

The Township and County Councils, many of them, use it, and most of them give a wider range in circulating the traffic than the higher authorities demand at their hands. Lawyers use it to increase their wit; Judges want an occasional glass to aid them in their decisions; Legislators hand it out by barrels to give them a position, and lastly, many who have taken Holy Orders, and claim to be ambassadors for Christ, warm themselves with this fire-water, instead of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, before dispensing the bread of life. No wonder, then, with all this array against them, the Temperance Societies have not been able to make more rapid strides.

The Sons of Temperance have been exercising a powerful influence against this common foe; and though some of their Divisions have been dismembered, they have been replenished by others. We rejoice to hear of their prosperity; feel stimulated to renewed action by their able appeal to us, and bid them God speed. We would also gratefully acknowledge their recognition of our true position, as set forth in their memorial to this body. The Good Templars have also been a weapon well used, and are still progressing.

The liquor traffic is ruinous to body, mind and soul—to society and nations; and instead of being what our politicians plead, a source of revenue to the country, the contrary is very evident, as the costs of inquests, jails, court-houses, state-prisons and officers clearly demonstrate. The bread of starving multitudes is converted into liquid poison, and quaffed by deluded mortals. Here fathers and sons are trampling over the bones of their kindred that lie bleaching on the dreadful plains of intemperance. The widow's tears, the orphan's wail, the drunkard's grave, and his indescribable doom, are sufficient reasons why we should lift our warning voices, and plead in the pulpit and on the platform in favor of total abstinence.

Your Committee are further of the opinion that tobacco is one of the kindred associations of rum. That inasmuch as one stimulus requires another, tobacco using, generally preceding moderate drinking, is one of the great causes underlying the dreadful effects we see exhibited by the drunkard; that it cannot have the approbation of heaven, since, as in the case of tippling, it is cultivating and following an appetite God never gave to man, and subjecting its votaries to the shame of obtaining it, either to purchase or beg; therefore, your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:—

*Resolved*, 1st. That all Christian denominations should unite their efforts with the temperance movement, to aid in elevating public sentiment, until political interference shall give us a thorough prohibitory law.

2nd. That we heartily approve of the course adopted by the Sons of Temperance organization of this Province to suppress the