

Fraternal communications were received from the Parent Body, and the Eastern Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church in the United States, to which suitable replies were sent.

The Conference was rejoiced to find that the temperance question is making progress amongst us. Our members and officials are joining the standard of the great temperance crusade. Let us still retain our character, as a Church pledged to eternal warfare against the gigantic evil, the drink traffic.

We ask your prayerful attention to the following resolution adopted by the Conference on our class meetings :—

"That we memorialize all our members upon the importance of a faithful and constant adherence to the class meeting, regarding the class meeting as we do, as being one of the most vital means of grace for the ingathering, upbuilding, and strengthening our Church in Canada." Be punctual in attending your class. This is the badge of your membership, and it is eminently calculated to promote your growth in the divine life. This means of grace has been called, and how pertinently so, "Christianity crystalized." This is an age of daring innovation and restless speculation. Men are writing in glowing terms about the Church of the future and religious tests. These would loose you from your methodistic moorings. Be exceedingly careful against unsettled views on this question, lest you drift into some whirlpool, or on to the rock of speculative changes, and so make shipwreck of faith and a good conscience.

Most affectionately and earnestly do we entreat you all, office-bearers, and private members, to help the ministers all in your power to advance the kingdom of Christ in your stations. Let every means calculated to help forward the work be employed,—open-air services, house to house visitation, holding prayer meetings, distributing tracts, working well the machinery of our Sabbath-schools, contributing your time, your talents, your influence, your all, for the advancement of the Saviour's kingdom in your respective localities. Let there be no jealousy, no unholy rivalry, no indifference, no relaxing of effort, indulged in among you, but let every man at his post, do his duty, feel his personal obligations, and thus contribute his quota to the general good. Seek more closet religion, more family devotion, more practical and experimental piety, aspire after holiness. The great difference between us and our forefathers is this question of consecration. O, the conformity to the world that exists among us. What following of the fashions and customs of the world. What dressing like the world, talking like the world, doing business like the world, making marriages with the world, joining in the amusements of the world, disssembling like the world. The great want of the Church is the richer baptism of the Holy Spirit, spiritual (not architectural or scholastic) power. Here we fail, minister and people; our usefulness