

the Church's progress, is fraught with untold evils to humanity, and spreads desolation over the length and breadth of our fair Dominion.

(5) That the efforts put forth by governments to restrain, by license laws, this cyclone of destruction, have failed of their purpose; be it therefore

*Resolved*, (1)—That we are unalterably opposed to all efforts to regulate the liquor traffic by taxation or license, high or low. These afford no protection from its ravages, but, on the other hand, entrench it in the commonwealth, throw around it an artificial garb of respectability, and make the people partakers of, and responsible for, the evils resulting therefrom. "It is impossible to legalize the liquor traffic without sin"

(2) That we declare the complete and immediate legal prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes to be the duty of the Civil Government.

(3) That this is one of the great questions in regard to which Christian men are obligated by their profession to rise above all considerations of expediency, or personal and party interests, and so to use their moral influence and their franchise as to contribute to the overthrow of a traffic that is *evil, only evil, and evil continually*.

Therefore, to this end, this General Conference

19. (1) Endorses the proposal of the Dominion Alliance to secure the election to the House of Commons of Prohibitionists, irrespective of party, charged with the responsibility of representing the temperance electorate in the House of Commons, compelling the attention of the House and of the country to the great question of prohibition, and dividing the House of Commons on all suitable occasions on this issue; and it is strongly recommended that wherever such candidates are presented, they be given the earnest and undivided support of the members and adherents of the Methodist Church.

(2) This Conference further recommends, that in every constituency, sincere efforts be made in the party conventions and at the polls to secure the election to Parliament of men of sterling temperance principles; and it is specially urged that those who, in the House of Commons, sustain prohibitory resolutions and offer themselves for re-election, be supported by our people, irrespective of party considerations, as against candidates acceptable to the liquor interest; and it is our strong conviction that members of Parliament who have voted against such prohibitory resolutions should, on no account, receive the support of the electors of our Church. It is only by thus showing ourselves independent of party influence on this supreme moral question that we can secure for our convictions the consideration they deserve, and force the early solution of this prohibitory problem.

(3) That in accordance with memorials presented by the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference to the Rev. D. L. Brethour, this General Conference, under its seal, petition the Dominion Parliament for the enactment of a General Prohibitory Liquor Law.

(4) That the following form of petition be circulated in all our congregations for the signature of all persons who are over sixteen years of age:—