

throughout the Province during the past year, that various temperance organizations have been originated with great success, that several religious bodies, such as the Methodist, Baptist, Freewill Baptist, and Congregational Churches are now in connection with the reform, and that the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick in connection with the Church of Scotland has also taken action with regard to it. In consideration of the evils which flow from the drinking usages of society, your Committee heartily endorse the language of Lord Brougham, in his inaugural address before the National Association for the promotion of Science, "Not only do those greatly err, but they are positively criminal who treat the subject lightly."

Your Committee beg leave to present the following queries,

1st. How far should those who engage in the traffic in ardent spirits be deemed eligible to Church privileges?

2nd. How far, and by what means, should Ministers endeavor to establish habits of total abstinence among their people?

After discussion upon the preceding Report, it was resolved to adopt the Report, reappoint the Committee and instruct them to endeavor to obtain further information relative to the various topics embodied in the Report.

The Synod then adjourned to give time for the Home Mission Committee to complete their Report.

Synod resumed when the Report of H. M. Committee was finally submitted.

REPORT

Of Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick, June, 1861.

Your Committee beg to lay before you a very brief Report of the Home Mission Report. labours which have been engaged in by Missionaries, of the outlay of Monies, and of the present state of the Fund.

The Missionary labour done in the Province during the past year, has been probably less than usual. This is the more to be regretted, as there is more need of such labour now, in consequence of the resignation of charges by several Ministers,—Mr. W. Bennet having left his congregation in this Province to labour in Canada, Mr. H. McKay for a charge in Nova Scotia, Mr. Forbes to pursue studies in Princeton, while Mr. McDonald declined to accept call from the congregation of New Carlisle, he having received and accepted call from a congregation in Nova Scotia. The removal of these brethren is the more to be regretted, as the insufficiency of support is the chief cause of the departure of them from our midst. In regard to present situation of New Carlisle, we rejoice to say that another labourer, Rev. Mr. Farquarson, has proceeded to that congregation, and who, it is expected, will shortly be settled there. The cause of Mr. Forbes' leaving Buctouche, was the insufficiency of ministerial support. The Synod at its last Annual Meeting, having decided that it should be left to its own resources, and these resources having been greatly diminished by the withdrawal of Messrs. Morrison from that locality, and the stoppage of the mills, from which several of the adherents of the congregation of Buc-