

habits and idle customs have fastened on them, and restoring them to moral consciousness, to a sense of their accountability to God and man for their actions, and by reviewing in the human heart the sensibilities which the all wise Creator implanted there, but which either are deadened or perverted by a stupifying and debasing practice in the use of strong drink.

*Resolved*, That the real doctrines of the friends of Temperance are entirely in accordance with sound evangelical and apostolical truth and conformable to the precepts and spirit of the holy scriptures, nor is there any deprivation of Christian liberty in the practice or pledges of the societies in the Province.

Moved by the Rev. Mr. Knowlan, seconded by the Rev. James Ross, of West River, Pictou, and

*Resolved*, That we hail with sincere delight and gratulation the great moral miracle exhibited in the bringing in of millions of our fellow subjects to the Temperance ranks in Ireland, in which the Rev. Theobald Mathew has been blessed with being made so conspicuously instrumental as the Apostle of Temperance.

*Resolved*, That the large societies originated among the members of the Roman Catholic Church in this Province are calculated to have the best effects, not only with regard to persons of that persuasion but also by the influence of their excellent example upon all others, and we desire most earnestly that success may crown their well directed efforts in the goodly cause.

Moved by Mr. John McDonald, seconded by Rev. Mr. Crocombe and

*Resolved*, That in the present advancing and promising aspect of the Temperance cause, the countenance and active co-operation of the Clergy of every denomination in the Province is more than ever to be desired and is evidently an indispensable requisite to the full development of this beneficial reform; and therefore that while we openly avow our gratitude to the Rev. gentlemen who have already acted in concert with us and promoted our views, we trust that all others will now see that the time has arrived when they can no longer with propriety withhold their personal aid from a cause in which the affections of the most pious and virtuous of their flocks are generally engaged, but that they will take the earliest occasions that may offer to enlist themselves as champions and supporters of Temperance Reform in order that by the united efforts of Clergy and Laity the desired change may be brought about.

Moved by the Rev. Charles Dewolf, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Narraway, of Shubenacadie, and

*Resolved*, That the aid and favor of the female sex in general be still warmly solicited for the Temperance Societies; to them much of what has been effected is attributable, and by their gentle influence they may yet do much more to humanize and reclaim the erring sons of men from the dangerous habits that lead to or form the intemperate.

Moved by Mr. W. M. Brown, seconded by Mr. C. B. Naylor, and

*Resolved*, That the Temperance Societies are deeply indebted to the Proprietors and Conductors of the Periodical Press in Nova Scotia, for their unremitting kindness and benevolence in lending the powers of the mighty moral engine they superintend and controul, towards the advance-

ment of Temperance principles and sentiments, and that the Editors and Conductors of the Press generally be respectfully requested to continue their favourable action in behalf of the cause.

*Resolved also*, That it is the duty of the friends of Temperance to encourage in every way the circulation of the Temperance Paper, entitled, The Saturday Evening Visitor.

Moved by Revd. Mr. Narraway, seconded by Revd. Mr. Dewolf,

*Resolved*, That the success which has hitherto attended the Temperance Mission, encourages us to continue our efforts to send forth Lecturers to all parts of the Province, and that it is the especial duty of the Societies to contribute to the best of their ability to the Mission Funds.

Moved by Mr. J. McNeil, seconded by Judge Marshall,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Meeting are justly due to His Excellency Lord Viscount Falkland, for granting his patronage to the Temperance Mission.

Moved by Hon. Mr. Dewolf, seconded by Mr. C. B. Naylor,

*Resolved*, That the great accession the cause has received of Members from the Regiments in Garrison in Halifax is highly gratifying, and that the countenance of the Commanding Officers, and others in authority, which has facilitated this result, deserves our distinct expression of gratitude.

Moved by Hon. J. W. Johnston, seconded by Mr. R. Creed,

*Resolved*, That while we depreciate any coercive interference on the part of law-givers or magistrates in attempting to advance the cause of Temperance, and believe that men may be persuaded, while they resist compulsion, to change their customs or habits, that there are yet many modes in which wise legislation and government may be brought to bear favourably upon our cause, in removing obstacles that have been created in a less enlightened period.

Moved by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by W. M. Brown,

*Resolved*, That in a Maritime Province like Nova Scotia, the seafaring men who belong or resort to its shores, merit great attention, and that the Societies should everywhere direct their exertions especially to promote their reform.

Moved by Revd. Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, and

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of every true and rational friend of the Temperance cause, to suppress rather than to promote any contention and division by which the efforts of the supporters of Temperance may be disunited and consequently weakened, and that all should bear in mind that, in union is strength, in division is weakness.

The speeches were varied in their tenor and highly interesting, and four hours passed without uneasiness being exhibited by any present. The choir performed admirably, and flags were erected in the body of the church, under which were ranged in good order, and with seeming pleasure to themselves, about 100 military members of the Institution,—numbers of them were also scattered through the building. There was a large attendance of Ladies; and this meeting certainly surpassed all former Temperance meetings in the city—in the number and quality of the speeches, and the attentive and very orderly conduct of the whole audience.

W. M. Brown, Sec'y. H. T. S.