

acknowledged; its truths, its justice, and urgent necessity, are matters of established fact. Its struggles and defeats, its delays and triumphs, are of record in the hearts of our people and the annals of our times. In any thing like a systematic organized form, it is comparatively of recent origin. The opposition wielded against it by its enemies, has been fierce and obstinate; and although it has been subjected to occasional reverses, yet its progress has been steady, and its achievements glorious and decisive. It is a moral, rather than a religious enterprise, yet the God of religion has ever been on the side of its advocates and friends. For Temperance rather than Christianity it labors; on Temperance it bases its hopes and aims, and if true to itself, will bear Temperance proudly onward to its grand and ultimate issue.

In this great enterprise each has a duty to discharge—a part to act—a labor to perform. Let us see to it that it be done with energy, promptitude and determination. Let there be no relaxation of effort, no shrinking from duty, no compromise with the enemy. Our banners bearing the inspiring motto, "Onward—still onward," and invoking the strength of Omnipotence to our aid, let us move forward from victory to victory, till they shall wave in triumph over the gigantic foe of our race; till the "beverage of hell" shall have been dashed from the lips of the last inebriate, and there shall be no longer a drunkard or drunkard-maker to perpetuate our country's shame.

To this end let the question continue to be agitated in every legitimate form, till our principles shall become so widely diffused that total abstinence shall universally prevail, or the sources of intemperance be utterly exterminated by the strong arm of legal prohibition. Short of this grand consummation our work will not be finished, and until it shall thus be completely and gloriously accomplished, God helping us, we will never desist.

Respectfully submitted.

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### Adopted.

### The Committee on Sabbath Schools report :

It appears from the letters from the Churches comprising this Association, that there are, in its connection, twenty-five Sabbath Schools, with 236 teachers and 2,214 scholars; twenty-five libraries, with 5,505 volumes, and a distribution of 1,650 religious papers monthly. The majority of these schools are reported as being in a flourishing condition, while others complain of their feeble state. Thirteen of the Churches make no mention of having any Sabbath Schools. Your Committee would earnestly recommend that all the Churches be particular in giving the statistics of their schools, to specify the number of scholars on the list; number of teachers; number of libraries; number of volumes in the same; number of papers distributed; amount of money received and expended, and the good resulting from the institution.

And your Committee would urge upon those Churches which have no Sabbath Schools, the duty they owe to themselves, and the rising generation, to commence at once, where it is at all practicable, the formation of such Schools; regarding, as your Committee do, this department of Christian labor as one of the most efficient means of giving to the youth a knowledge of the great principles of our holy religion, and inspiring the young and tender mind with a reverence for God's holy Word, His sacred day, and preparing them to become the future teachers in our Sabbath Schools.

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