

Church in North America met, pursuant to previous adjournment, and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. J. R. Thompson, from Luke xxiv: 49—"But tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

◆ THE SABBATH.

Resolved, Inasmuch as the church is to uphold the law of God, and to testify against the violation of it, Synod would commend all well organized and judicious efforts to enforce the general observance of the Sabbath, and calls upon our people, both by example and co-operation, to encourage the International Sabbath Association and all others in striving to do away with all Sabbath desecration by railroad companies and all other modes of Sabbath violation. And Synod would enjoin upon all our people to discourage attendance upon all public gatherings, even though they profess to be of a religious character, which invite the multitude in attendance upon them to violate the sacredness of the Sabbath day by patronizing railroads and other public conveyances on that day.

TEMPERANCE.

Adopted the Report of Committee on Temperance, as follows:

Amid the destruction on every hand by ardent spirits, no true disciple of Christ nor patriot can afford to be indifferent. Every interest precious to Christianity and humanity is retarded and imperilled by this river of fire.

The pauperism, disease, suffering, crime and death, which can be traced directly to its source are truly appalling. The facts that in the United States six hundred millions of dollars are annually expended on alcoholic stimulants, and that there are not less than five hundred thousand drunkards, and that fifty thousand go down yearly to a drunkard's grave, and not a few of these from the church and Sabbath School, and from the ranks of those occupying high places in the land, the very Senate-chamber of the nation, in a most responsible hour, presenting a scene of intoxication in some of its members, and that the rum-sellers wielded such power over legislators, may well fill the heart of the patriot with dismal forebodings, and the lover of Zion with deep concern.

In the struggle against this formidable foe, the past year has not been without its encouragements. The lines of conflict have become more sharply defined, the advocates of temperance and apologizers for intemperance have more fully thrown off disguise and delicacy, and both friends and foes are better known—the church, in its ministers and members, taking a more active interest, and in many parts of our country a deep interest has been awakened. But what is truly encouraging is that the advocates of temperance reform, to a large extent, adopt as their platform total abstinence through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We cannot lay too much stress on the fact that the hope of the temperance cause lies in the rising generation adopting the principle and habit of total abstinence, and that our great work is to guard against an appetite being formed for alcoholic stimulants, by a total avoiding of them. It has been well said that the great policy of the adversary in this

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