

22.—What Reports are received by the Conference?

1. REPORT OF THE ORDINATION COMMITTEE TO THE CONFERENCE.

The following brethren Thomas B. Coupland, Robert L. Ockley and John B. Avison, appeared before your committee for final examination on their reception into the full ministry of our Church.

These brethren were subjected to a very rigid and faithful examination by your committee, with the result that we have great pleasure in recommending them as most devoted and faithful ministers of the Gospel and worthy of a place in the ranks of your ministry. We have examined the journal of Thomas B. Coupland in which we find satisfactory evidence of painstaking in his labours and thorough devotion to his work. We could not examine the journals of the other brethren as the District Boards by an oversight had not forwarded them to this Committee but from the examinations as reported by the Districts there is sufficient reason to believe they have been faithful to their sacred calling.

JAMES COOPER ANTILFF, *President*.

JON. MILNER, *Secretary*.

2. REPORT OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee believing in the divine origin and moral obligation of the Sabbath desires to express its thanks to Almighty God for the marked improvement which has taken place in its observance during the last few years, but regrets its continued desecration by large numbers of the people of our land and make the following recommendations:

1. That all our ministers, officials and members be requested to abstain from all worldly conversation, social visiting and unnecessary travelling on the Lord's Day.

2nd. "That we request our People to discourage in every possible way Sabbath interments, inasmuch as they frequently violate the sacredness of the day," and that our ministers preach at least once a year on Sabbath Observance.

3rd. That as a Church we deprecate all unnecessary travelling on our canals, rivers, lakes and railways and all Post Office labour on the Sabbath and devoutly desire its discontinuance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. FERGUSON,
W. WATSON,
W. TREBILCOCK,
W. W. LEADER.

3. REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE 1879.

Your Committee, having carefully examined the Reports from the Stations, find:

1. That out of 1009 officials reported, 933 are total abstainers from strong drink as a beverage, being 82 per cent. of the whole. Twelve stations report that all their officials are abstainers.