spoke very earnestly in favor of the Star, Union Signal and Monthly Crusader.

Pledges to increase subscriptions by contest, Union Signal quilt, and other ways, were taken by Mrs. Rollins.

Mrs. Emma Roberts of Augusta appointed to assist Committee on Courtesies.

President Stevens announced that South Deer Isle Union placed the name of Mrs. Rebecca S. Warren of South Deer Isle on the list of Memorial Members.

Cumberland County made Mrs. V. K. Rollins a Life Member.

Mrs. H. J. Bailey reported on Reformatory for Women.

In response to questions Mrs. Stevens explained how the reformatory can be established and the great need of it.

An interesting incident was the reading of a letter from a union in the Philippines which is composed of soldiers who took the W. C. T. U. pledge before leaving this country. This union is located in Manila and has a membership of 93.

In the absence of Miss Jennie M. Brown, Mrs. Althea G. Quimby was asked to assist the recording secretary.

Notices were given, "Blest be the Tie that Binds" sung, and the convention adjourned.

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7.30 p. m.

President Stevens in the chair.

Music by the Universalist choir.

Scripture reading by Mrs. Stevens.

Prayer by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney.

Solo by Miss Sarah Munroe Hall.

Rev. Norman McKinnon of Augusta welcomed the delegates in behalf of the churches and bade them go on in their great work. Mrs. Blanche Friend gave a most loving and



cordial welcome in behalf of the local union. Mayor Robertson, who was to speak in behalf of the city, was prevented by illness from being present. The response was made by Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston in her usual pleasing way.

Solo by Miss Hall.

Following this Mrs. Stevens delivered an address on total abstinence and prohibition, the keynote being courage, hope and determination.

The collection was taken, after which Miss Hall sang "Nearer My God To Thee."

Benediction by Rev. Norman McKinnon.

Executive Committee, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 8 a. m.

President Stevens called the committee to order.

Prayer by Mrs. C. M. Kies.

Committee on Appropriations appointed, the Treasurer, Mrs. Helen Delano and Mrs. V. K. Rollins.

Voted, To choose delegates to the National Convention by nomination.

Voted, To send a letter of love and sympathy to Mrs. Kate De Witt of Presque Isle.

Voted, To class Patten in Penobscot County with the organization in Aroostook County for geographical reasons.

The treasurer presented a plan for financial assistance to the counties for organizing work, which was adopted.

Voted, That Miss Alice Moore be continued as State Organizer and Lecturer with no financial responsibility on the part of the State.

Voted, To continue Miss Jennie Price as State Organizer on a financial basis as arranged.

The committee rose.

Convention, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 9 a. m.

Devotional meeting led by Mrs. Phoebe Wadsworth of Augusta.

Convention called to order by the president.

Singing, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Minutes of Executive Committee Monday evening and Wednesday morning read and approved.

Minutes of Tuesday morning and afternoon read and approved.

Letters of loving sympathy were ordered sent to Mrs. Frances M. Chandler and Mrs. Anna B. Austin, prevented from attending the convention by illness.

A telegram of a similar nature was ordered sent to Mrs. Luella E. Reynolds who is critically ill in New York.

Report of Peace and Arbitration given by Miss Alice Douglass.

Mrs. Bailey urged the delegates to attend the Peace Congress to be held in Boston, October 3-7.

The new song, "Wind the Ribbon Round the Nations," written by Mrs. Fanny B. Damon of Dexter, and presented by her to the convention, was sung with great enthusiasm, to the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Evangelistic Work was reported by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow; Sunday School Work, by Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney; Scientific Temperance Instruction, by Mrs. Georgia Tyler Woods.

Miss Gordon, rising to a question of privilege, announced that she placed the name of Rosalind Woods, daughter of Mrs. Georgia Tyler Woods, aged six years, youngest child in the State to secure a club for the Crusader Monthly, July 21, on the list of Life Members of the Maine W. C. T. U.

Mrs. Della F. Wentworth placed the name of her sister, Anna A. Wharff on the Memorial List.

At the appointed hour, Mrs. Lizzie H. Towle, president of

the Togus Christian Temperance Union, came to the platform with three veterans from that union.

It is needless to say that each one of the old soldiers received a warm welcome from so patriotic a society of women. There were tears in many eyes as Mr. Charles Turner was carefully helped upon the platform that he might in an original poem extend greetings and good wishes to the convention; also when Major Jewett told of the evangelistic work the Togus union is doing by holding morning prayer meetings and visiting the hospital where the lonely old soldiers are dying off so rapidly. The treasurer, Mr. C. Card, gave a brief sketch of the history of this unique organization officered in part by army veterans and in part by Augusta White Ribboners, and a little wave of indignation went over the audience as they heard of the mischief wrought by a bottle of beer, the gift of a brewing company, placed at each man's plate at Christmas.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. A. B. Crockett. Moved that the resolutions be considered seriatim, and then adopted as a whole.

The noonday prayer was offered by Mrs. Towle.

Consideration of the resolutions resumed.

A greeting was received from the W. C. T. U. Institute in session in Vermont. It was brief and to the point, "We look to you for you have a prohibitory law and you have Mrs. Stevens."

Announcements were made, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung, and the convention adjourned.

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Convention, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2 p. m.

Convention called to order by the president.

Singing, "Nearer My God to Thee."

Prayer by Mrs. Hartley, South Portland Heights.

Consideration of resolutions resumed.

After full discussion and several amendments the following resolutions were adopted:

#### PREAMBLE.

We, the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in thirtieth convention assembled, again acknowledge the guidance and support of God in the past ; we re-affirm our faith in the righteousness of the cause which brings us together, and we renew our loyalty to the following fundamental principles :

#### TOTAL ABSTINENCE.

We stand firmly for total abstinence for the individual believing it to be the only impregnable armor against the drink habit.

#### PROHIBITION.

(a). Believing that the prohibition of the sale of intoxicants as a beverage is a powerful ally to the cause of total abstinence; believing also that the liquor traffic is morally wrong and hence should never be legalized, we unalterably oppose every form of license or regulation.

(b.) We are opposed to resubmission and will do our utmost to repel every attack upon the Maine Prohibitory Law by the liquor interest of the state and nation.

To this end we will seek to arouse the indifferent and to influence those who are misled by false statements and illegal actions. We will hold public meetings, distribute literature, circulate petitions, etc., and work to carry out plans that may be formulated by the legislative committee of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### PURITY.

We demand one code of morals for men and women, and emphatically condemn every system for the regulation of vice.

#### TRAINING OF THE YOUNG.

Because the children of today are the men and women of tomorrow, and because formation is better than reformation we, as an organization, will continue to train the boys and girls in temperance principles, emphasizing the evil effects caused by the use of alcohol and narcotics, by courses of study, scientific, ethical and governmental, through the day school, the Sunday school, the Loyal Temperance Legion and Medal Contests, thus insuring a future nation of intelligent total abstainers.

#### FRANCHISE.

Believing in the extension of the Franchise to women as a just and

righteous measure, believing that it would promote temperance principles and a better enforcement of the Prohibitory Law as well as a greater respect for all law, that it would be conducive to better citizenship, and a higher standard of morality in Government, therefore resolved, that we will petition the next Legislature to take such action as may lead to the granting of full and equal suffrage to the women of our state.

#### COURTESIES.

We hereby express our obligations and gratitude to the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union for all its labors on our behalf; to all the citizens of Augusta and adjacent cities who, with kindly hospitality have welcomed us into their homes; to the ministers who have helped us with their words and influence.

To the Press our appreciation is due for full and just reports of our proceedings. To the officials of the Congregationalist church, to those who have furnished special music, to the efficient pages, to the railroad officials, and all others who have contributed to the success and pleasure of this Convention we tender our sincere thanks.

Department of Franchise reported by Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt; Systematic Giving, by Miss Annie M. Nichols; State and County Fairs, by Mrs. Edith N. Oakes.

Voted, To have the report of Flower Mission Work given during the Y hour.

The Rev. Mr. Dunnack, pastor of Augusta M. E. Church, was presented and made some very telling remarks.

The memorial hour having arrived, the solo "Just For Today" was sung by Miss Hall.

The convention rose while Mrs. Stevens read the list of our promoted members which was unusually long.

Mrs. L. J. Spaulding, Aroostook; Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy, Franklin; Mrs. Lizzie York, Mars Hill; Mrs. Elizabeth Burpee, Fort Fairfield; Mrs. Eva Irving, Mars Hill; Mrs. Gilman, Enfield; Mrs. Lang, Enfield; Mrs. Benjamin Spaulding, Buckfield; Mrs. Addie Bates, Mrs. Mary Swan, Mrs. Sarah E. W. Curtis, West Paris; Mrs. Esther G. Munson, Rumford Center; Mrs. Frances Cummings, Norway; Mrs. Jane Smith, Mrs. Almira Edgecomb, Mrs. Eliza W. Smiley,

Mrs. Eliza Farnham, Miss Mary R. Sawyer, Bath; Mrs. Hattie Call, Mrs. Frost, Auburn; Mrs. Annie Hanscom, Lewiston; Mrs. Call, Mrs. George Tracy, Mrs. Warren, Ellsworth; Mrs. Emily Eldridge, Mrs. Hannah Harriman, Foxcroft; Mrs. Fuller, Dover; Mrs. Elizabeth Hanscom, Mrs. Bessie Clark, Mrs. Cordelia Pineo, Bar Harbor; Mrs. Nellie M. Wells, Mrs. Alvina Quint, Gardiner; Mrs. Viola J. Watson, Mrs. Melissa Atkins, Dexter; Mrs. Lois Webster, Belfast; Mrs. A. J. Durgin, Orono; Mrs. Mary A. Church, Mrs. Sabin, Miss Maria Parsons, Augusta; Mrs. Rebecca S. Warren, South Deer Isle; Mrs. Oscar Hill, Mrs. Melissa Woodbury, Northport; Mrs. Mark Knowlton, East Northport; Mrs. Helen C. B. Flint, Winthrop; Mrs. Lucy Lord, Skowhegan; Mrs. Laura Robbins, Union; Mrs. Caroline V. Loring, Rockland; Miss Etta Mullen, Camden; Mrs. Ellen Sullivan, Appleton; Mrs. Anna Cox, South Durham; Miss Clara F. Smith, Gray; Mrs. Helen Hatch, Troy.

Honorary Members: George H. Shirley, Bethel; Orin Williamson, Eugene Fogg, Augusta; John Spiller, Westbrook; Amos Harding, Union; John F. Boynton, East St. Albans; Silas C. Hall, Spruce Head.

Mrs. Johnston spoke in words of loving remembrance of the beautiful life of Mrs. L. J. Spaulding of Aroostook.

Mrs. C. M. Kies said of Mrs. Helen Coffin Beedy of Franklin, "She was our inspiration."

The words spoken by Mrs. Stevens in honor of Orin Williamson of Augusta, whose home was the headquarters of Neal Dow while working in the Legislature for the passage of the Maine Law and of George H. Shirley of Oxford County, one of Gen. Dow's ablest coadjutors, were as heartfelt as her tribute to the two members of the executive committee, Mrs. Helen C. Beedy and Mrs. L. J. Spaulding.

Prayer by Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt.

Solo, "O, Dry Those Tears." by Miss Hall.

The Memorial Service was concluded by a recitation of the following lines by Mrs. Stevens:

"Thou are not dead! For death  
Can only take away the mortal breath;  
And life, commencing here,  
Is but the prelude to its full career;  
And Hope and Faith the blest assurance give—  
'We do not live to die! We die to live!'"

Rev. Zachariah Gibson was made a memorial member by his daughter, Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney; Mrs. Sally Gibson by her granddaughter, Miss Isabel Stickney.

Mrs. Violet Goss was made a life member by her husband, son, daughter and niece, Mrs. Lillian M. Robbins.

Miss Almira F. Ginn, for so many years the devoted president of Lincoln County, sent the following letter:

Damariscotta, Sept. 13, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Johnston and Sisters of the Maine W. C. T. U.:  
Though absent in person I am with you in spirit, and wish to be known as a life member of the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Enclosed find ten (\$10) dollars from  
Almira F. Ginn.

Rev. Isaac Mead of Boston and Rev. C. H. B. Seliger of Oxford and Welchville were introduced and spoke words of congratulation and cheer.

Miss Alice Moore reported that she had done a large amount of work in New Hampshire and Vermont and had spent a few weeks in Maine.

Miss Jennie Price gave an account of the work she had done.

The Young Woman's Hour was presided over by Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt.

Solo, "If I Were a Voice," by Mrs. McPherson of Lynn.

A letter was read from Miss Ella F. Merrill, State Y. Secretary.

Miss Moore spoke of the relation between the Y's and the Mother Union.

Miss Elizabeth Leslie spoke of the Callie F. Howe Y of Dexter, Miss Beale of the Y at Orono.

Miss Downes reported for Flower Mission Work.

Miss Price urged the necessity of work among young women.

At the close of the hour Miss Isabel Stickney presented Mrs. Stevens with a beautiful bouquet of roses from the Y's.

Moved and seconded that on Thursday, at 11 a. m., Miss Anna Gordon speak of the L. T. L Work.

An invitation was extended to the delegates to visit the Maine Industrial School at Hallowell.

The doxology was sung.

Adjourned.

Convention, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7.30 p. m.

A Grand Gold Medal Contest was held.

A silver collection was taken at the door.

Mrs. Sarah W McLellan, superintendent of Medal Contest Work, presided.

Music by the choir.

Scripture reading.

Prayer by Miss J. Maude Barker.

Solo by Mrs. Ridley.

Recitation No. 1, "The Result of Treating."

Recitation No. 2, "The Bridal Wine Cup."

Duet by Miss Hall and Mrs. Ridley.

Recitation No. 3, "Patriotic Sons of Temperance."

Solo, "Behold, Behold," by Miss Hall.

Recitation No. 5, "One More."

Recitation No. 6, "Sisters on Strike."



Music, "Wind the Ribbon Round the World."

The Grand Gold Medal was awarded to Miss Louise McKenney of Windham with honorable mention of Miss Florence Bailey of Windham. The judges were Mrs. Howard A. Clifford of South Paris, Mrs. Hannah J. Bailey of Winthrop Center and Mrs. Augusta M. Hunt of Portland.

"America" was sung.

Benediction by Rev. Norman McKinnon.

Adjourned.

Executive Committee, Sept. 14, 5.30 p. m.

The committee called to order by the President after which prayer was offered.

Voted, To send a letter to each state superintendent, defining her duties and asking for a reply.

Consideration of nomination of superintendents.

The committee rose.

Executive Committee, Sept. 15, 8.20 a. m.

Committee called to order by the President.

The department superintendents were nominated.

Voted, To include in the Purity Department of the State, Mothers' Meetings and the White Ribbon Cradle Roll. The Cradle Roll to be in charge of Mrs. Annie M. Frost, and Mothers' Meetings in charge of Mrs. H. A. Clifford.

The committee rose.

Convention, Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a. m.

Mrs. S. R. G. Clark of Portland led a service of prayer and praise.

The convention called to order by the President.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning read and accepted.

Minutes of Wednesday morning and afternoon read and approved.

Final report of Committee on Credentials, showing 202 members present, was read and accepted.

The hour for the election of officers having arrived, one verse of "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" was sung and prayer offered by Mrs. Lucy A. Snow.

On motion, the chair appointed the following tellers: Distributing tellers—Miss Belle Downes, Miss Alice Moore, Miss Lena Hannaford, Mrs. Emma Potter. Counting tellers—Miss Mary L. Trafton, Mrs. F. A. Leitch, Miss Emily F. Miller, Mrs. Anna Onstott.

Mr. Harvey of Kenduskeag was introduced and made some very witty remarks.

The tellers reported the informal ballot for President as follows. Whole number of votes cast 177. Mrs. Stevens 177.

The Corresponding Secretary moved that the Recording Secretary cast the ballot for the convention for Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens as President. The Recording Secretary cast the ballot and the Corresponding Secretary declared Mrs. Stevens elected, and presented her.

The convention rose and sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Mrs. Stevens said in response:

"I have the same feeling as when, more than a quarter of a century ago, I was elected President of the Maine W.C.T.U. I then felt the great responsibility, the great honor conferred upon me, as I do today, and today as then, I shall try to walk with Christ as closely as I can, and be guided by Him in all the work of the year. Now that the enemy is invading the State as never before, there is great need that we be alert, that we be courageous, and for this reason I allow you to

repeat for me the honor of past years. The Maine W.C.T.U. must be brave as all the world is looking to Maine to see what is to be done with our Prohibitory Law. Again I pledge myself to do all in my power to defeat the enemy."

Mrs. Stevens received a beautiful bunch of asters sent by her little adopted grandson who desired that they be given her at the time of her election. She also received a lovely bouquet of sweet peas from a Portland friend.

Miss Cornelia M. Dow was re-elected corresponding secretary; Miss Clara M. Farwell, recording secretary; Mrs. Adelaide S. Johnston, treasurer. Miss Farwell nominated Mrs. Althea G. Quimby of North Turner as assistant recording secretary and the nomination was confirmed by the convention.

Voted to send a telegram to Mr. Stevens to announce the re-election of his wife as President of the Maine W. C. T. U.

Miss Anna Gordon spoke with great feeling of the need of work for the children.

"Some Glad Day" was sung by Miss Hall.

Delegates to National Convention: Mrs. Althea G. Quimby, North Turner; Mrs. E. S. Norton, Portland; Mrs. Anna D. Austin, Farmington; Mrs. Olive A. Holway, Augusta; Miss Alice Moore, Rockland; Mrs. Helen Daggett, Waldo-boro; Mrs. E. A. G. Stickney, East Brownfield; Mrs. Carrie H. Foster, Dexter; Miss Jennie B. Price, Atkinson; Mrs. Frances M. Chandler, St. Albans; Y delegate, Miss Isabel Stickney, East Brownfield.

Alternates: Mrs. Helen Delano, Bath; Mrs. Ada E. Brier, Belfast; Mrs. E. A. Holmes, Eastport; Miss Belle Downes, Houlton; Miss Juliette Nickerson, Bar Harbor; Mrs. J. W. Watts, Warren; Mrs. Helen Thomas, Greene; Miss Alice Clough, Winthrop; Mrs. Caroline Richards, Bath; Mrs. O. M. Jennings, Farmington; Y alternate, Miss Elizabeth Leslie, Dexter.

Rev. Charles A. Hayden, pastor of the Universalist church of Augusta, spoke briefly on certain phases of the liquor question and set forth his position on the question in a very explicit manner.

Moved by Mrs. Johnston, seconded by Miss Gordon, that the amendment offered last year by Mrs. Ames be adopted, which was carried, and the constitution amended.

The question was asked where W. C. T. U. supplies can be obtained, and Mrs. Stevens answered that all such supplies, including those formerly carried by the W. T. P. A., are to be procured of Miss Ruby I. Gilbert, Room 915, The Silver-smiths Building, 131-137 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Miss Gilbert has been identified with the W. T. P. A. for the past twenty years. She is thoroughly familiar with the publishing business, has a wide acquaintance with White Ribboners, and has genuine interest in all which pertains to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, making it especially fortunate that the sale of our literature will be in her hands.

Voted, To send by Mrs. Stickney a letter of love and appreciation to Miss Mary A. Powderly, expressing our hope for her full recovery.

Mr. Andrews was presented to the convention as the youngest organist who had ever favored us.

Mrs. Sarah W. McLellan reported on Medal Contest Work.

In the absence of the superintendent, Mrs. Stevens and Miss Dow spoke on Non-Alcoholic Medication.

Report of Mrs. Myrtle G. R. Ames, superintendent of L. T. L. Work, read by Mrs. Johnston.

Mrs. Holway, president of Augusta Union, presented and made one of the best speeches of the occasion.

Announcements were made.

The benediction was pronounced and the convention adjourned.

Convention, Thursday, Sept. 15, 2 p. m.

Convention called to order by the President.

Singing, "Come Thou Almighty King."

Prayer by Mrs. Annie M. Frost.

Minutes of Thursday morning read and accepted.

Rev. C. G. Mosher, pastor of Free Baptist church, Augusta, was introduced and made a few remarks.

Sabbath Observance reported by Mrs. Phoebe Pinkham.

Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt presented flowers to Miss Dow from Cumberland County, and to Miss Anna Gordon from Master Ralph Ames Leavitt.

Miss Mary French reported for Press Work. About 1400 columns of temperance and kindred matter have been published through the work of this department. Somerset County was in the lead and the State Superintendent presented to Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, a unique paper weight, a piece from the root of the cherry tree which used to grow in the yard of Mrs. Stevens' old home in Dover. Appropriately labelled and surmounted with a bow of white ribbon, it formed a suggestive souvenir.

Letter of greeting read from Mrs. N. C. Clifford, one of our oldest members.

The convention rose in response to the greeting, and the Corresponding Secretary was requested to reply to the letter.

Miss French of Auburn moved to recommend that the pine tree bough be substituted for the handkerchief salute and be known as the "Pine Tree Salute." The motion was seconded and carried.

The Union Signal quilt was presented to Miss Anna Gordon by members of the convention.

Rev. Mr. Crane, field secretary of the Maine Christian Endeavor Society, said he was in perfect accord with our resolutions.

Miss Margaret Koch said she was very glad to show her colors and to bid us Godspeed.

During the state convention the question box which was on the President's table was well patronized, many interesting questions being asked and answered. One question seemed uncalled for, but the President answered it in a way that showed the breadth and height of the W. C. T. U. The question referred to was, "If a Universalist minister asks the W. C. T. U. to hold their Gospel temperance meetings in his church, in turn with the other churches, should the invitation be accepted?" Mrs. Stevens unhesitatingly replied, "Yes, and with thanks."

She expressed surprise that such a question was asked, since it is well known that the W. C. T. U. is non-sectarian, since women of all churches and some women who belong to no church are members of the W. C. T. U. She illustrated the non-sectarianism of the W. C. T. U. by stating that a few years ago a prominent Catholic and a White Ribboner, Mrs. Leonora Lake, spoke under W. C. T. U. auspices in the Second Parish Congregational Church, Portland, on Sunday evening, and no one ever questioned the propriety of this act. Mrs. Stevens declared that the W. C. T. U. had done more than any other organization to break down sectarian barriers and to help join together in Christian work representatives of all denominations by whatever name called. She said we should be gratified to have invitations to any church, whether orthodox or liberal, Catholic or Protestant.

The convention, by a unanimous rising vote, sustained her decision.

The banner offered for the greatest pro rata gain went to Waldo County.

Mrs. Hanson presented to Miss Emily Miller, president of Waldo County, a gavel made of cherry tree wood from Mrs. Stevens' garden.

Penobscot County is also to receive a gavel from Mrs. Hanson.

Mrs. Callie H. Howe of Missouri was presented and assured the convention that she had had some of the pleasantest experiences of her life during her stay in Maine.

A greeting was received by telephone from the Maine Christian Convention in session at Albion. Romans xvi:19-20. A greeting was returned.

Mrs. Jordan of Bar Harbor invited the convention to meet in that place the last week in September, 1905. The invitation was accepted.

Voted, To send a letter to Mrs. Abbie A. Smith, president of Gray Union, expressing our deepest sympathy in her great bereavement by the loss of her daughter.

At the time appointed for the Children's Hour, the Augusta L. T. L. came in with banners and were warmly greeted by the convention. The children sang several songs which were much enjoyed and showed that they had been most carefully trained. Miss Gordon addressed them in her own enthusiastic way and doubtless the little ones will long remember her words.

Miss Hall rendered the solo "Will It Pay?" with great effect.

Voted, To accept the reports of the superintendents.

Voted, To subscribe for 72 copies of The Crusader Monthly for the light stations.

The members of the local committees came to the platform and were cordially thanked by Mrs. Stevens for their successful labors. Mrs. Holway gracefully responded.

Voted, To leave all unfinished business to the Executive Committee.

"Abide With Me" was sung and the convention adjourned.

Executive Committee, Sept. 15, 5.30 p. m.

President called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

The report of the Committee on Appropriations read and adopted as follows:

President's appropriation, \$200; president's postage, \$200; corresponding secretary's, recording secretary's and treasurer's bills as received; state superintendent of literature, \$50; L. T. L. and Medal Contest departments, each \$20; Scientific Temperance Instruction department, \$30; all other superintendents, \$5. In addition to above appropriations, all state superintendents can present their bill for travelling expenses incident on attending the next state convention to state treasurer at the convention, and they will be reimbursed from state treasury.

County presidents were allowed the following appropriations, to be used in extending the work in their respective counties: For Aroostook, Cumberland, Penobscot and Washington, \$20 each; for Franklin, Hancock, Lincoln, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo and York, \$15 each; for Androscoggin, Kennebec, Knox, Sagadahoc, \$12.50 each.

All unfinished business was referred to the general officers. The committee rose.

Convention, Thursday, Sept. 15, 7.30 p. m.

The State President, Mrs. Stevens, presided.

Singing by congregational choir, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Prayer, Mrs. Gertrude Stevens Leavitt.

Music by choir.

Address by Mrs. Callie H. Howe of Missouri. Mrs. Howe made a splendid address. She spoke of the work of the order and discussed the underlying principles—of the splendid type of Christianity that was back of it all, and that the order was founded on something more than ordinary organ-



izations possess in that it was founded on the principles of Christianity that must exist as long as the world stands. She also took up the practical side of the question, dealing clearly and logically with the harmful influences of the liquor traffic. The address was carefully listened to throughout, and the speaker received generous applause at the conclusion of her speech.

Collection.

"Victory" was sung magnificently by Miss Sarah M. Hall.

Moved and seconded that the convention adjourn and it was so voted.

The convention united in singing "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again" and in the W. C. T. U. benediction, led by Miss Anna A. Gordon.

Adjourned.

CLARA M. FARWELL,  
Recording Secretary.




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## **President's Recommendations.**

Since I am to address you this evening I have concluded to give the time usually devoted to a formal annual address largely to recommendations and a presentation of some practical ideas for practical W. C. T. U. work. I often think that even the leaders of the W. C. T. U. do not fully realize all that the organization has been instrumental in bringing to pass since its organization thirty years ago. If everything it has accomplished in the interests of the home and humanity should be eliminated there would be a marvelous setting-back along the lines of philanthropic achievement. While rejoicing in what the W. C. T. U., under God, has done, we realize that perpetual work is necessary in order to hold what has been won and to add thereto as new occasions make new demands. It is not enough that the W. C. T. U. is organized in every county and in more than two hundred towns in Maine; we must make redoubled effort the coming year to reach all unorganized places through the department of organization, which consists of the State General Officers, the County Presidents and those appointed by the State convention as State Organizers. The County Presidents have done well this year in their endeavor to reach unorganized places, making the way for State Organizers and for the National Organizer who has been in our state. We shall have with us at this convention these helpers and therefore I need not speak in detail of their efficient work. Just here I wish to impress the Presidents of Local Unions with the fact that they are ex-officio Vice Presidents of the County and to remind them that they can and should assist the County Presi-

dents in building up the work outside of their own unions. State Superintendents of departments can help also. Some of the best help given in organizing this year was rendered by a busy and successful State Superintendent. She fully understood the Do Everything policy and her heart is in accord with it. I recommend that plans for organization be carefully considered and formulated.

I thank you heartily for contributing so generously to the Willard Memorial National Fund, which is used to extend the work in so-called missionary sections of the country, where the distances are long and travelling rates expensive. Idaho, Arizona, New Mexico, and Wyoming are among the places thus helped. Quite a large amount is also appropriated from this fund for Work Among Foreign Speaking People. By far too little temperance work is done among the foreigners, who by hundreds of thousands come to our shores each year, bringing with them their peculiar ideas of "personal liberty."

An unusual amount of attention has been directed this year to temperance work among the colored people of the South. It is deplorable that the southern colored people patronize so freely the licensed saloon. I am convinced that a large proportion of their terrible crimes are committed after they have been drinking. No higher or holier use could be made of missionary money than to help Christianize and elevate these classes within the borders of our own country.

Coming back to Maine work, I am gratified that increased attention has been given to work among the young through the L. T. L., the Sunday school and the public school. The course of study issued by the Superintendent of the schools of Maine has been greatly valued by the friends of temperance and by those teachers who desire to carry out the requirements of the state law, which law is similar to the law of all other states, namely: that all pupils in all schools sup-

ported by public money shall be taught the nature and effects of alcohol and tobacco.

The reply to attacks made against temperance teaching in the school which was sent out from our National convention last November was presented by Dr. Gallinger to the United States Senate, was ordered printed and sent out as a senate document. This reply furnishes testimony of a high order from a medical and scientific standpoint, showing that the attitude of the W. C. T. U. is right. We are aware that in some localities temperance instruction is not given in the public schools. Investigation has revealed that in nearly all instances the reason why is, that the Superintendent or Supervisor is himself a smoker or a drinker. The time will come (in fact, it has come already to a great extent) when total abstinence will be one of the tests of fitness for a school official or a school teacher.

No radical temperance reformer could give a more forceful description of the effects of alcohol as a beverage than is found in the Brooklyn Physical Culture Society's declaration of principles, which I give to show how those interested in physical development regard liquor drinking: "We believe that alcohol is detrimental to the highest possible health of the body; that it lowers the vitality and debilitates the reserve force on which the body is dependent in warding off or fighting disease; that it affects and destroys the tissues of the body, injuring the nerve cells and destroying the essential nerve elements and nuclei; that it impairs the function and nutrition of the entire nervous apparatus; that it attacks the higher cerebral centres, causing a weakness of will power and blunted moral sense that degrade manhood; that to totally abstain from it is to bring it into disuse, and thus to make it unprocurable to those who, under its influence, dishonor the home, mother and father, bring shame upon their names, commit crime and suicide, practice profanity, un-

kindness, and brutality, causing unhappiness and misery, and transmitting degenerating influences to their offspring."

The Do Everything, Go Everywhere policy of the W. C. T. U. was shown by establishing in our state not long ago the department of Work Among Light Stations, having in mind the need of the children of the lighthouse keepers. There are three hundred of these children in the Maine district; no provision for their education is made by towns, state or nation. We shall be deeply interested in the report of our Superintendent and I recommend that we agitate this question until some desirable, adequate provision is made for the education of these children, other than by payment for private tuition by their parents, whose salaries are not large enough to warrant such a system, and moreover, every child is entitled to education at public expense and proper provision for such should always be made.

I would review all of our thirty or more departments of work were it not that the greater part of the convention program is given up for their presentation and discussion. Suffice it to say that the Crusade spirit is alive; that the work is today more widely than ever before recognized by those who have an interest in the moral and spiritual welfare of the people.

In recommending that all of our departments of our work be continued I wish to make special mention of the effort to secure a reformatory prison for women.

The prison system in Maine is defective in its method of caring for the women prisoners. Efforts have been made for twenty years to secure a separate prison for women, where at least some of the women who now vibrate between the police station and the jail could be provided for with some reasonable hope of reformation. The U. S. Congress in response to a request, gave to the State a large building on Widow's Island which might be used for this purpose. The building

was built by the U. S. Government for marine purposes, but was never used. It is to be hoped that the State will soon decide to establish a woman's reformatory. Last year 5,175 men and 262 women were committed to the jails of the State. The State Prison has an average of 200 men and 5 women.

Undoubtedly this convention will vote, and I hope it will, to continue effort to secure the full suffrage for the women of Maine. The strongest now offered by the opponents among the good people is that the women do not want the ballot. This objection is to a great extent unfounded and untrue. To be sure all women do not want the ballot, but I claim that it is far more unreasonable and unjust to deprive the women who do want it than it would be to "thrust" it upon the women who do not care for it. We should not forget that a great many men do not care for it enough to use it as can readily be shown at every election every year.

It is remarkable that amid the multiplicity of societies that a reform organization like the W. C. T. U. should go straight on increasing in numbers and influence. Mr. Bok in the Ladies' Home Journal expresses his disappointment that since the organization has done so much, that it cannot and does not stop all religious papers from advertising in their columns anything that contains alcohol. For many years we have had a department of non-alcoholic medication and for years we have been advocating the non-use as a medicine of anything that contains alcohol. We exclude from the columns of our official paper, The Union Signal, all advertisements of alcoholic patent medicines or questionable business schemes. There is hardly a week that some advertisement is not offered to us at a large price which we are obliged to turn away, and years ago we gave out a table containing the amount of alcohol found in certain patent medicines similar to that which has lately been given in the Ladies' Home Journal. I refer to this because

some of our friends outside the W. C. T. U. reading the fatherly advice given by the young editor of the Ladies' Home Journal might not be aware that he is dealing with that which is an old subject to us and upon which we have a large and valuable collection of literature. Our department of non-alcoholic medication has an able National Superintendent and our ten thousand local unions are alive to the importance of this division of our work. The most pitiful drunkard I have ever known acquired the appetite through taking beer on a doctor's prescription. This was twenty years ago, when beer was more frequently given as a medicine than it is at the present time.

Dr. Burgen of Toledo, Ohio, (that beer making and beer drinking city), has said that beer kills more quickly than any other liquor and it certainly kills more people; that it produces disease of the kidneys, liver, lockjaw and erysipelas. Some of the most valuable testimony as to the dangers of beer drinking comes to us from expert authority in beer drinking Germany. Notwithstanding all this, there are some so-called intelligent people who advocate beer drinking, even while condemning the use of distilled liquors; but after all, the worst poison in any drink whether fermented or distilled is alcohol, and like other poisonous drinks, the "purer" it is, the more deadly its effects.

No more striking proof of the prevalence of temperance sentiment has been furnished for many a day than the comments of the people through the press and from platform and pulpit concerning the action of Bishop Potter in helping to dedicate a liquor saloon. In this country a minister of the Gospel cannot without severe criticism give his sanction to the sale of liquor for beverage purposes. The religious press with practical unanimity condemns his action and the secular press to a surprising degree does the same. The statement that this model saloon was to be run on the state

control plan, eliminating private gain and only pure liquors would be sold did not hinder expressions of condemnation from all sides, thus showing that the people know about the fallacy of the dispensary system and the cry of "pure liquors," and that they also know that a liquor saloon under any conditions cannot be made good enough for a minister to patronize. Intelligent, well informed people are finding out what the W. C. T. U. for thirty years has been declaring, that the only way to make a liquor saloon respectable is to annihilate it.

I deeply appreciate all that you have done in the department of petitions and legislation. I know how many miles you have travelled, sometimes in zero weather over hard roads often blocked by snow drifts. But all this effort counts on the side that makes for the overthrow of the liquor traffic. If the Hepburn-Dolliver bill should be enacted and become a national law, it would be of great advantage to us in prohibition Maine; and we should remember for our encouragement that the W. C. T. U. has been the chief factor in securing the enactment of several important reform laws, especially those for the protection of girls.

The anti-canteen law has been so many times discussed that it seems like an old story. At the last Congress a bill was introduced for its repeal and probably such effort will be made continually. Those who drink and those who are interested in the sale and manufacture of liquors will not accept such a law as final, without mighty efforts on their part for its repeal. I hope you read the able and exhaustive articles by Congressman Littlefield in support of the anti-canteen law which appeared in the March and April numbers of the North American Review. The claim made by some that removing the canteen deprived the soldier of amusement and dainties largely offset through the action of United States Congress in appropriating \$1,500,000 for the establishment



of libraries, recreation rooms, etc. One of the last acts of Congress before it adjourned last spring was to make additional appropriation of \$500,000 to the one million already made. This appropriation seems to us to be a proof that the canteen is not likely to be re-established but that Congress is inclined to provide well for the soldier without his being left to make the claim that he is in any way dependent upon the proceeds from the sale of liquor. It is gratifying to Maine people that \$33,000 has been appropriated for the erection and equipment of library and amusement buildings at army posts in Maine.

The failure in New Hampshire and Vermont of the license law has been a great object lesson to careful, conscientious students and seekers for the truth. Some good people who believed that some other law than prohibition might be more efficient in lessening liquor selling and liquor drinking have found out their mistake. The results of thirteen months license in New Hampshire shows there is more liquor selling and consequently more drunkenness. The statement is reliably made that drunkenness has increased more than 100 per cent in New Hampshire during the first year of license. I might quote pages of statistics showing the increase of drunkenness, pauperism and crime in Vermont since the repeal of the prohibitory law. If the votes cast on March first, 1904, could have been counted in the same way as the year before when the prohibitory law was repealed, it would have been re-enacted by a much larger majority than license received before its trial. Reports from the Vermont election of last week show that the fusive ticket organized to support the present high license system was defeated to such an extent that it is probable that the next legislature may turn the state back to prohibition.

We hear a great deal about the social value of the saloon, but as a rule men go to the saloon for drink, not for social

recreation. A lady in Dover, N. H., when advised that the W. C. T. U. should open a coffee room and social resort, replied, "What could we do with a coffee room and social place such as we could run in opposition to fifty licensed saloons." The substitute for the saloon can never be carried out successfully until the saloon is closed. In parliamentary parlance, strike out the saloon and insert "a social resort where no form of intoxicating liquor is allowed." Let no White Ribboner ever make the grievous mistake of advocating using the profit made on liquor selling to support a substitute for the saloon. The proposition is illogical, inconsistent and if tried would bring chagrin and disappointment.

Undoubtedly the resubmission movement will take on a little life this fall and winter, the usual resubmission bill will be introduced into the Legislature, the good people will protest with their numerical strength and hearty earnestness and the Legislature will probably repeat the vote of former years, and the prohibitory law of Maine will be upheld by the Legislature representing the people of the State.

It is said that nothing in the W. C. T. U. exhibit in the department of education at the World's Fair attracts more attention than the map of Texas, which is arranged in a way to show that a large proportion of the state is under prohibition. What is true of Texas is likewise true of several other states which are fast making ready for state prohibition. There never was a time when there was so much prohibition territory and prohibition sentiment as now. More than one-half of the square miles in the United States is prohibition territory. More than thirty million people live in localities where the liquor traffic is outlawed. The fallacy of license in every form as a temperance measure is being recognized today as never before. One of the worst forms of license is the plausible and subtle plan known as the dispensary or Government control system. After study and observation

and experience in every state of our Union I unhesitatingly affirm that no other law ever enacted has done so much to diminish the sale of alcoholic liquor as state prohibition, no other law is so thoroughly despised by the liquor makers and liquor sellers as this law, no other law so full of hope for those who wish to be delivered from the temptation of strong drink. The prohibitory law is in harmony with the golden rule of Christ; it is a law which should be upheld by every Christian philanthropist and reformer. The White Ribboners of Maine will never step backward but will hold higher and higher the banner of prohibition and will go forward with redoubled faith and courage. I have been in every state in our Union, have studied various laws applied to the liquor traffic, and unhesitatingly affirm that the prohibitory law is incomparably more successful as a temperance measure than any other law enacted.

The prohibitory law is by no means the only law that is violated. It was violation of law that led to the loss of six hundred lives at the Iroquois theatre and one thousand lives through the destruction of the Slocum. It is encouraging to note that the public conscience seems somewhat aroused in regard to the lawlessness which abounds in so many places in our nation. Woe to that community that permits disobedience of law to go unchallenged and unchanged. Sooner or later degradation and disaster must follow. The public officer who disregards his official oath is in the light of honesty and truth as contemptible as the liquor seller or the thief, and the time is fast approaching when he will be classed with them and other outlaws, and those who uphold law-breaking officials either by their votes, their words of approval or even by their silence will not be considered guiltless.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union stands first,

last and always for total abstinence, prohibition, purity. Let us go cheerfully forward.

I need not discuss before you the assistance that would be given to moral measures through the woman's ballot. The results in those states where woman's suffrage has been granted is well known by intelligent people and I am glad that the matter is to be given a prominent place in our convention.

We know what it is to be hated by the enemy of righteous reform, we know also what it is to receive the approval of those who have at heart the highest interest of the home and the welfare of the country, and above all we have within our souls the silent witness that the W. C. T. U. was Heaven born and that it will continue to increase in numbers and influence until its mission is fulfilled and humanity freed from humanity's greatest curse.

## **Corresponding Secretary's Report.**

**Androscoggin County:** Nine unions; six report; 323 active and 32 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 31 members; five unions have contributed \$2 each to Willard Memorial Fund; \$317 aside from dues have been raised to carry on the work; four unions use prepared programs; five gospel temperance and 11 other public meetings have been held; 58 Stars and 43 Signals are taken; five unions have circulated Hepburn-Dolliver and Smoot petitions.

**Aroostook County:** Twenty-three unions, three new unions; 14 report; 377 active and 99 honorary members; three L. T. L's with 90 members; 11 unions have sent \$2.00 each to Willard Memorial Fund; \$216.22 aside from dues has been raised; seven unions use prepared programs; 19 gospel temperance and 36 other public meetings have been held; 94 Stars and 96 Signals are taken; 10 unions have circulated our petitions.

**Cumberland County:** Twenty unions; 19 report; 776 active and 74 honorary members; six L. T. L's with 126 members; all unions have contributed to Willard Memorial Fund a sum amounting to \$49.86; \$280.03 aside from dues has been raised; five unions use prepared programs; 20 gospel and 31 other public meetings held; 149 Stars and 202 Signals taken; 13 unions have circulated our petitions.

**Franklin County:** Seven unions; five report; 168 active and 10 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 50 members; three unions have sent \$2.00 each to Memorial Fund; \$81.57 aside from dues has been raised; one uses prepared programs; five gospel temperance and six other public meetings held; 18 Stars and 12 Signals taken; three unions have circulated our petitions.

**Hancock County:** Eleven unions; three new; five report; 162 active and 35 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 21 members; four circulating petitions; three gospel temperance and five other public meetings held; 40 Stars and 13 Signals taken; one uses prepared program; \$91.85 aside from dues raised; and five as sending \$2.00 each to Willard Memorial Fund.

**Kennebec County:** Eleven unions; nine report; 305 active and 44 honorary members; four L. T. L.'s with 95 members; nine having circulated our petitions; 56 gospel temperance and 26 other public meetings held; 44 Stars and 43 Signals taken; seven as using prepared programs; \$382.86 aside from dues raised; six sending to Willard Memorial Fund.

**Knox County:** Eight unions; all report; 289 active and 37 honorary members; one L. T. L. with 30 members; three have circulated our petition; six gospel temperance and 14 other public meetings held; 67 Stars and 43 Signals taken; one uses prepared program. \$107.07 aside from dues raised. Each Union has sent to Willard Memorial Fund.

**Lincoln County:** Eight unions; seven report; 131 active and 21 honorary members; three have circulated petitions; held 11 gospel and seven other public meetings; take 38 Stars and 26 Signals; raised \$50.75 and five have contributed to the Willard Memorial Fund.

**Oxford County:** Ten unions; one new; eight report; 207 active and 20 honorary members; five circulated our petition; 12 gospel temperance and 10 other public meetings held; 54 Stars and 30 Signals taken; six use prepared programs; \$95.45 aside from dues raised; seven have sent to Willard Memorial Fund.

**Penobscot County:** Twenty-eight unions; four new unions; two have died; 21 unions report; 568 active and 118 honorary members; four L. T. L.'s with 105 members; 10 have circulated our petitions; 19 gospel temperance and 31 other public meet-

ings held; 87 Stars and 62 Signals taken; nine use prepared programs; \$270.92 aside from dues raised; and nine unions have contributed to the Willard Memorial Fund.

Piscataquis County: Nine unions; two new; four have died; all report; 240 active and 31 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 92 members; seven have circulated our petitions; 19 gospel temperance and 11 other public meetings have been held; 43 Stars and 20 Signals taken; three use prepared programs; \$141.05 aside from dues raised; and four have contributed to the Willard Memorial Fund.

Sagadahoc County: Four unions; all report; 143 active and 10 honorary members; three have circulated the petitions; two gospel temperance and 11 other public meetings have been held; 39 Stars and 36 Signals are taken; \$80.00 has been raised; and each union has sent its \$2.00 to Memorial Fund; one union uses a prepared program.

Somerset County: Thirteen unions; eight report; 178 active and 26 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 71 members; six have circulated our petitions; 12 gospel temperance and 16 other public meetings have been held; 31 Stars and 33 Signals are taken; two use prepared programs; \$40.82 aside from dues has been raised and seven unions have sent \$2.00 each to Willard Memorial Fund.

Waldo County: Twelve unions; three new; 11 report; 208 active and 28 honorary members; seven have circulated petitions; eight gospel temperance and 18 other public meetings have been held; 47 Stars and 34 Signals are taken; two use prepared programs; \$188.30 has been raised aside from dues; six unions have contributed to Willard Memorial Fund; one L. T. L. with 28 members.

Washington County: Twenty-four unions; four are new; 15 unions report; 305 active and 38 honorary members; three L. T. L.'s with 37 members; 10 have circulated the petitions; 75 gospel temperance and 28 other public meetings held; 66

Stars and 74 Signals taken; six use prepared programs; \$56.47 aside from dues raised; and seven unions have contributed \$14.00 to Willard Memorial Fund.

York County: Fifteen unions; six report; 182 active and 31 honorary members; one L. T. L.; five have circulated the petitions; 30 gospel temperance meetings and 12 other public meetings have been held; 21 Stars and 21 Signals taken; three use prepared programs; \$109.17 aside from dues has been raised and five unions have contributed to Willard Memorial Fund.



# Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

|                                                                             |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Balance from last year....                                                  | \$582 45  |
| 1903 convention collections, ..                                             | 52 33     |
| Dues from local unions....                                                  | 1591 20   |
| L. T. L. dues.....                                                          | 30 20     |
| Members at large.....                                                       | 1 40      |
| Sale of Reports.....                                                        | 4 40      |
| Life memberships.....                                                       | 60 00     |
| Memorial memberships..                                                      | 50 00     |
| Memorial fund.....                                                          | 111 70    |
| Mrs. Howe's collections..                                                   | 719 86    |
| Miss Price's collections....                                                | 349 26    |
| Gifts from Portland friends<br>through Mrs. Olive Stev-<br>ens Hanson ..... | 100 00    |
| Gift, Stroudwater union..                                                   | 26 25     |
| Gift from Portland union..                                                  | 15 00     |
| Gift from Belfast union....                                                 | 2 00      |
| Gift, So. Berwick union..                                                   | 2 00      |
| Gift, Cumberland Mills..                                                    | 1 00      |
| Gift of Cor. Secy's postage                                                 | 11 60     |
| <hr/>                                                                       |           |
| Total receipts,                                                             | \$3710 65 |

## DISBURSEMENTS.

|                                                                                 |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| National dues .....                                                             | \$530 40  |
| L. T. L. dues.....                                                              | 15 10     |
| Memorial fund.....                                                              | 111 70    |
| 1903 convention bills .....                                                     | 79 15     |
| Expense of Mrs. Thatchers'<br>visit to state.....                               | 10 00     |
| Appropriation toward State<br>Organizer's trip to Nat-<br>ional convention..... | 25 00     |
| Printing State reports, note<br>heads and stationery....                        | 116 65    |
| Express and postage on<br>State reports.....                                    | 22 10     |
| Appropriation toward extend-<br>ing Union Signal sub-<br>scription list.....    | 25 00     |
| Toward W.C.T.U. exhibit<br>at St. Louis.....                                    | 25 00     |
| Floral tributes for Frank-<br>lin's and Aroostook's<br>county presidents.....   | 10 00     |
| Balance due headquarters                                                        | 62 51     |
| Mrs. Howe's salary and<br>expenses.....                                         | 686 47    |
| Mrs. Price's salary and ex-<br>penses .....                                     | 383 22    |
| Cor. Secty's postage bill..                                                     | 11 60     |
| Treasurer's bill .....                                                          | 30 00     |
| President's appropriation                                                       | 200 00    |
| President's postage.....                                                        | 200 00    |
| Supt's. appropriations....                                                      | 247 39    |
| <hr/>                                                                           |           |
| Total expenditures                                                              | \$2791 29 |
| Bal. in treasury                                                                | 919 36    |
| <hr/>                                                                           |           |
|                                                                                 | \$3710 65 |

### RECEIPTS BY COUNTIES.

|                   |         |                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Androscoggin..... | \$99 30 | Oxford .....      | \$60 60 |
| Aroostook .....   | 139 50  | Penobscot.....    | 209 10  |
| Cumberland .....  | 231 30  | Piscataquis ..... | 55 80   |
| Franklin .....    | 57 30   | Sagadahoc .....   | 48 90   |
| Hancock.....      | 86 70   | Somerset .....    | 70 50   |
| Kennebec .....    | 109 80  | Waldo.....        | 66 00   |
| Knox .....        | 81 60   | Washington.....   | 93 30   |
| Lincoln .....     | 46 80   | York .....        | 132 60  |

### RECEIPTS BY COUNTIES OF "Y" DUES.

|                |         |                |                |
|----------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Aroostook..... | \$10 20 | Penobscot..... | \$21 00        |
| Franklin.....  | 30      | Somerset ..... | 3 00           |
| Hancock .....  | 18 90   |                |                |
| Lincoln .....  | 90      |                | <u>\$54 00</u> |

### L. T. L.'S PAYING DUES BY COUNTIES.

|                   |        |                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| Androscoggin..... | \$2 30 | Kennebec .....    | \$1 50 |
| Aroostook .....   | 1 00   | Penobscot.....    | 5 00   |
| Cumberland.....   | 4 75   | Piscataquis ..... | 3 50   |
| Franklin .....    | 5 00   | Somerset.....     | 3 75   |
| Hancock .....     | 2 00   | Waldo.....        | 1 40   |

### HEADQUARTERS ACCOUNT.

|                        |                  |                            |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Balance last year..... | \$213 94         | Fuel, water and light..... | \$323 28         |
| Rentals .....          | 1104 54          | Furnishings .....          | 144 93           |
|                        |                  | Repairs.....               | 293 48           |
|                        | <u>\$1318 48</u> | Housekeeper.....           | 104 00           |
|                        |                  | Taxes .....                | 81 12            |
|                        |                  | Insurance.....             | 25 70            |
|                        |                  | Interest.....              | 150 00           |
|                        |                  | Postage .....              | 19               |
|                        |                  | Sundries .....             | 15 66            |
|                        |                  |                            | <u>\$1188 36</u> |
|                        |                  | Balance,                   | 180 12           |
|                        |                  |                            | <u>\$1318 48</u> |

ADELAIDE S. JOHNSTON,  
Treasurer.

### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined carefully the Treasurer's book with their receipts and vouchers and find them correct.

MYRTLE G. R. AMES,  
State Auditor.

## REPORT OF STAR IN THE EAST.

| Receipts.                   |          | Expenses.                  |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| Subscription .....          | \$273 65 | Paper .....                | \$27 36  |
| Mailing to credit of 1905.. | 3 16     | Printing .....             | 240 00   |
| Paper on hand .....         | 9 12     | Mailing .....              | 14 53    |
|                             | <hr/>    | Printed receipt cards..... | 7 25     |
|                             | \$285 93 | Postage .....              | 31       |
| Deficit paid by state..     | 3 52     |                            | <hr/>    |
|                             | <hr/>    |                            | \$289 45 |
|                             | \$289 45 |                            |          |

CORNELIA M. DOW,  
Business Manager.

# Superintendent's Reports.

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## WORK AMONG FOREIGN SPEAKING PEOPLE

Your State Superintendent would be very glad to have Superintendents appointed in the counties and towns where there are foreigners.

As far as ascertained there are but three County Superintendents.

There are in our State over 90,000 foreigners of almost all nationalities, and by united effort more work might be done among them.

"The aim of this department is to interest all persons to whom English is not the native tongue, in Gospel Temperance Methods and Measures, through the work of the W. C. T. U. Also to introduce and circulate Temperance Literature."

Tracts in nearly all languages will be furnished on application. Have sent for circulation among camps and quarries:

|                                        |     |       |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Norwegian Danish.....                  | 240 | pages |
| Norwegian .....                        | 30  | "     |
| Welsh .....                            | 200 | "     |
| French .....                           | 300 | "     |
| Have sent on demand from other places: |     |       |
| French .....                           | 306 | "     |
| German .....                           | 54  | "     |
| Italian .....                          | 160 | "     |
| Finn'sh .....                          | 48  | "     |

Have circulated 16 petitions on "Liquor Selling in Emigrant Stations."

FRANCES A. BRADBURY.

### STATE ORGANIZER

The wheels of time is measuring its circumference and once more brings us to our annual reckoning. Never before have I stood before my sisters in convention assembled to present a report of work done as State Organizer. I came to this office a year ago with much fear and trembling, knowing something of the demands upon a person occupying this position. I have prosecuted the work with constant prayer believing as I did, that the call to such grave responsibilities was also a call to a firmer reliance upon the strong arm of the Lord. Our eyes looked toward the hills from whence cometh our help, and our faith was not unanswered, according to our day so has our strength been. To the Lord be glory, honor and praise for all his loving kindness and tender mercies. They have been new every morning and fresh every evening. He has been at our right hand, and by His favor we have been enabled to accomplish the work entrusted to our care.

I have traveled 4,279 miles, given thirty-four talks and 180 evening addresses. Have attended and spoken at three conventions, four receptions, three socials and two picnics. Have addressed the students of Kent's Hill and Bucksport Seminaries; also the teachers of the Training School in Lewiston. Took tea with the Colby girls and gave them a talk. Have visited all the different grades in the public schools and talked to them.

Addressed Sunday Schools, Junior Leagues and other children's meetings, talking to them of the L. T. L. Have spoken before several Granges and at two political rallies. Have given gospel talks for Sunday morning service and led Christian Endeavors and have had the privilege of seeing three souls converted and several backsliders reclaimed while leading.

Have secured 252 active and 56 honorary members and 20 pledge signers beside. Secured 18 subscriptions to "Star" and

three subscriptions to "Signal" and 18 to "Crusader Monthly." Have distributed about 15,000 pages of literature, including many Annual Leaflets and other literature on the work which would be helpful to a new union—also many of Col. Dow's, Mrs. Stevens', Hon. C. E. Littlefield's and Hon. John D. Long's leaflets on Resubmission.

I have organized 17 new Unions; two Y Unions; and reorganized two Unions. The winter was long and severe and the spring stormy, nevertheless the meetings have been as a whole well attended and the people enthusiastic, and the work has grown easier all the time.

In closing I wish to express my sincere thanks to you my sisters in this noble work, for your hearty sympathy and co-operation. I have always found open doors and a warm welcome to your homes. Our fellowship has been most delightful; sympathy and love have abounded. While I have a brain to think I shall never forget your kindness and forbearance in this our first year's work. While we have a heart to feel you will ever have a warm place in our affections; and while I have a prayer to breathe it shall be for you. With the vision clear before our eyes of an earth made wholly new from which all stains of sin and wrong are wiped away, let us go forward with stronger faith and greater love to do and dare flinging high to the breeze our banner, "God and Home and Every Land."

JENNIE BELLE PRICE.

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### L. T. L. WORK

In my report, the few Legions, which are like the old saying, "Now you see them and now you dont," will not be mentioned, for there is much to encourage us in the steady growth of Loyal Temperance Work in our State.

The total number of new Legions for the year, is fifteen,

the gain above all losses is six, in new Legions, and 200 in membership. The total number of members is 1,652.

Never before have the Legions come forward so faithfully in the payment of dues. And why should they not? In no other way can we keep in touch with the great whole. These dues of ten cents per member do not, of necessity, have to be paid by the individual Legioners, but may be paid by the Mother Union, taken from the general fund, or raised by a fair or entertainment.

Who can estimate the vast amount of good which can be accomplished by the simple payment of ten cents per member dues, when directed into the proper channel?

We expect that at this convention an addition to Article 3 of the Constitution will be made so that we may have an adult delegate for every fifty paying L. T. L. members in the State.

Some of the many things our Legions have done has been to visit sick, carrying flowers and delicacies, give to poor tenement children and the Willard Memorial, purchase books for the nucleus of libraries, place pictures of our leaders in public institutions, and "Marching Songs," in schools.

God alone has a record of the vast amount of real good accomplished by the Loyal Temperance Legions of Maine and their valiant, consecrated leaders. Right here, let me say, that nowhere can be found more faithful, untiring workers than are those of our dear old State of Maine.

Your L. T. L. Secretary has, this year, written 219 letters and sent out the following supplies: 1,836 pages literature, 40 Crusader Monthlies, 12 Certificates of Membership, 29 Lesson Manuals, 14 copies of "Model Meetings," 3 Organizers' Outfits, 27 L. T. L. No. of Union Signal, 17 Marching Songs and 13 Questions Answered.

Her allowance has been expended as follows: Literature and supplies purchased of Miss Ruby I. Gilbert, \$18.95, post-

age, stationery, money orders, blank books, \$5.12. Total, \$24.07.

She has made appeals for subscriptions to the *Crusader Monthly* in nearly every letter written and has personally secured twenty subscribers.

She has used her influence anywhere and everywhere for this cause so dear to the heart of every thinking woman, and has given every spare moment to this and other W. C. T. U. work.

Dear Comrades, you need not to be told that the rum-power is expending money, time and every means that can be invented by the whole diabolic machine, to ruin our precious boys and girls. We must be ready to stand between our loved ones and this gigantic curse, at every point of the battle. We must pray, plan and sacrifice to keep our little ones pure and true. God make us willing to be leaders of Loyal Temperance Legions for we cannot afford to have our children miss the teaching and training that will fit them to become the very best of W. C. T. U. workers and prohibition citizens and which they can secure so perfectly in no other way.

Your Secretary will gladly assist you in any way possible to organize a Loyal Temperance Legion in your community and is always rejoiced to do so.

Write me for samples of supplies and information and forget not to pray earnestly for the success of this great work.

May God bless you each one, dear comrades.

MYRTLE G. R. AMES.



## HYGIENE, HEREDITY AND PHYSICAL CULTURE

Hygiene is an important subject, so is physical education and I am glad to note the steady advance in thought along these lines. I have tried to get a report by counties, but have only succeeded in a few cases. The few received are encouraging. If only the other superintendents would be more faithful in reporting. In towns where I have had opportunity to know of the work of the local Unions these subjects are receiving more consideration from year to year, but many do not get credit because unreported. For instance, in one county I know of two Unions (and doubt not there are others) which give entire meetings to this department, and print their programs in the local papers. And yet this county carries in its directory the name of a superintendent from whom I have never succeeded in getting even a postal. And doubtless similar conditions exist in other parts of the state. I wish there was some way in which superintendents might be caused to feel their responsibility.

MYRA M. PATRICK.

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## SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION

The outlook along the lines of this department is encouraging. More children are today receiving instruction with reference to the effect of alcohol upon the human system than ever before.

Retrogression is conspicuous by its absence while progression has come to stay. The student of this great moral and financial question finds many unexpected proofs of the world-wide agitation concerning it. For instance: Insurance companies, particularly European companies, consider total abstainers a better class of risks than the so-called moderate drinkers, and special rates are accordingly given. This sys-

tem has gradually been growing in favor in the United States for the past fifteen years but in 1900 it received a decided impetus when upon petition of such men as John Wanamaker, Edward Everett Hale, Wm. P. Frye, Anthony Comstock, Wilbur F. Crafts, Abram S. Hewitt, Booker T. Washington, etc., the great Equitable Assurance Co. of the United States established a class for total abstainers with special advantages. Other companies have since fallen into line and sooner or later the remaining ones will be forced to follow the great movement which is slowly but surely swinging the whole industrial world over to the side of abstinence from all that can madden, deaden or pervert the God-given faculties of man.

While the insurance companies are thus demonstrating the truths being taught through the department of Scientific Temperance Instruction the leaders of our great industrial and mercantile institutions are adding their testimony in support of the same teaching by demanding total abstinence on the part of their employes—because, they assert, alcohol injures working ability.

If we examine the "want" column in our newspapers we will find the man who uses no liquor is the man who is wanted to fill the various positions advertised.

All these things show the great awakening that has taken place and indicate the onward trend of public opinion both of which are largely due to the enactment and enforcement of laws requiring special temperance instruction in our public schools.

The aim of this department is to foster the growth of this opinion by instructing the youth of this land in regard to the evil effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics upon the human system.

The work in this state seems to be well organized but during the past year although repeated trials have been made

have been unable to get in touch with the superintendents in Aroostook, Franklin and Washington counties. It is to be hoped that superintendents will be appointed in these counties the coming year so that the State Superintendent may have an opportunity of securing information at any time from any county.

Excellent material for the St. Louis Exposition, representing the work done in this department, has been received and duly forwarded. So all may rest assured that Maine will be represented as well as other states and I would add that what our exhibit lacks in quantity is amply made up in quality.

Following are the names of County Superintendents: Androscoggin, Mrs. H. M. Wilder, Chase's Mills; Cumberland, Mrs. Ada F. Martin, Bridgton; Hancock, Miss Mary A. Carroll, Southwest Harbor; Kennebec, Mrs. Kate C. Pishon, Augusta; Knox, Miss Clara M. Farwell, Rockland; Lincoln, Mrs. J. E. Nichols, Round Pond; Oxford, Mrs. Elizabeth W. Morton, South Paris; Penobscot, Mrs. Flora A. Carr, Dexter; Piscataquis, Mrs. Maria P. Watson, Burdin; Sagadahoc, Miss Ann M. Robinson, Bath; Somerset, Mrs. Edith V. Cook, Newport, R. F. D. No. 1; York, Mrs. Julia Knight Staples, South Eliot.

Much work, that space forbids my recording, has been accomplished. Many towns are using Indorsed Physiologies. The Physiology Journal is placed in the hands of teachers by a number of unions. Mabel Freese's Primary Helps and the Oral Lesson Book are largely used. Successful teachers' receptions have been held by several unions. Miss Willard's picture has been presented in a number of instances, the union of Wayne putting one in each school in town. Literature including "Replies" has been generously distributed. This is a brief summary of the many things accomplished

through the efficient superintendents county and local in this department.

In conclusion I would urge every union in the state that has no local Scientific Temperance Instruction superintendent to appoint one and to give them your financial aid in carrying on this important work. Seek to interest the teachers. Urge the matter of giving the School Physiology Journal a wider circulation. Seek to promote the adoption of Indorsed Text-books.

Apply to State Superintendent W. W. Stetson for his Manual containing the topical course of study in Physiology and Hygiene. This is important for the material coming as it does from Mr. Stetson commands the interest and attention of our teachers and if the outline is followed the work will be systematic and progressive.

Your superintendent during the past year has written about 300 letters besides sending out 225 circular letters, 320 copies of the "Reply" and 3,000 pages of literature.

Have enjoyed the work of this department and have been brought in contact with many bright, smart, energetic women who are pushing this work successfully in their local union. Thanking the county and local superintendents for their many kind words of encouragement and trusting the coming year may be one of increased activity along temperance instruction lines, I wish you God-speed.

GEORGIA TYLER-WOODS.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

Collecting the reports forwarded by the County Superintendents from which to make my annual report I find ten counties have reported, while there are six not heard from.

Androscoggin and Aroostook sent the fullest, Aroostook being the best condensed.

The National Superintendent issues a blank for a statistical report containing twenty-six questions. Of these I am able to answer ten though the numbers are but a fraction of what they should be. Three I can answer in part and the remaining thirteen not at all. I regret this as it makes the showing very unsatisfactory. It does not do credit to the work or the workers. Work done is the most important, yet reporting has a great influence in that it is an evidence that the work has been done, and is all the National Superintendent has to judge of our interest from. She can not see the many letters sent me, from which I learn of the good things accomplished.

I am sure from what has come to me that the department will compare favorably with others as to interest and effectiveness.

I wish to again call the attention of all Sunday School workers to the many and valuable helps the National Superintendent has prepared. Each year she has something new.

I wish to urge all County and Local Superintendents to avail themselves of these and to begin early to prepare for World's Temperance Sunday which is Nov. 27. Address Mrs. Stella B. Irvine, Riverside, Calif.

Work for the children in this department like all others will give us the best returns.

E. A. G. STICKNEY.

## TEMPERANCE LITERATURE

694,211 pages of literature have been sent out at an expense of \$278.10. Of this amount, Col. Fred N. Dow has contributed \$112.00, the State \$50.10, a friend, through Mrs. Stevens, \$25.00, and the Unions have sent in the rest. 1,197 letters have been sent out by this department, 446 have been received. We have a superintendent for this work in every county, all of whom have sent in reports but two. Aroostook County leads with the largest per cent gain in number of subscriptions, Cumberland County in the number of letters answered, Penobscot has sent out the largest amount of literature and Knox County sent in the best prepared report.

In addition to the 694,211 pages of leaflets, there has been distributed 11,309 temperance and religious papers, 765 magazines, and 143 books. These 143 books are new books placed in public libraries, Sunday schools, loan and traveling libraries. There are also 134 temperance papers taken outside of our official organs. 257 of our children have been supplied with our Frances E. Willard Pledge Medal.

897 Union Signals, — "Stars" and 375 Crusader Monthlies are taken in Maine.

A letter with plans and suggestions has been sent to every union in the State asking them to adopt one or the other plans by which they will be able to increase their subscription list for the Union Signal, Star in the East and the Crusader Monthly.

V. K. ROLLINS.

## THE PRESS

In presenting my fifteenth annual report of this department I feel that we have many things for which to be thankful, but chief among them is the friendly feeling existing between the newspapers of our state and our county and local press superintendents. We rarely have occasion to urge editors to accept reports of meetings or conventions, on the contrary they urge us to prepare such reports.

We have a superintendent in every county and reports have been received from all but two. Our department has lost by death one of its most faithful workers, Mrs. R. S. Warren of Hancock, and has gained two new county superintendents, Mrs. Warren's successor and Mrs. Quimby in Androscoggin.

Penobscot, Miss Ella Merrill, leads in number of local workers and reports eighteen and fourteen, respectively.

Somerset, Mrs. R. E. Lawrence, sends in the fullest report and has secured the publication of the largest number of columns—398. Considering the work of the last fifteen years as a whole this would be the banner county.

The total number of columns reported as published through the efforts of this department is not quite as large as in some previous years—about fourteen hundred columns, but this apparent falling off may be merely due to the fact that the work of several counties is not as fully reported as usual. Moreover a campaign year is somewhat unfavorable to this line of work. If, however, we consider the space placed at our disposal from the financial standpoint, reckoning according to advertising rates, (ten cents per line and one hundred and twenty-five lines to the column) we find that its money value reaches the imposing figure of \$17,500. This is without doubt the largest gift we have received from any one source.

The larger number of these columns have been filled with reports of local work, meetings and conventions, but a con-

siderable portion has been devoted to the direct presentation of such subjects as anti-resubmission, the workings of high license, enforcement, the training of children, the Loyal Temperance Legion, scientific temperance instruction, school savings banks, franchise, arbitration, anti-cigarette law, etc. The publication of such articles selected or original, is one of the most directly educational phases of our work and should receive even more attention than has already been given to it.

Of the subjects above mentioned anti-resubmission seems to have been the theme of the largest number of articles. The only communications reported to have been actually refused, were directed against high license and the use of patent medicines. Perhaps the latter subject conflicted with the testimonials in the advertising columns.

In looking over several annual reports of our National Superintendent, Mrs. Horning, I have been impressed by the recurring complaint coming from those in charge of the press department in license states. They say that as long as they confine themselves to what are called the non-political phase of the work, editors are usually willing to publish their articles, but the moment they touch upon national, state or municipal prohibition or upon anything calling attention to special local liquor evils, that moment they are shut out of papers published in anti-prohibition cities and towns.

I suppose this condition of things arises not necessarily from the personal hostility of these editors but from the fear of being boycotted in their subscription lists and still more in their advertising columns by the all-powerful whiskey ring. Let us rejoice that the liquor power of this country has no such direct hold upon the press of the Pine Tree State, and let us guard unceasingly against even the possibility of exposing any of our newspaper managers to the temptation which would certainly assail them in case resubmission should ever prevail, to sell space for the misrepresentations of the liquor



fraternity and to suppress the prohibition side as was notoriously the case during the amendment campaign in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and more recently in New Hampshire and Vermont.

The power of the press is a hackneyed theme, I know, and yet even while the trite phrase is upon our lips, we are in danger of forgetting the truth which lies behind it. Where our best preachers and lecturers may reach hundreds of hearers once or twice a week, our printed words may be daily read by thousands of all shades of opinion and all degrees of interest in the cause we represent. It is a well known fact that the attitude of a few leading newspapers has often carried or defeated important legislative measures. Therefore, let every Union in Maine see to it that its press department is well equipped and in good hands, in order that every paper in its locality may be utilized for the advancement of the great and righteous principles for which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union stands.

MARY L. FRENCH.

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### W. C. T. U. MEDAL CONTESTS.

Below find reports as received from the several counties:

Androscoggin, Supt., Mrs. G. D. Holmes, 87 Elm St., Lewiston: Has happily visited the Union and churches of her community in this department. A committee from the Union confer with the church interesting them to unite with the Union in holding a contest, the net proceeds of which is divided according to agreement. A contest lately at Greene distributed literature and gave silver souvenir pins to those who did not win. Number of contests held seven, viz., gold, one; silver oratorical, five; silver musical, one.

Aroostook, Mrs. Lillian C. Libby lately elected as superintendent, commences well. One silver contest already held.

Cumberland, Superintendent, Sarah W. McLellan: One gold and one silver oratorical. Loss of 37 1-2 per cent. This silver contest was at Gray. Had a full class of boys from 12 to 15 years of age. Wise building. Hope many will follow the example.

Franklin: Nothing this year.

Hancock: No superintendent, but one silver contest held by Southwest Harbor Y.

Knox: One silver contest held, result of persistent effort.

Oxford: Superintendent, Mrs. S. C. Ordway, South Paris: One silver contest held, same as last year. Those who won the "silver" this and last year competed for the "gold" at Androscoggin county convention. The retiring superintendent, Mrs. Ella M. Bates, distributed literature to all local Unions, and writes, "nearly all the recitations have been recited several times through the village at entertainments," thus we realize that the work is growing as the people get to understand it better.

Penobscot, Superintendent, Mrs. May H. Richardson, Box 204, Oldtown.

Sagadahoc: Superintendent just elected, Mrs. Fred Cornish, 505 Middle St., Bath.

Waldo: Superintendent, Miss Maude E. Monroe, West Troy: Two silver contests held; the result of zeal, patience and perseverance. Gain of 100 per cent.

Washington: Superintendent, Mrs. L. E. Case, Cherryfield: Eight contests held, viz., four gold, three silver oratorical and one silver musical. Gain of 5 1-2 per cent. Don't think Washington has been idle this year, as their work in this line more than equalled the rest of the state in 1903, and much gain per cent would be too much to expect. The

value of medals used by them this year nearly equals all others.

York: Superintendent, Miss Blanche H. Adams, 36 Belknap St., Dover, N. H.: Five "silvers" against one silver last year, gives them a gain of 400 per cent, thus securing to them the prize; one silver oratorical medal.

Androscoggin and Washington have held musical medal contests. I think well of them if the selections are wise, and they may be made very helpful in furnishing music for an oratorical contest. It does not seem right to me, now, to include them in the gain.

Money expended, \$70; previous year, \$48.75; gain, 44 per cent.

A silver oratorical medal is offered as a reward for the greatest gain per cent for the year, Sept. 1, 1904 to Sept. 1, 1905, on past year's work, in all counties having held one or more contests past year, trusting that all others will do that this year so as to compete for the prize next year.

SARAH W. McLELLAN.

## BIBLE READING AND EVANGELISTIC WORK

Androscoggin County leads this year in many ways, but specially in giving the best account of its interest in the devotional opening service of its local Unions, its scriptural responses to the roll call, its unvarying habit of asking a blessing on the food at its all day meetings, its visits of sympathy and help to the sick and unfortunate. Were its reports a little more statistical it would serve as a model of a county report. Some counties which have hitherto done excellent work have not yet been heard from, through some oversight we must conclude as we know of some good and much needed

work done in them. The only county we know of as without a superintendent (Penobscot) sends a most cheering report through Mrs. Damon of Dexter.

Somerset and York Counties report the most missionary and reform work.

Cumberland the most consecrated work of circulating literature, petitions and holding public meetings, in affiliating with other religious bodies, etc.

Washington County has some very earnest workers who are felt at many points in that county of magnificent distances when they hold meetings, distribute literature, have classes for Bible study, which involve long distances.

Piscataquis County shows great interest in this department.

I have mentioned a few of these reports in the order they seemed to merit, but there is evident throughout the state a deepening interest in the things of God that bodes well for the future of our work. It was said by that wicked Queen Mary "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the armies of England." Let us remember then, dear comrades, we have a power our enemies have not and in the very nature of our Holy war never can have, the power of prevailing prayer. About 5,000 pages of literature only have been reported, but we know of local Unions which have distributed nearly that amount—statistics of this nature are well worth mentioning. In conclusion we would recommend:

1st. That we seek during the coming year to use our influence for the reading of scriptures daily in all our common schools. In this we shall surely have the sympathy and help of our pastors not only, but of all the best educators who acknowledge these writings as superior to all other classics from a purely literary standpoint.

2nd. That as we expect and so largely receive the help and co-operation of the pastors of our churches, we should be

found every Sabbath in attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary in some Christian congregation.

3rd. That remembering the battle is not ours but God's we make the coming year a time of much prayer and of so ordering our lives that God can consistently with the economy of His grace defeat the plans of our foes and crown our work with great success.

LUCY A. SNOW.

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### REFORMATORY FOR WOMEN

Near the close of our last State Legislature in 1902 the government building on Widow's Island, near Rockland, was, through the influence of Hon. Chas. E. Littlefield, presented to our state and accepted by our legislators. It is the desire of this committee to secure that building for a reformatory prison for women. We hope our comrades in the W. C. T. U. throughout the state will aid us in this effort by using their influence with members of the next Legislature, which will meet during the coming winter of 1904-5, to induce them to vote in favor of this measure.

Two hundred women have been sent to our county jails during the past year.

There is now, as in the past, no jail in the state which contains suitable accommodations for female convicts where they can be entirely separated from association with male convicts. Past experience proves that neither sex can be reformed and lifted above degradation unless it can be kept separate from the dire influence of the opposite sex who are addicted to crime. It is therefore necessary that the buildings where criminals of each sex are incarcerated shall be widely separated from each other.

One faithful member of our committee, Mrs. Helen C. Beedy, has been removed from us by death since our last appointment, and we shall miss her helpfulness. We hope this convention will appoint some earnest, interested person to fill the vacancy.

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
CLARA M. FARWELL

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### PEACE AND ARBITRATION

The work has been carried on in every county, much literature has been distributed, public meetings held, sermons preached on Peace Sunday, resolutions passed at various religious conventions and at all of the W. C. T. U. county conventions and the public press made use of. I have spoken in the interest of the cause at many institutes, conventions, churches and Sunday schools. I have held several Peace Rallies among the public school children. The department held an all-day Peace Day at Eliot, Dr. Trueblood, President of the American Peace Society and Mrs. Emily U. Burgess of New York being among the speakers. Mrs. Burgess also spoke at the Christian Endeavor Summer School at Yarmouth. The department had a special literature table and a peace exhibit at the state convention. Mrs. Lucy Hawkes, peace superintendent of Cumberland County, has prepared an excellent paper, which she lends to unions to read at their regular meetings.

ALICE MAY DOUGLAS.

## SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN

Last year I was able to report only six counties. This year I have heard from about every county in the state. This is encouraging, but not altogether satisfactory, as all the local Unions have not been heard from. I urge upon you superintendents of the local Unions the importance to the call for your reports by your State Superintendent.

Androscoggin County, Marie M. Swett, Superintendent, reports ten children cared for during the year and nine dollars and fifty cents expended.

Cumberland County, Jennie M. Anthoine, Superintendent, reports six children cared for.

Kennebec County, Mrs. W. H. Perry, Superintendent, reports from Gardiner, homes secured for two children, and is in correspondence with the State Superintendent, respecting a home for another child; also work done in looking after poor children. Monmouth Union is caring for a little boy, who is not homeless but needs help. Many of the Unions have no superintendents. In Hallowell work was attempted, but little or nothing was done.

York County, Mrs. R. H. Goodwin, Superintendent, reports that the town furnished money, which the W. C. T. U. expended for clothing and materials which they made for seven poor children, in two families.

Washington County, Mrs. Wm. Woods, Superintendent, reports there are in this county eleven superintendents. Mrs. Woods of Calais Union, reports clothing and sending a girl eight years old to the State Superintendent, who has placed her in a good home. A boy nine years old was sent to the Soldiers' Orphanage Asylum at Bath. Another boy eleven years old was sent to the Goodwill Farm, and have expended in other ways \$46 dollars. Cherryfield Union, Mrs. S. W. Rumball, Superintendent, reports sending a box of fruit, clothing,

toys, food, etc. to the Children's Home at Augusta. They devote one afternoon each week to sewing for poor children. Millbridge Union, Mrs. Rebecca Heald, Superintendent, reports sending a girl to a good home. Milltown Union, Mrs. Brooks, Superintendent, reports that homes for two little girls five and nine years, respectively, have been provided. Eastport Union, Mrs. J. S. McGrager, Superintendent, reports sending one child to the home at Augusta, and much more work has been done by the Unions of this county.

Oxford County, Addie L. Andrews, Superintendent: Hiram Union reports that they have clothed and cared for in their homes, and finally placed in the Temporary Home, three orphan children, and another little boy in the same family is waiting for a home. At Bethel urgent appeals have been made to families to welcome little ones to their homes, but with little apparent result. Two little children at Norway were helped and cared for by the Union there.

Summary: Thirty-five children have been cared for during the year. Twenty-one of these have been placed in private and permanent homes. Four have been placed in the Temporary Home. Five are boarded in private homes. Four are boarded in private homes and clothed by the department. One little girl was carried to her father in Philadelphia.

JENNIE M. ANTHOINE.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

DEPARTMENT FOR SECURING HOMES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN  
IN ACCOUNT WITH JENNIE M. ANTHOINE, SEPT. 1, 1903-1904

## RECEIPTS.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Sept. 1, 1903. Cash on hand, | \$326 36 |
| State appropriation,         | 500 00   |
| Collections,                 | 40 85    |
| From Mrs. Abbie Sharpleigh,  | 25 00    |
|                              | <hr/>    |
|                              | \$892 21 |

## EXPENDITURES.

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Boarding children,                   | \$312 00 |
| Clothing,                            | 98 27    |
| Traveling expenses,                  | 85 42    |
| Assistant,                           | 60 00    |
| Stamps and postals,                  | 30 49    |
| Office supplies,                     | 2 20     |
| Printing,                            | 4 30     |
| Medical aid,                         | 31 00    |
| Total,                               | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$623 68 |
| Sept. 1, 1904, Balance cash on hand, | <hr/>    |
|                                      | \$268 53 |

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 WORK AMONG LIGHT STATIONS

The W. C. T. U. work among light-houses is progressing—with slow but steady awakening—to the betterment of social privileges and the goal of Free Education for light-house children.

The State Union voted to send the Crusader Monthly to the children on every station. There are but eight counties that can take direct action in this work, but of course all the counties can help by indirect work. Hancock leads with twelve members. We hope each of the coast counties will through their county president work in their stations and push this department as it should be.

ESTELLE BENSON STANLEY.

## WORK AMONG RAILROAD EMPLOYEES

Motto:—"The Lord shall preserve their going out and their coming in."  
—Ps. cxxi.

We all come so closely in touch with railroad employees that this department would seem to be one of special interest to all. Almost daily we place our lives or the lives of those dear to us in their care. The character of their work, often Sunday work, with great temptations to drink, calls for our sympathy, cut off by duty as they often are, from influences that tend to nourish and stimulate the moral and spiritual side of their characters. Let more women in our state rise to the opportunity and take up this branch of the Lord's work.

The railway systems of the state are so vast that there are hundreds of stations and many families as yet untouched by our work. Much work has been done but the space at my disposal will not allow a full report of what each place has done.

The following is a condensed report of the different counties:

Androscoggin County, Helen Thomas, Supt: In Lewiston reading matter has been distributed and boxes at the station filled. Greene has given away much good reading matter and placed a box at station. Auburn reports many calls made on families of railroad employees which have been cordially received. A large amount of literature distributed and boxes at the stations kept filled.

Franklin County, Mrs. George Walker, Supt.: Good work done.

Kennebec County: The superintendent, Miss Alice Clough, writes that she has written to each union in the county asking that a superintendent of this department might be appointed if they had not one already. Replies received from seven unions. The president of Wayne union writes

that a pocket at the station has been supplied with good reading. Mrs. Towle of Augusta, has visited the workingmen and distributed 1,025 pages of literature, also cards and leaflets. The soldiers of the Tugus Home gratefully receive the reading matter and willingly help distribute it. Winthrop union has circulated between six and eight thousand pages.

Penobscot County, Mrs. M. H. Graffam of Bangor: Did very faithful and efficient work till her removal to Pittsfield. Mrs. John Knapp of Newport was chosen her successor. Bangor reports 400 leaflets and 300 pages for wall pockets.

Somerset County, Mrs. Olive Marcia, Supt.: Shawmut reports 112 leaflets distributed, wall pockets at stations well supplied. Fairfield wall pocket at station kept filled.

Sagadahoc: Mrs. Addie Robbins of Bath, Supt.

Washington County, Mrs. Mary W. Stone of Machias, Supt., writes that when she asked for reports of county convention, Milltown and Eastport replied that the railroad work had been prohibited. In the winter an effort was made to have the boxes restored to the station, but the authorities seemed unwilling to do this. The boxes were not removed from Cherryfield and Machias. Fifty papers with temperance leaflets enclosed were placed in the box at the station. I wrote to Mr. Baker, general superintendent, and he said we might continue the work in Machias but said nothing about other places. A later report from Mrs. Stone says: "On the nineteenth of August I received a letter from N. T. Baker of Calais, general superintendent Washington County Railroad Co., granting full permission to place our literature in all stations in our county. This is a distinct triumph for temperance. The victory is the result of Mrs. Grant's untiring efforts."

York County: Mrs. Manson writes that she feels sure the work has not all been reported. At Kittery the boxes at sta-

tions are kept filled, flowers and buttonhole bouquets are given conductors and motormen. I feel sure there is a growing interest in this department of work. I have during the past year distributed a large amount of reading in leaflet form to news agents on the trains who promised to read them and then put them in their magazines for sale. In nearly every case I find not only the employees but the officials very courteous and eager for good reading.

HELEN THOMAS.

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### WORK AMONG LUMBERMEN AND QUARRYMEN

I wish to thank all those who have sent me papers and magazines for the lumbermen and juvenile papers for the children, especially those who have sent serials in order. The comfort bags are highly prized. Invalids and children can assist in the preparation. A testament, or copy of Gospel or Psalms, pins, needle-books, bag of buttons, rolls of clean white cloth, thimbles, darning cotton, toilet soaps, patches, finger cots, games, and any other necessary articles are gladly received. A letter is especially acceptable.

A prominent Christian Endeavor worker has promised to spend a short time in the camps. I wish he could spend all the winter there or that we could find a suitable man who would do so.

The most important thing for the benefit of the lumbermen would be to suppress the liquor traffic. Now that the railroads and express companies run through Northern Maine it is difficult to keep a crew of men free from strong drink as it is so easily obtained.

Androscoggin County, Mrs. Bacon, Auburn: Sent literature and comfort bags to a number of camps.

Cumberland County, Mrs. Margaret T. W. Merrill: Sent a box of nice reading for old and young. Portland union sent 13,000 pages of books and papers, also rolls of bandages. Other unions sent literature and comfort bags.

Piscataquis County: Greenville, 27,396 pages, Milo 12 copies Scribner's Magazine, 52 copies Zion's Advocate, 40 copies Success, two years Christian Herald, one year Youth's Companion, one year Young People, one year Star in the East, 12 copies Union Signal. Abbie S. Hamlin, Supt..

Penobscot County, Miss S. J. Douglas. Orono: Pledge cards, comfort bags, Testaments, 51,654 pages of literature, letters, sermons, and poems; Bangor, 35,000 pages; Bradford, 316 magazines and papers; Charlestown, 10 comfort bags. 239 leaflets, 72 papers; Miss Tibbetts, one barrel; Enfield, one box of literature, comfort bags; La Grange, 14,000 pages, 10 comfort bags; North Orrington, 15,377 pages; Patten, 5,592 pages; Passadumkeag, 10 large bundles; Garland, Kenduskeag and Lincoln sent reading matter; Mrs. Frances Bradbury sent leaflets in several languages; Mrs. C. E. Perkins, county superintendent.

Somerset County, Mrs. Rebecca E. Lawrence, county superintendent: Madison, Bingham and Pittsfield sent good reading; Ripley sent two boxes of literature, two comfort bags with letter; Shawmut sent 231 pages, 56 magazines, papers for L. T. L.

Washington County, Mrs. G. H. Condell, Supt.: Calais 1875 papers, 307 magazines, 513 leaflets; Cherryfield 6,150 pages; Columbia Falls 2,000 pages; Millville large box, and at another time 607 pages; Petit Menan 45 papers; Unionville 1,740 pages, five comfort bags. Many unions held one meeting during the year in the interest of this department.

Waldo, Mrs. A. S. Tyler, North Troy: Sent quantities of good reading to different places.

FRANCES W. ROGERS.

## SABBATH OBSERVANCE

I have failed to receive a report from all the County Superintendents at this time, but feel sure much work has been done that has not been reported. Your superintendent has written over two hundred letters, has sent out the past year to superintendents and others 30,000 pages of Sabbath Observance literature, which the State of Maine received as a prize offered by our National Superintendent for an increase of twenty new superintendents of Sabbath Observance in our State. Have also sent blanks to all superintendents and one hundred copies of the Maine Sunday laws. There have been several new superintendents appointed this year who have not had time to report, but we expect good reports from them next time.

Washington County reports number of pages of literature circulated the past year 12,000, number of Sabbath sermons nine, number of signatures secured to Sabbath Observance pledge cards 100, petition to close saloons on Sunday was successful. Gospel prayer meeting held every Sunday. Ball playing on Sunday has been stopped. Mrs. Joseph Farris, County Superintendent.

Piscataquis County reports two sermons preached on Sabbath Observance, 1,257 pages of literature distributed. Mrs. Annie Leason, Superintendent.

Waldo County reports some children attend Sabbath School, who did not attend before. Distributed 1,500 pages of literature, personal work done by superintendents. Miss S. A. Mansur, Superintendent.

Somerset County reports 4,000 pages of literature distributed, two sermons preached on Sabbath Observance. Three prayer meetings held during the week of prayer. Public sentiment improving. Sabbath desecration diminishing. Emma F. Hatch, Superintendent.

**Hancock County:** Number of pages of literature circulated, 200. Three Sabbath Schools taught the fourth commandment. Five sermons of Sabbath Observance by pastors. Mrs. Josephine Stanley, Superintendent.

**Sagadahoc County:** 200 pages of literature distributed. Number of Sabbath sermons two, personal work done against Sunday excursions. Mrs. Hattie Small, Superintendent.

**Oxford County** reports three Sabbath sermons preached, 1,000 pages of literature circulated, one talk on Sabbath Observance by Union. Mrs. Fannie M. Burnell, Superintendent.

**Kennebec County** reports nine sermons preached on Sabbath Observance, pages of literature distributed 9,310, eight meetings held in the interest of Sabbath Observance, Sunday laws posted, much personal work done in this line. Mrs. P. A. Pinkham, Superintendent.

We have grand workers in the field. We cannot tell how much has been done in this line. Let us be encouraged to work on in this blessed cause, knowing our labors will not be in vain in the Lord. Never was there a time when earnest workers were needed more than now. All the wisest and best people of our land, and other lands, are glad so much is being done to crush out the desecration of the Holy Sabbath day. Who can estimate the value to the individual, the family, the community, the nation, of this grand day of rest and worship. Let us prize this gift of God, and resolve to maintain it, and by conscientious lives, faithful work, and faith filled prayers, fulfill our part. Then we can say, "this is the day the Lord hath made," let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**PHEBE A. PINKHAM.**

## PURITY

Aroostook County, Mrs. Lizzie Kipp, Fort Fairfield:

Mothers' meetings have been held, literature on the subject distributed, books kept in circulation, one copy of "American Motherhood" taken, and personal work done.

Androscoggin County, Mrs. Maria M. Swett, Superintendent, sends a most interesting report of rescue work done. Mrs. Swett is the Police Matron of Auburn and has great opportunities for work along this line. During the past year she has found employment for 108 women and girls, besides day labor for both men and women. The Auburn W. C. T. U. stands by Mrs. Swett with both moral and financial help, thus enabling her to do much good in this department.

Cumberland County, Mary K. Varney, South Windham, Superintendent, reports that local superintendents have been appointed in several Unions in the county. Several thousand pages of literature distributed and books on the subject of Purity circulated. Letters of protest have been sent to investigating committee in Smoot case, schools have been visited, school committees interviewed and their assistance secured. Questionable literature has been suppressed and much personal work done among children and young people. The local superintendent of Freeport Union has secured twenty-six names on the White Shield Pledge for girls over fourteen years of age, and eight names on the White Cross Pledge for men and boys over fourteen years of age.

Kennebec County, Mrs. Abbie Jenkins, Superintendent, reports that Hallowell and Wayne Unions have done good work in this department the past year. These Unions have held three Purity meetings and five Mothers' meetings. Have distributed 446 pages of literature. Hallowell has a Purity library of nine books and fifteen copies of American Mother-



hood are taken. Wayne has a cradle roll of ten members. One pastor is reported as aiding in this work.

Oxford County, Edith Stearns Bartlett, Superintendent. Only two Unions in this county have the Purity department but these two have done grand work. Norway has a W. C. T. U. Mothers' Club under the direction of the Superintendent of Purity. This club meets every two weeks; has been in operation four years; have taken Mary Wood Allen's course of study for Mothers' Clubs, have a good library of books for Mothers on Child Training, and distributes leaflets and booklets among the parents. Last fall a baby show was held, at which about fifty babies were present. A cradle roll was organized at that time. The Union has also organized a Mothers' Club at Norway Lake, which is in a flourishing condition, and literature is sent into county districts.

Somerset County, Mrs. Clara Brown, Fairfield, Superintendent: The Union at Fairfield has done some work in this department by circulating literature, some being sent to houses of ill repute.

Sagadahoc County, Mrs. Nancy Clark, Popham Beach, Superintendent: Speaks of personal work done by herself, but does not report any county work being done.

Washington County, Mrs. Effie J. Sawyer, Supt., sends the following itemized report:

Unions who have reported superintendents, 8; number copies of American Mother taken, 1; subject presented in schools, 2; addresses delivered on subject, 2; pastors aiding in the work, 3; purity books kept in circulation, 4; personal conversations, 19; pages literature distributed, 335; special purity meetings, 2; Mothers' meetings, 11; subject presented in convention, 1; 656 papers, 801 leaflets, 124 magazines, 3 books distributed, 6 comfort bags.

These are all the superintendents which have sent reports.

With this report my work as state superintendent of this department ends, as my resignation has been sent to the executive committee. I wish to thank the superintendents who have sent reports promptly, and shown an interest in the work. Please do the same by my successor whoever she may be. That the work in this important department may be greatly blessed is my prayer.

JENNIE E. SEAMANS.

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### PURITY IN LITERATURE AND ART

In the last month's "Westminster Review," Arnold Smith writes a long article regarding the increasing bulk of sensational literature, as a symptom of mental debility. He says that this rubbish which fills our magazines and lies on every railway bookstall is a very morbid indication of the mental health of the public. It is a direct incentive to vice and it panders to the lowest taste.

Frances Willard wrote a very strong chapter regarding this work of Purity in Literature and Art in her most helpful book "How to Win."

On the whole, however, we as a W. C. T. U. are woefully ignorant in regard to the vast importance of this department.

I have received reports from but two counties although I know that some work has been done in Franklin, Knox and Oxford counties.

Mrs. Varney of Cumberland County reports several new local superintendents appointed, two thousand pages of literature distributed, Mothers' meetings held, Frances Willard's picture placed in one High School, and the Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard placed in circulation, also one set of the "Self Sex Series."

Mrs. Tracy of Aroostook reports several new superintendents appointed, sermons preached, many hundred pages of literature distributed, bill-boards kept clean, good literature placed in R. R. stations, and copies of the Young Crusader and other literature bought with the proceeds of an ice cream sale.

We need just such earnest consecrated workers in every county. After a year spent in this work I feel that I have but caught a glimpse of its real scope and importance. Mrs. Martin has furnished me, free of cost, many thousand pages of literature, and I had hoped to reach every union of the State, in some way, before this convention.

Following is the pledge of this department:

"I will endeavor to read God's word daily, encourage all that is good in Literature and Art, and use my influence to create a public sentiment against the impure, that my body may be a Temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit."

Suppose each member of the W. C. T. U. was thus pledged, can we imagine that less earnest work in the other departments would result? Is it not in proportion to the purity and devotion of our own lives that we are enabled to do effective work in any line of reform. I bless God for the education it has given me to belong to the W. C. T. U. and I earnestly plead with every young lady present that she will study the different departments of work, earnestly, until God lays some special one upon her heart and then determine that she will know all there is to be learned in order to make her life felt in the work of uprooting that evil.

The reading of light literature makes it almost impossible for many to carry out such a determination but God grant that in this convention the "Heavenly Vision" may come to her and that she will say, "Here am I, send me."

LEONORA H. JONES.

## STATE AND COUNTY FAIRS

Looking backward over the work of this department for the past few years, I find much to encourage, and looking forward, much to hope for in the future.

Androscoggin County's superintendent writes they are wonderfully favored in having the State Fair held there year after year, thus giving them the golden opportunity of temperance seed sowing; and we learn, not only from her report, but from testimonies of people in attendance from different parts of the state, of the improved condition on the State Fair ground at Lewiston. The Auburn and Lewiston unions served at their respective restaurants, hot meals and lunches during the fair; furnished a resting-place for the tired and distributed freely ice-water and literature. Auburn union distributed 3,000 leaflets, 50 Union Signals and realized \$300.00 from the sale of refreshments. Lewiston Union distributed 600 leaflets; refreshments. The ladies are making extensive preparations for the fair to be held the last of this month. Each year's success giving courage for the next year's work.

Durham Union worked on their fair ground and distributed literature.

The principal work reported in Penobscot County was at the Eastern Maine State Fair held in Bangor. The local unions helping by contributions of money, food and flowers. Nearly 200 bouquets were distributed and 2,500 leaflets; realized from sale of lunches, \$49.55.

In Piscataquis County about 1,000 pages of literature were distributed on three fair grounds. At Parkman a booth was erected and decorated with the national colors and W. C. T. U. mottoes. A resting-place provided for the tired women and children. Ice-water furnished free; \$6.75 was realized from sale of ice-cream.

Sagadahoc County, through its superintendent, Miss Cary,

reports the distribution of 100 Union Signals, several copies of the Star, Sabbath Defender, Our Dumb Animals, 20 Christian Civic League Records and 75 leaflets on a variety of subjects.

At the Monroe Fair ground, Waldo County, a restroom was furnished for women and cots for sleepy babies; over 300 packages checked; noontide prayer was observed. The superintendent is hoping for better accommodations in the future, opening the way for greater possibilities of usefulness.

Washington County superintendent reports: "Received two dollars from the County and spent the same for literature which I distributed to men on trains and at the Fair. It was received always with courtesy."

The Kennebec County superintendent showed her zeal and activity in the work by personally attending the Fair at Readfield and distributing literature, also requesting the President of the Association to see to it that a more rigid enforcement of the law be made.

The superintendents generally speak of the courteous and kindly treatment received from Fair officials and hearty words of commendation spoken in favor of their work, and often are requested to be present next year.

As this is a many-sided department, you may apply to superintendents of all departments for such literature as locality and the special needs of a community seem to a superintendent to demand.

Let us strive to make this the best year as a seed-sowing time; let no opportunity pass to carry the message to the masses of people.

Every County should have a superintendent of this department whose first duty it is to look after the appointment of a local superintendent, one willing to co-operate with other unions in the county if called upon to assist at a fair, picnic or reunion of any kind where the W. C. T. U. is represented.

EDITH N. OAKES.

## SOCIAL MEETINGS AND RED LETTER DAYS

During the past year two counties have elected superintendents of this department and we count each addition as a source of encouragement and hope. Two thousand five hundred and sixty-seven pages of literature have been scattered to the different counties through superintendents and county secretaries. By advice of our National Superintendent, report blanks were sent to the counties early in the spring, that they might know what was expected of them. Duplicate blanks were sent out in August.

Androscoggin says that all the Red Letter Days have been observed and ten social meetings held. Memorial Day was observed and ten dollars sent to the Memorial Fund. Number of members gained; literature distributed and money received has not been tabulated, so our superintendent there is left in the dark as to these amounts.

Aroostook reports an aggregate of thirty-three Red Letter Days observed, nine socials, besides a picnic, a reception to public school teachers and a prize contest. \$15.60 was raised by one Union at socials. Two Unions observe every Red Letter Day as it comes, with an appointed leader and program for the year.

Cumberland has tabulated twenty-two Red Letter Days, sixteen socials, twenty-four dollars and eighty-six cents sent to the Memorial Fund, thirteen active and two honorary members gained and the Willard Memorial Day very generally observed.

Franklin says that much work has been done that has not been recorded, except by Him who sees all we do, also that the workers are inclined not to let the right hand know what the left hand doeth. One item, however, is accurately tabulated, that each Union has sent \$2 to the Memorial Fund and

all observed Memorial Day. We are glad to know this and hope that another year more statistics will be recorded.

Knox reports sixteen social meetings and Memorial Day observed, \$2 being sent to the Memorial Fund by each union; four active and one honorary member gained and 1,018 pages of literature distributed. Eleven comfort bags were sent to a Sailors' Home and \$4.39 received as an offering.

Lincoln County: We hear that one Union observed all the Red Letter Days, and that several observed Memorial Day and sent \$2 to the Memorial Fund.

Waldo County assures us that the interest in this department has greatly increased during the past year and we are sure that our superintendent there has done good work towards bringing about this result. There are five local superintendents and one Union has a committee to arrange for these meetings. Memorial Day was observed and twelve dollars sent to the Memorial Fund. Twenty-three Red Letter Days were observed, twelve social meetings held, 3,000 pages of literature distributed and seven active and three honorary members gained at these meetings.

Washington County has observed twenty-eight Red Letter Days, held eleven social meetings, while ten Unions reported the observance of Memorial Day and seven contributed to the Memorial Fund. Four active members were gained, 300 pages of literature scattered and \$29.14 raised.

We sum up 74 social meetings, 117 Red Letter Days observed, Memorial Day very generally observed, \$44 sent to the Memorial Fund, eight active and six honorary members gained, 6,018 pages of literature distributed. \$34.99 raised as offerings. The almost universal declaration is that this department has increased the interest in the different communities. May it continue to deepen and spread throughout our States.

HARRIET J. LORING.

## CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

Your Superintendent of Christian Citizenship submits the following report:

Having been appointed superintendent of this department during the latter part of the past year, your superintendent has been unable to accomplish the results desired; but has used the influence of voice and pen as far forth as possible, having spoken in several places upon the subject and having written to the various officers of the counties and prominent temperance and civic workers throughout this and other states. The following counties responded in reply to the request for the county conventions to adopt the department of Christian Citizenship and to appoint superintendents for the same:

Kennebec: Did not adopt the department.

Penobscot: Did not adopt the department.

Washington: Sent favorable reply. President had already been doing work along that line. Received no report as to name of superintendent yet. Trust this county will continue it's good work.

Waldo: Adopted. Mrs. Alma Cole, Ellingwoods Corner, Me., Supt.

Cumberland: Adopted. Mrs. E. L. Burnham, Supt., 215 Oxford St., Portland, Me.

No response has been received from the other counties.

Although the above report is not as favorable as your superintendent desires, there remains the hope, that in the future years the department of Christian Citizenship will be adopted in every union in this state and that the small efforts of the first year may increase, the influence broaden, until this department working with all others, will carry into citizenship, Christian life, emphasizing the great principles of co-operation and personal effort in order that Christian public opinion, concerning the political or moral welfare of a town,



city, state or nation, may be quickly and emphatically expressed. To this end the moral forces needed to combat the evil existing at the caucus, convention and ballot-box should be carefully fostered and the special work of each and every one, to agitate and educate along all lines, which will help existing conditions and make politically, intelligent citizens. Your superintendent recommends that each county adopt the department of Christian Citizenship and appoint a superintendent to carry out the work of this department, Christian Citizenship.

MRS. E. L. BURNHAM.

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### FRANCHISE

When a department has grown honorable with age and the methods of work in it vary but little from year to year, it follows as a natural sequence that there is but little of new interest to report at our annual meeting. But the encouraging feature is that while the gain in suffrage sentiment is a slow one it is nevertheless sure and steady. We must not slacken our vigilance but keep ever before us the hope that the right of the Franchise may be granted to the women of our State. Even if at times it may seem as if we were sowing for others to reap, let us keep steadily on. Enlist all the young people, encourage debates among the boys and girls, and enter every possible open door which may aid us in increasing suffrage sentiment. Can any of us question the benefit which it would be to our W. C. T. U. if the women could vote? or that our Prohibitory Law would be better enforced if we had votes behind our Petitions? These are but single instances among many which we as temperance women advance as our reasons for asking for the right of Suffrage. This year we will again present our petitions to the Legislature, and we urge the earnest

co-operation of all in obtaining signatures, and in trying to influence the members of the Legislature both before and during the session.

A most hopeful field for work is among the Grangers, and I urge again (as I have done for the past five years) that all who belong to both the W. C. T. U. and the Grangers will make an especial effort to add to our list and to our petitions the names of Grangers. Secure if possible at the Grange meetings the endorsement through the secretary of all present on a petition. The National and State Organizations have passed resolutions of endorsement. No other organization has recognized and honored the ability of its women as this one has done, and I have testimony from the highest authority that, if the women members were more unanimous in their desire for Woman Suffrage, the men would actively aid in bringing about this result. I would also again recommend that as far as possible women should attend the town meetings.

The National Annual Leaflet contains valuable suggestions and these I can send free of charge to any who may desire them.

There have been marked gains in some counties during the year, especially in Washington County. Which county will show the greatest gain this year?

AUGUSTA M. HUNT.



# Constitution of the Maine W. C. T. U.

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## PREAMBLE

We, Christian women of the 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.

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## 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, Editor of Star in the East, Y Secretaries of local Unions, the President, 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 paying a 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 a 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 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 substituted from the Unions in the county; 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 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 OR 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

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— County Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

### 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 Recording and Corresponding 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 county general officers, county superintendents of departments, presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurers of local Unions, and one delegate-at-large, and one delegate for every ten paying members of the local Union.

### 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 sometime within May or June.

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

The duties of 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 and report a digest of these to the county convention and to the state superintendents, as required by the State Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VI.

Local Unions shall pay to the county Treasurer an amount equal to — cents annually for each of its members, for county work.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

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

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## Local Constitution

#### ARTICLE.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the ——— Woman's Christian Temperance Union, auxiliary to the Maine Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

#### PLEDGE.

I herby 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 —— a year, all of which shall be retained for home work.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice President (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 preceeding 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 County 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 1st, 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.

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## 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 until 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**

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## **TEMPERANCE EDUCATION**

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### **CHAPTER 267 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE.**

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**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 to any person to teach in the public schools of 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 human system.

(Approved February 19, 1885.)

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### **EXTRACTS FROM THE SABBATH LAW**

Whoever, on the Lord's Day, keeps open his shop, work-house, warehouse, or place of business; travels, or does any work, labor or business on that day except work 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 inn holder 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 work 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 offense; 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 thereof 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.

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## CIGARETTE LAW

### CHAPTER 333.

An Act to prohibit the manufacture of cigarettes, and the sale thereof to minors.

**Sec. 1.** Whoever, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, manufactures for sale, or directly or indirectly sells, offers for sale, has in his possession with intent to sell, or gives away to any person under the age of twenty-one years, a cigarette, shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days.

**Sec. 2.** Trial justices and municipal and police courts shall have jurisdiction of offenses described in the preceding section.

**Sec. 3.** This act shall take effect May one, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

(Approved March 27.)

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## **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, indescant, 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.



(Laws of 1885. Chap. 348.)

Whoever knowingly sells, lends, gives away, or shows to any minor child and book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, or any printed paper, devoted to the publication, or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of lust or crimes; or circulates, posts or causes to be circulated or posted in any conspicuous or public place, any picture, handbill or poster containing obscene, indelicate, or immoral representations; or in any manner hires, uses, or employs any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or who, having the care, custody, or control of any minor child, permits such child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, any book, magazine, pamphlet, or newspaper coming within the first paragraph of this section, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than six months, or by fine, not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

(Public Laws of 1897. Chap. 213.)

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**PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF PROHIBITORY LAW**

Sec. 34. Whoever sells intoxicating liquor contrary to law shall be fined fifty dollars and costs and imprisoned thirty days. For default, thirty days extra.

Subsequent convictions, two hundred dollars and costs, and six months' imprisonment.

In default of payment, six months' additional imprisonment. Clerks, servants and agents are equally guilty with the principal and shall suffer like penalties.

## IMMORAL SHOW LAW

### CHAPTER 105, LAWS OF 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Whoever in connection with any show or entertainment, whether public or private, either as owner, manager or director, or in any other capacity, uses or causes or permits to be used, a phonograph or other contrivance, instrument or device, which utters or gives forth any profane, obscene or impure language, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 2. Whoever as owner, manager, director, agent or in any other capacity, prepares, advertises, gives, presents or participates in any obscene, indecent, immoral or impure show or entertainment, or in any show or entertainment manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of youth, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Approved March 17, 1899.)

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## ADULTERATION OF CANDY LAW

### CHAPTER 71, R. S. OF 1895.

An Act to prevent adulteration of candy.

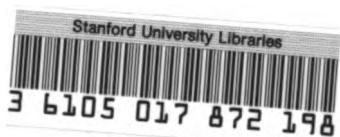
Sec. No person shall by himself, his servant, or agent or any other person or corporation, offer for sale any candy under the name of brandy, whiskey, rum or wine drops. Fine not exceeding \$100, nor less than \$50 shall be imposed and the candy forfeited and destroyed. The county attorney shall prosecute all violations.



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