

original scheme, viz., that the objects of Christian benevolence thus comprised be *four* instead of *six*,—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and Infirm Ministers; that the annual subscriptions for these be paid quarterly; and that the collectors be *sisters* in our churches.

In conclusion, your Committee urge on the *deacons* and *pastors* a new consideration and charge of this subject. And as one aid in this direction, your Committee modestly suggest that this report, if deemed worthy, be thus somewhat prominently brought before our churches during this coming year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. CHIPMAN.

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TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg to Report:—

It is often said that Temperance is not religion, but it may be a "handmaid," or aid to religion. This is not strictly true, for Temperance is an essential part of religion. See Gal. v. 22, 23, 24. "The fruit of the spirit is, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith, meekness, TEMPERANCE. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." There can be no more expressive designation of pure and undefiled religion than the words, "The fruits of the Spirit." Temperance is one of these fruits, and, therefore, an essential part of religion.

Your Committee deem it very proper for a Baptist Association to discuss the subject, to practice and recommend the virtue, and to foster every scriptural method for promoting it.

Temperance, in the broadest acceptance of the term, means, "self control." As a religious exercise, it is the conscientious subjugation and control of the appetites and passions, prompted and aided by the Holy Spirit, and with direct reference to the glory of God, and the honor of Christ. According to the scripture already quoted, Gal. v.