

vention recommend great vigilance to Temperance Societies, in the scrutiny of their members, relating to the observance of objects agreed to in the pledge, and that in all cases of violation faithfulness be mingled with kindness, so that as little injury as possible be inflicted on the feelings of the offender and his friends.

Afternoon.—Prayer by the Rev. Henry Gordon.—The case of children and servants of Tavern keepers, &c., was brought forward by Dr. BEADLE and urged upon the sympathy of the convention. His views were, that all who were engaged in selling or giving liquor on their own account, should be induced to join, and received into Temperance Societies. One thought that to have such persons as bar keepers, whose occupation was voluntary, in connection with the Temperance Society, would be likely to weaken the cause, and in their case, we should recommend personal abstinence and advise them to extricate themselves from their dangerous position, as soon as possible, and to join a Temperance Society. A resolution to the following effect then prevailed:

5. *Resolved*,—That the convention strongly recommend the case of children and servants of the traffickers in intoxicating drinks, to the good feelings and kind efforts of all Temperance Societies, being of opinion, that all should be admitted who are not immediately and personally engaged in the traffic.

The following resolution was submitted by Mr. McKim from the Midland District, and gave rise to a warm and protracted discussion—although the same principle in two or three different forms, had previously occupied much attention.

6. *Resolved*,—That it is the opinion of the Convention, that Magistrates, having subscribed the pledge of the Total Abstinence Society, violate the true meaning and spirit of that pledge, either by signing certificates for persons wishing to obtain Tavern Licenses, or by granting such licenses.

Every effort was made to postpone a decision on this question, but it was urged that members might as well have staid at home as come to convention and leave every question of any moment undecided. When it was seen that the resolution would pass Dr. BEADLE and Mr. LAMB requested the yeas and nays, that their names might stand recorded in the negative.

The resolution was then put and carried as follows:—

Yeas.	H. Lyman,	Nays.	Dr. C. Beadle,
	R. D. Wadsworth,		Jas. Lamb,
	J. A. Dwight,		Jas. Coyne,
	P. Le Sueur,		S. R. Andres,
	Peter McKim,		M. Hubbard,
	Herbert Taber,		J. Smart,
	Duncan Dewar,		Rev. H. Gordon,
	Rev. T. Osgood,		
	Peter Christie,		
	Rev. Mr. Kennedy,		

MEASRS. COURT and DOUGALL, although supporting the affirmative, declined to vote, lest the Montreal Society might be considered as assuming an undue share of influence.

It is to be observed, that the greater part of the members who voted in the negative, admitted the principle of the resolution, but objected to the mode and time of affirming it.

The Committee instructed to report a constitution of a Temperance Union, brought in the following report which was unanimously adopted.

7. *Resolved*,—That in consequence of the small attendance of delegates at this Convention, and of the partially organized state of the province into District Unions, it is not expedient to proceed now to the formation of a Provincial Temperance Union, but that the following draft of a constitution be submitted to the District Unions and Societies in the province for their opinion thereon.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION.

1. The Canada Temperance Union, shall consist of all District or County Unions or Associations in Canada, which may be willing to connect themselves with it.

2d The office-bearers of the Union shall be

1. A President.
2. The Presidents of all District Unions, as ex-officio Vice-Presidents.
3. Twelve honorary Vice-Presidents.
4. A Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and a Committee of three persons to be collectively the executive Committee of the Union, and to be as a necessary consequence residents of the same locality.

3d The Union shall hold an Anniversary Meeting on the day of each year at which each District Association shall be expected to be represented by at least one delegate, and to furnish a circumstantial report of the state of the respective Societies in said District. At this meeting also, the office-bearers shall be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business shall be transacted as may appear desirable.

4th The delegation from each Association, shall have on all questions a voice proportionate to the number of members in good standing in the Temperance Societies it represents, said number to be certified by the Committee of the Association in question.

Drafts of petitions to the Legislature and Magistrates were brought in and referred to the following Committee to mature and publish:—Dr. BEADLE, MEESRS. LAMB, COURT, LE SUEUR and DOUGALL.

The following resolutions were then unanimously passed with little debate.

8. *Resolved*,—That as we are wholly dependent on the Divine blessing for the desired success in the Temperance Reformation, this Convention recommends to the Districts throughout Canada the propriety of only employing, as lecturers, men of religious, or at least irreproachable moral character.

9. *Resolved*,—That we earnestly entreat all Ministers of religion in Canada to take into their serious consideration the evils resulting from the drinking customs of society so generally prevalent, and so fatally detrimental to the moral and religious improvement, as well as to the overthrow of the brightest hopes and prospects of families, communities, and the churches of God—and to adopt measures for remedying the evil.

10. *Resolved*,—That Temperance Societies throughout the Province be earnestly requested to disseminate temperance publications as a most important mode of advancing the cause.

11. *Resolved*,—That the Female members of Temperance Societies be respectfully requested to exert their influence for the advancement of the cause, and that Associations of Children for the same purpose be approved of and encouraged.

12. *Resolved*,—That Superintendents of Schools and Teachers of the rising generation be most earnestly and respectfully requested to exert their influence in favour of the Temperance Reformation.

13. *Resolved*,—That inasmuch as many lives and much valuable property are constantly committed to the charge of Masters and crews of vessels navigating our inland waters, they be earnestly entreated to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks, as much for their own good as for the safety of the public.

14. *Resolved*,—That this Committee do earnestly recommend that all meetings of Temperance Societies, where circumstances are suitable, be opened and closed with devotional exercises.

15. *Resolved*,—That we hereby record our thanks to Almighty God for the blessing he has so liberally vouchsafed to the Temperance Reformation hitherto, and to acknowledge that we look to Him for future success and final triumph.

16. *Resolved*,—That our thanks are due and are now tendered to the Trustees of this Chapel (Baptist) for kindly granting its use for the sitting of the Convention.

17. *Resolved*,—That the thanks of the Delegates be now given to WM. T. CAMERON, Esq., one of the Delegates from the Niagara District Union, for his able conduct in the chair, having discharged his duties to our entire satisfaction.

The Convention was then closed with Prayer by Rev. THOMAS OSGOOD, Doxology and Apostolic Benediction.

W. T. CAMERON, President.

R. D. WADSWORTH,

P. LESUEUR,

NATH. LAMBSON.

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