

paper for the Dominion, be struck out as obsolete. Adopted.

#### THE CATECHISM.

It was also unanimously recommended that the General Conference be requested to reiterate its injunction that the study of the Methodist Catechism be a part of the regular Sabbath instruction in our schools, in accordance with the present plan of giving sections of the Catechism in the Lesson Helps of our Church. Also that the ministers be required to call the attention of parents to the duty of catechetical instruction in the homes as well as in the schools. Adopted.

It was recommended in response to a memorial from the Nova Scotia Conference that catechumen classes, under the guidance of judicious leaders, be formed where practicable for the special religious instruction of children, whose hearts God has touched, that they may be led into membership with his Church. Also that a column be added to the S. S. schedules for enrolling the members of such classes. Adopted.

#### S. S. FUND COLLECTIONS.

It was recommended that the attention of the annual Conferences be respectfully called to the importance of having the collection in behalf of the General Conference S. S. Fund, in accordance with the requirements of the Discipline, taken up in all our schools previous to the District Meeting in each year, and that it be the duty of superintendents of circuits and Chairmen of Districts to see that these collections be annually taken up. Also that this fund be called the "General Conference S. S. Aid and Extension Fund." Adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE PLEDGES.

It was also recommended that the General Conference require that in all the Sunday-schools of our Church every effort be made to inculcate in the minds of the young people principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors or injurious practices, and that for this purpose a form of pledge shall be provided, which shall embrace abstinence from the use of tobacco as well as from

all intoxicating drinks, and the avoidance of bad words and bad books. Adopted.

#### S. S. MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The Committee also recommended that inasmuch as it has been found that the adoption of what is known as the "Blake System" of Juvenile Missionary Collection, in accordance with a plan devised by the Missionary Secretary, has proved, wherever it has been tried marvellously successful in increasing the missionary income of the Church,

Resolved that it be an instruction from this General Conference to all superintendents of circuits that they be required to promote, as far as possible by co-operation with the Sunday-school officers, the formation in connection with each Sunday-school of a Juvenile Missionary Society in accordance with the principles and constitution of the Blake System above mentioned, or of some other approved system, for the collection of missionary money, the diffusion of missionary information, and the cultivation of a missionary spirit.

Also that superintendents of circuits be requested to secure, as far as possible, the presence of the Sunday school in a body at the missionary meeting, and their participation in its services by singing missionary hymns and presenting their missionary offerings; in the firm conviction that such participation will increase the popular interest in those meetings, and will be of great reflex benefit to the schools. Adopted.

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PARSON DAVIS preached at Reno the other Sunday, and while taking breakfast at Parson Jenvey's house, remarked: "Guess I'll take some more steak, as I have to preach." "Guess I'll brace up a little, too," rejoined Jenvey, passing his plate for another section of the meat; "I've got to listen."