

ted practical measure has to a great extent been anticipated since the last session of the Synod by an act of the Legislature (chap. vi., 22nd Victoria) "to restrain the sale of intoxicating liquors from Saturday night till Monday morning." Your Committee have for the present to hope that its effect may prove highly auxiliary in promoting the welfare of Society by diminishing improvidence, extravagance, and drunkenness, with their miserable consequences.

Your Committee beg to observe that the Synod needs to bear in mind an important Resolution, unanimously passed at its last assembling, when it was determined that the Legislature should be appealed to "for the establishment of an Hospital, or an Asylum into which inebriates may be received, and have such treatment given them, as may restore them to Society and to a healthy mental and bodily state."

Your Committee further suggest, as an auxiliary means, the obtaining from the Legislature an act to enable the relations or connexions of the drunkard, to apply to some lawfully constituted court for such power as may enable them to place his property in trust for the benefit of the family, and even of himself, as in the case of lunatics or idiots.

Such a law your Committee believe has proved beneficial in some of the civilized states of Europe, and is, they understand, not unfrequently acted on in the Lower Province.

In conclusion, they have only to add their earnest hope and prayer that the foregoing practical suggestions upon the best means, proper to the Synod, for lessening the amount of crime, so abhorrent to every Christian principle, may tend to the temporal and eternal welfare of "the Brotherhood," and of their fellow men, and may redound to the glory of Almighty God.

JAMES BOVELL,
Chairman.

THE PETITION

Of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Toronto, the Clergy and Lay-representatives of the United Church of England and Ireland in Synod assembled.

Humbly sheweth—That there are a number of unhappy persons in this Province who, from indulgence in the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors to excess, have reduced themselves to a condition which has, on the highest authority, been declared to be "Insanity," ending not unfrequently in their own ruin and sudden destruction, but also in furnishing inmates to our Lunatic Asylums in the persons of their unhappy wives, and their still more unfortunate offspring.

That experience has proved that many of our fellow creatures guilty of intemperance would be saved, if they had an opportunity of retreating to some Asylum, where they would be properly administered unto, and the habit of intemperance broken, by removal from the possibility of yielding to their strong temptation.

We therefore pray that it may seem good to the Legislature to make provision for inebriates, by the erection of suitable buildings, and such other means as may be adequate to carry into effect a system of reclamation.

And with a view to stamp with disapprobation so grievous a sin, we further pray,

That an act may be passed declaring persons known to be, or who may be proved to be habitual drunkards, disqualified from holding any public appointment, and that inebriate persons shall, on conviction before some qualified court, be declared to be incapable of managing their own affairs, and that their property be placed in trust for the benefit of their families or themselves, as is the case with those who labour under other forms of insanity.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

The Rev Dr Beaven having obtained leave, brought up the report of the Committee on

CURRENT MUSIC

The Committee on Church Music beg to report that they have had several meetings during the past year, and that they have succeeded in making a collection of the names of such tunes as seemed to them more or less fitted to represent the devotional thoughts and feelings embodied in such metrical Psalms and Hymns, as are likely to be used in our congregations. From that collection they purpose to make a selection of those which appear to them best adapted for that purpose, and trust to present it, together with a collection of Chants, at the next meeting of the Synod.

They beg to assure the Synod that they have bestowed all the time and labour on the subject which they could spare from pressing duties, and they confidently trust that the delay will enable them to produce a work somewhat worthy of the acceptance of the Synod and of the Canadian Church.

They lay their present list of Tunes on the table of the Synod, and trust that if there are any members of the Synod, who would desire to add to it, they will do so, giving references to the collections in which the best settings of such tunes are to be found. The Committee is likewise open to suggestions on any other points connected with the subject of their labour.

The Committee having so far reported progress, ask leave to continue their labour to their completion.

Mr. Kirkpatrick having obtained leave, brought up the following Report of the Committee on

REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the best mode of proceeding for the registry and safe custody of all deeds relative to Church property, beg leave to report as follows: That they have examined the matter carefully, and recommend the adoption of the following regulations:

Whereas it is desirable to establish a Registry in this Diocese in which all lands granted, conveyed or devised, to any corporation or person in trust, for any purpose in connexion with the United Church of England and Ireland in this Diocese, shall be registered.

Be it enacted by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto duly constituted and assembled,

1st.—That the Bishop of the Diocese shall nominate and appoint a Register.

2nd.—That the Registry office be kept at such place as the Bishop may select, and that suitable books be provided for the purpose of registering all said documents.

3rd.—That it shall be the duty of all Rectors, Incumbents, Churchwardens, Trustees, or other persons having legal custody of all grants, conveyances, or wills or parts thereof, in any way relating to land or property granted, conveyed, or devised, for the benefit of the said Church of England and Ireland in this Diocese, to transmit the same to the Register.

4th.—That it shall be the duty of the said Register to enter in the books so provided a full and exact copy of every such grant and conveyance, and a copy of the clause in every will devising such land or property, together with the date thereof and the name of the witnesses thereto, and if a probate, the court in which the same is proved.

5th.—That it shall be the duty of the said Register to endorse on every such grant, conveyance, and will, or probate thereof, a certificate of such registry, and to return the same forthwith to the party from whom he received it.

6th.—That the said Register shall keep indices shewing the grantees, grantors, and Parishes or Churches mentioned in the grants, conveyances and wills registered.

7th.—That on application by any member of the Church of England and Ireland, the said Register shall furnish a copy of any such instrument, or permit a search and examination thereof, upon payment of the fee hereafter to be arranged. And whereas it may be desirable to deposit the originals of such grants, conveyances, and wills in a safe and secure place, it is further enacted,

8th.—That the Register shall retain such grants, conveyances, and wills, as the parties transmitting may be desirous of having so kept, and shall deposit them in some safe and secure place of deposit to be appointed for the purpose and approved of by the Bishop of the Diocese, and in such cases shall furnish copies thereof certified, and shall state in the certificate that the originals are so deposited, and in case the parties desire to withdraw the originals the said certificate to be produced and cancelled.

9th.—That separate books be kept for the proposed subdivisions of the Diocese of Toronto, and that the books and instruments deposited, appertaining thereto, be handed over to the Register duly appointed for any new Diocese.

10th.—That the Bishop of the Diocese be authorised to establish a reasonable tariff of fees to be paid to said Register.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. KIRKPATRICK,
Chairman.

The Rev Dr Beaven, having obtained leave, brought up the following Report of the Committee on

PSALMS AND HYMNS.

The Committee on Psalms and Hymns beg leave to present the following report, showing, as they trust, a successful termination of the work allotted to them.

In entering on their labour they found a collection of Psalms and Hymns in use, the plan of which appears to have met with general approbation, and they conceived that by somewhat enlarging the plan, and endeavouring to improve the execution, they might produce a book worthy of general adoption.

The work at present in use consists of a selection of Psalms from the New Version, a collection of Hymns arranged with reference to the seasons of the Christian year; a collection of words for Anthems; alphabetical indices of the Psalms and Hymns, a table directing the Psalms and Hymns to be used on every Sunday, and on the principal holy days throughout the year; and a table of occasional Hymns. This general plan they have developed in the following manner:—

First, they have made a fuller, and as they hope a more useful selection from the Psalms in the New Version; in a few cases altering the language, where any inconvenience or misunderstanding appeared likely to arise from the use of the words as they stand; but generally preferring to select such words as might, with propriety, be sung without alteration. Instead, however, of endeavouring to prescribe in the body of the work such verses as should be sung together, they have preferred to print all the verses selected from each Psalm without any break or division, reserving the selection of sets of verses for a table at the end, in which they recommend those which may with propriety be sung on all Sundays and holy-days throughout the year, and on certain special occasions; as being adapted, with reference more or less direct, to portions of the service for the day. In this way they still leave to those clergymen who may prefer to make their own se-