

3rd.—Your Committee recommend that no persons be received for baptism, or church membership, until they give satisfactory evidence to the church of conversion, in some public relation of God's dealings with them.

## 22. TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

The Committee on Temperance and Prohibition beg leave to submit the following Report:—

While they deeply lament the devastations that the monster Alcohol has made, and is still making in our Province, and in the world, they nevertheless rejoice in the progress that the great moral question of Temperance has made, and they highly appreciate the wisdom and energy of our present Legislature, in preparing and enacting a stringent PROHIBITORY LAW. And while your Committee are not ignorant of the fact, that this General Conference as a body, both of ministers and laymen, have for many years been pledged to the Temperance cause, and in many cases refused membership to individuals not strictly Temperate, and can also boast of having among their number the framer of peradventure the first Temperance Rules ever adopted in this Province, they would still urge on our members (especially at the present important juncture) the great necessity of firmness and decision in still carrying forward this great work of reform. And we recommend that this Conference pledge its energy and influence to sustain the PROHIBITORY LAW.

## 23. ON RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER, AND BOOK STORE.

The Committee appointed to report on the Religious Intelligencer and Book Store, submit the following:—We rejoice that we are enabled to say with thanksgiving to Almighty God, that it is in a healthy and prosperous state. When we look at the beginning of our paper, and then contemplate our large circulation, and take at the same time into consideration the very limited means which the publishing Committee has had to work with, we are constrained to say "What has God wrought?" while it also speaks highly for the Editor and Publishers. We recommend that the present Editor, brother E. Method, be re-engaged, that his salary be increased, sufficient to enable him to devote more time to the interests of the paper; also, that it be enlarged at the commencement of the next volume, if thought practicable by the Board of Managers, and that they be furnished with farther means—say at least £300—to carry forward the Book Store efficiently and safely. Your Committee, in viewing what other societies and bodies have done to carry forward different enterprises ask, why cannot our Conference be endowed with sufficient means to enable it to exert an extended influence in morality and religion? We recommend that means be adopted to accomplish this object at once. Several hundred pounds worth of books have been disposed of the last year, and with increased means, the sales would be greatly increased. The circulation of the Intelligencer is about 4,000 copies weekly, and every encouragement is afforded to the accomplishment