

14. For the protection of society against all contagious diseases by compulsory notification to Medical Health Officers; that this should apply to venereal diseases; and that no one should be granted a marriage license until he or she presents a medical certificate of normal mentality and freedom from the venereal diseases.

15. For international peace. We believe that war is contrary to Christian morals, and that international disputes should be settled by conciliation and arbitration.

The value of this statement in its relation to the Kingdom of Christ is enhanced when it is known that all the following bodies, which are federated in the Social Service Council of Canada, were officially represented at its meeting: The Church of England in Canada, the Methodist Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Baptist Church in Canada, the Congregational Church in Canada, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the Dominion Grange and Farmers' Association, the Salvation Army, the Canadian Purity-Education Association, the Evangelical Association of North America, and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

As the work of the Department of Temperance and Moral Reform of our Church has proceeded we have been constantly impressed with the growing realization of the increasingly important responsibilities placed upon us by the Methodist Church.

During the past year we have pressed forward in this work of the Kingdom committed to our charge. We have ever sought the increase of the glory of God, and the betterment and welfare of humanity. Perplexed and bewildered oftentimes, we are encouraged by some victories and the assurance that the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our God and of His Son. Our desire was a greater advance, larger achievement and more sweeping victories, in the everywhere struggle for righteousness in all the affairs of men. Back of all the efforts we have made, and running through them, have been unceasing prayer and adoration. At times we have felt that we were admitted to the very throne-room of the universe. God has covered our heads in the night of battle, and has ever been round about us to deliver us, and His Holy Spirit has ever been upon us. We give Him glory, and thank His people for the help that they have given us in prayer and counsel, in work and substance. We see that the glowing banner of the Redeemer must be flung out in all the great field of our endeavor—out from the sorrowed and sinful, the oppressed and overburdened, the crushed and undone hearts of humanity, a very neglected world, of the night, a sort of darkest continent, comes the bitter cry for the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, beaming in the face of Jesus Christ. Christ's witnesses and watchmen must survey, chart, invade and conquer the world for Him. The drunkenness, the vice, the violence, the industrial injustice, the indecent theatres, the immoral cafés, cabarets and hotels, the moral slaughter of girlhood and youth connected with the evil businesses of the twentieth century, shriek out a challenge to Christ's people. Watchman, what of the night?