

ation of *The "Abstainer,"* the recognized organ of this and kindred organizations. The paper is a credit to the cause generally, and we trust that it will grow in general favor and usefulness.

Your Committee feel that the use of tobacco is greatly to be deplored, not only as regards its directly pernicious effects, but also as regards its bearing upon the vice of intemperance. Young men, especially, should shun the use of tobacco almost as conscientiously as they would the use of rum. In some respects the use of tobacco by temperance men paralyzes their efforts on behalf of temperance reform.

Your Committee have learned with pleasure that there is now between four and five hundred dollars at the disposal of the "Agency Committee," and trust that this sum will not be allowed to remain idle, but that it will be immediately expended, either by engaging a suitable Agent to be regularly and systematically employed in advance and extension of our Order, and the cause generally, or by the employment of local agency in the various counties throughout the province, as means and opportunity may offer, for the attainment of the same ends, in part at least.

Your Committee believe that one of the most effective means for carrying on the temperance enterprise has lately been almost lost sight of, namely, the holding of public meetings, and we strongly urge a return to these instrumentalities. We recommend the appointment of a committee to seek for improvement in the licence law if opportunity offers.

Looking to legislative efforts for the suppression of the traffic, all minor political differences should be laid aside, and we trust that existing political estrangements among temperance men, will soon give place to a combination of effort for the attainment of a common object.

We speak in no spirit of adverse comparison or criticism, in reference to kindred organizations, to each and all of whom we bid "God Speed;" but the lapse of time only deepens former convictions, that our Order is eminently calculated to advance and carry on to final completion the temperance reform. It has had an existence of a quarter of a century; and is to-day almost as popular, and its membership nearly as large as at any former period of its history, while its real vigour and strength are yearly increasing. With unshaken faith in our principles and in hope of their early triumph, this report is respectfully submitted.

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Middle Stewiacke, Jan. 31st, 1872.

P.G.W.P. Longley offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas it is highly desirable that the fund now at the disposal of the "Agency Committee" should be usefully employed,

Therefore Resolved,—That in the event of the failure of the Committee in securing a suitable Agent at an early day, the best agency that can be procured in each of the counties or sections of the Province be made available for the propagation of the Order and the benefit of the cause generally, each of the counties or sections, participating as near as circumstances may allow, in proportion to the amount respectively contributed to the funds, giving to the committee, however, the discretion of acting upon the spirit of this resolution generally, or partially, as in their judgment they may deem advisable.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Managers of the Government and Windsor and Annapolis Railways for reducing travelling