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TEMPERANCE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

COMPACT and brief, extending over only two closely printed pages of ordinary size, the Temperance Committee's report to the Assembly was, perhaps, as important, as to the facts contained in it and the recommendations appended, as has ever been presented to any of our Church Courts.

That "the volume of intemperance has greatly decreased" during the past year the reports are all but unanimous in affirming. The years 1885 and 1886 have seen a wide extension of local prohibition, which, without dispute, has proved a stinging blow to the drink trade, wherever the new law has been even decently administered.

The present report of substantial gain must lead no one to fold his hands and say the work is done. Take the two metropolitan cities of Toronto and Montreal alone, the latter, with a place for selling liquor to every 175 of the population, and one of every 70 of its inhabitants arrested for drunkenness each year, and it will be seen how vast still is the sin and crime of the drink traffic and of intemperance.

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known to be in full sympathy with Prohibitory legislation." There are many in the Church who would be prepared for even a stronger stand, namely, the absolute renouncement of present party allegiance, in any and every case, in favor of prohibition.

It is to be regretted that the repeated recommendations of the Assembly for the organization of temperance societies in congregations should be so generally disregarded. It is certainly a great matter that temperance principles are taught in all our Sabbath schools.

The local press, says the Assembly's Committee, needs toning up. Generous acknowledgment is made of heavy service rendered in many quarters; but it is said, we suspect with justice, that, with a few conspicuous exceptions, even the temperance section of the local press is "lagging behind, rather than leading, public sentiment" in the matter.

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For convenience of reference and to show at a glance the measure of growth, we have arranged the tables as follows:—

Table with columns for 1875, 1885, and Increase. Rows include Ministers, Stations supplied, Congregations, Families, Communicants, Additions (Profession), Baptisms, Sabbath Schools, and Buildings.

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These figures are, indeed, in the language of the committee, more eloquent than words. They are clear tokens of divine approbation and positive proof that God has given the Presbyterian Church a great work to do in and for the Dominion of Canada.

Let these figures be preserved. Let them be cut out and put in some place where they will often meet the eye. Let them not, however, be accepted as the measure of the Church's ability to do, but let them serve as a reminder of what may be done by more zeal, more devotion, more self-sacrifice.

FORMS FOR CHURCH SERVICES.

THE General Assembly's Committee at present engaged in revising the Book of Forms may be encouraged to give a little wider scope to the revised book by the example of the English Presbyterian Church.

The committee have considered the subject referred to them by last synod, and are of opinion that it is desirable to prepare, as soon as it may be conveniently done, a revised directory for public worship, on the basis of the Westminster Directory.

The synod appointed a special committee with instructions to proceed with due care and deliberation in the direction of revising the "Westminster Directory," and preparing forms or specimens of service adapted to special occasions.

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Union. He thought it would be something very like a calamity if the motion of Dr. Story were adopted." Let them go ahead. He was for Presbyterian Union, and for that only.

AFTER eighteen years' controversy over the instrumental music question in the Irish Presbyterian Church a settlement has almost unanimously been arrived at which promises to bring in the piping times of peace.

WE are glad to learn from Mr. Briggs, of the Toronto Willard Tract Depository, that the price of "Robert and Mary Moffat" has been reduced for Sabbath-school and church libraries from three dollars to two dollars.

A TELEGRAPHIC despatch from Brisbane states that H.M.S. Undine, which had just arrived from the New Hebrides, reports that no formal annexation of or protectorate over the New Hebrides had been proclaimed by the French when the Undine left those Islands.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINISTERS AND SUPPLY OF VACANCIES.

WE call the attention of those specially interested to the following circular which has been issued by the Committee appointed by the General Assembly at its meeting just closed on the supply of vacancies:

- 1. There shall be a Committee consisting of seven members appointed by the General Assembly to assign licentiates and ordained ministers without charge to Presbyteries for appointments, regard being had to the requirements of each Presbytery, as reported in reply to circular questions issued by the Committee quarterly.