

made a very important statement. We need better helps, and I move, sir, that we as a convention, notify the publishers that we require better helps on the temperance lessons.

A DELEGATE—A good deal has been said about saving the boy, and doing all we can for the boy, but looking back upon my life nothing had more influence upon me than how I stood with the girls, and if the girls knew how they might influence the boys, and they are responsible for their influence, it would be a help. (Applause.)

Mr. MACLAREN—I will now ask Mr. Paterson to give us the present situation of Sabbath observance question in this province.

Mr. PATERSON—In a very few words: We all believe in the fourth commandment, and in its application. In our courts there is a great diversity of opinion about our present Lord's Day Act, so much so that the officers of the Lord's Day Alliance have felt that our courts have so far misunderstood or misinterpreted the Lord's Day Act. In the Government of Ontario and in the Parliament of Ontario we have men on both sides of the House strong on Sabbath observance. We have there in the Government Sabbath School teachers, Methodist class-leaders, Presbyterian elders, Baptist deacons—all represented. The Lord's Day Alliance went to them, but they told us that they cannot legislate in advance of the will of the people. Therefore, they asked the Lord's Day Alliance to have public opinion register itself, and see to it that the member of their county go to parliament filled with the true principle of Sabbath observance, so that they may on the floor of parliament see to it that we get the right law. Now, then, every man and woman here can seek out their representative and see that he does represent in that respect the wish of every person in this audience. But more than that, the Government has said to us, "Well, we will not legislate yet, but we will get the opinion of the highest court in this province as to the meaning of the Lord's Day Act," and, therefore, they have now addressed to the Court of Appeal a series of questions which, if answered, will make it so that he that runs may read; and if these questions are not answered in such a way as to fully represent the will of the Province of Ontario, the Province of Ontario will demand a recasting of their present Lord's Day Act. There is the present condition; first to get an interpretation, and if interpretation goes far enough, all right. If it does not go far enough we must ask for legislation, and let every person here say to their member, "We want you when that matter comes up on the floor of the House to see to it that it is put right." The French soldier was taught that in his cartridge box there lay a marshall's baton, and let every man feel that in his hand lies the ballot, and the ballot can make or unmake this country. This is the present condition of the Lord's Day Act. (Applause.)

The Committee on Resolutions reported.

The report was received, and taken up seriatim.

The resolution as to cigarette smoking was carried unanimously.