

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

The Temperance Committee met in the Council Chamber, and organized by appointing Rev. Dr. Brethour, Chairman, and Rev. Harvey M. Hall, Secretary.

I. Your Committee have carefully considered the action of the Standing Committee on Temperance, taken at Brantford on May 6th, 1896.

1. And we recommend that the action of the Committee be printed as an appendix to this report, save and except paragraph 10, which has already served its purpose.

2. That the Conference approve of the action of the Standing Committee as a wise effort to give practical effect to the declaration of principles promulgated by the General Conference.

3. That in the approaching general election of members for the House of Commons, Methodist electors are urged to adopt these principles and also the methods suggested, as far as (at this late hour) may be applicable to the situation.

4. That we earnestly urge the electorate to allow no other issue to interfere with their action with regard to this great moral question.

II. That in accordance with the resolution from the Woodstock District, asking the Annual Conference to protest against the continuance of the liquor bar in connection with the Houses of Parliament in Ottawa, and also the pledging of candidates to oppose such continuance, your Committee are in accord with such resolution, and recommend that as far as possible candidates for Parliament be pledged to do what they can to abolish the sale of intoxicating liquors within the precincts of the Parliament buildings.

III. We wish to place on record our high appreciation of the noble work done by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of this Dominion. Their work has much to do in shaping the home, and thus educating the coming electors, as well as checking the evils of intemperance and all other social evils which undermine the manhood of the nation. We wish them God's blessing in the God-honored work, and can assure them of our hearty co-operation in their undertakings for the suppression of evil and enthronement of Jesus.

IV. That, in compliance with the request of the Dominion Alliance, we recommend—

1. That every Church and young people's society in the Conference elect two representatives to attend the Ontario Prohibition Convention to be held at Toronto on Thursday, July 16th, 1896.

2. That Rev. Dr. Brethour, Rev. Dr. Ross, Messrs. Thomas Morris, jun., and Jonathan Ellis be our representatives on the Council of the Dominion Alliance.

V. We recommend the following as the Standing Committee on Temperance: The President of the Conference, Revs. Dr. Brethour, Dr. Ross, William Kettlewell, F. E. Nugent, J. W. Cooley, and Messrs. R. M. Fullerton, Judge Jones, W. G. Smith, Joseph Gibson and Jonathan Ellis.

VI. The General Conference having ordered that a collection be taken up each year at a public temperance meeting on each circuit, and forwarded to the treasurer, your Committee earnestly appeal for increased liberality;

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