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ON LETTERS.

The Committee on Letters submitted the following Report:—

The Committee on Letters report—That a Letter having been submitted to them from Deacons Isaac Turner, Allen Steeves, and Shepherd Somers, preferring charges against Elder R. Dobson; and another from Elder R. Dobson, implicating the moral character of Elder J. Wallace, and also giving information relative to the conduct of Brother E. Garraty, which this Conference highly disapproves of. Therefore, we recommend that a Committee of three judicious brethren, with power to increase their number, be appointed to investigate all matters derogatory to the standing and characters of Elders Dobson and Wallace, and Licentiate Garraty, and make such decision relative thereto as they think best.

(Signed)

C. McMULLIN,
T. CONNER,
E. McLEOD.

Unanimously adopted.

The recommendation of the above Report was carried out, and Elder S. Hartt, Brethren Peter Steves and Robert McLeod were appointed the Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:—

Your Committee believe Temperance to be a very prominent principle of the religion of Jesus Christ, a very precious fruit of the Holy Spirit of God in man, a principle that Jehovah has distinctly taught and written in the Bible, and therefore consider that it cannot but triumph at last over the lusts and passions of the flesh.

We, therefore, in accordance with these views, believe it to be the imperative duty of every denomination claiming purity of heart and life, to see to it that its membership maintain well the principles of Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

In the second place, we believe it to be our duty as a Christian denomination to enforce pure Gospel discipline in every instance where this Christian grace is violated and set at naught by the use of inebriating beverages; and, further, that we cannot help doubting the genuineness of that man's religion which does not restrain him from running into this excess of sin.

As it regards the traffic in intoxicating or alcoholic drinks, your Committee deem it their duty to utter their united testimonies of disapprobation against it, believing that it is productive of nothing good, neither indeed can be; a business which we cannot possibly tolerate in our Churches by retaining as members those who may be engaged in it (if any there be), but most earnestly demand their immediate expulsion after proper Gospel labor.

We condemn it not only because of its sad and fatal consequences to those victims who partake, but also upon the premises that the glass of liquor is not an equivalent for what is received, and therefore must be discontinued by Christians as a dishonest and disreputable occupation.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. RATTRAY,
J. T. PARSONS,
JACOB GUNTER.

Unanimously adopted.