

2. That most of our ministers and stations shew commendable zeal in the cause of Temperance, in the holding of public meetings and in preaching temperance sermons; but some few we regret to say, appear to have done but little. On the whole we have cause for rejoicing that the practice of total abstinence from intoxicating liquors has taken such firm hold on our people.

3. Your Committee would recommend (1) that rule 50, page 10, of the Discipline, which requires that candidates for our local ministry, be total abstainers, which includes those for the itinerancy, should be kept in view and acted upon. (2) That rules 179 to 183 relating to the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco should be kept in view by all our ministers, officials, and members, and be acted upon generally and conscientiously. (3.) In general, looking at the continued terrible evils of intemperance, and especially the powerful obstacle it presents to the spread of the Gospel, and the best interests of man for time and eternity, we urge that all our ministers and people seek by the employment of all prudent means, and especially by earnest prayers to God in private and public, to advance the cause of temperance in our Dominion.

JOSEPH SIMPSON,
WM. HERRIDGE.

4. SABBATH SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Your Committee has investigated, as far as possible, the state, position and working of the Sabbath Schools of our Church, and begs to report as follows:

There has been an increase of six schools and 163 scholars, and a decrease of two teachers. On some Districts there has been an increase while others have reported decrease. We give the Districts.

TORONTO DISTRICT, an increase of 2 schools and 17 Teachers with a decrease of 98 scholars.

BRAMPTON District, a decrease of 2 schools, 16 Teacher, 52 scholars.

HAMILTON District, an increase of 2 " 11 " 72 "

GUELPH District, a decrease of 3 " 20 " " "

LONDON District, an increase of 4 " 8 " 153 "

KINGSTON " a decrease of " 4 " " "

BARRIE " an increase of 4 " 22 " 136 "

Your Committee would direct the attention of Conference.

1. To the fact that nearly half of our preaching places have no Connexional School, (142).

2. That many of the Schools are closed in the winter season, which your committee thinks should be kept open; and would recommend the Conference to call the attention of the stations to the matter.

3. We would further recommend that District Unions be formed; that in each District there be a Convention held during the winter, and if possible all the Ministers, superintendents, and Teachers attend, so that a greater interest may be created in Sabbath School Work. The

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