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T its last session, in 1898, the General Conference of the Methodist Church, Canada, adopted the following: "That 'the liquor traffic cannot be

legalized without sin,' is a deliverance of

Methodism which indicates the highest flood tide of advance yet reached in the evolution of the Temperance question, and is an utterance that cannot be too often repeated. Slavery was designated 'the sum of all villainies.' Surely the same may be said of a business which traffics in the bodies and souls of men; and no candidate for parliamentary or municipal honors who does not practically recognize this, should receive the support of our Methodist people. The bar-room is the creature of license; license is the creature of legislatures: the Legislature is the creature of the people. Let the people vote prohibition and the license system will perish.

"The only proper attitude of the Christian toward the liquor traffic is that of relentless hostility."