

religion. From thence all our knowledge of God, of his will, of ourselves, and of a coming eternity is to be drawn. It must be the constant companion and study of the Christian minister; to the law and the testimony he must continually refer. The Christian too would do well to have the word of Christ dwelling in him richly in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. It is well known to be the most important auxiliary of the Missionary in heathen lands. How necessary and important then the diffusion of the word of God.

Your Committee regard with feelings of pleasure and gratitude, the openings that are being made for the circulation of the sacred volume in heathen and Roman Catholic countries. Your Committee recognize in these openings a call in Providence, to more active exertion for the circulation of the Bible, and they would recommend strongly to all their brethren to give to the Bible Cause that share of their attention and that proportion of their liberality which its great importance demands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance report:—That from the information they can gather on the subject they have reason to fear that the cause of temperance is not progressing in our Province, but rather retrograding.

Your Committee deeply regret that persons are allowed to continue their membership in our churches who indulge in the use of intoxicating drinks. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Let us arise in the strength of gospel truth and put away the accursed thing from among us, and thereby set the unconverted an example worthy of the christian name.—Would we obtain a prohibitory liquor law from the Legislature, then must all professing christians take hold of the subject with more union, consistency, zeal, and determination.

Your Committee are also of opinion that the use of tobacco is injurious to the human constitution and operates as a serious check to all our benevolent operations. If the money annually expended by members of our churches for tobacco were thrown