

## V. CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

## OFFICERS.

Rev. D. E. Bushnell, D.D., Moderator, San Jose, Cal.  
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The Forty-eighth General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met, according to appointment, on Thursday, the 16th of May, 1878, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, at Lebanon, Tennessee, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. A. B. Miller, D.D., Moderator of the last General Assembly, from Joshua xiii. 1: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

The General Assembly was then constituted with prayer by Rev. Richard Beard, D.D., of the Presbytery of Lebanon.

The General Assembly then proceeded to the election of Moderator, which resulted in the unanimous choice of Rev. D. E. Bushnell, a Commissioner from the Presbytery of California, of the Synod of Pacific.

## TEMPERANCE.

Report, as a whole, was adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance respectfully report the following, viz.: We believe the manufacture, sale, and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, to be the giant evil of the age—the curse of curses. The entire tendency of this traffic is to debauch and impoverish the country morally, socially, intellectually, and financially; that it is the cause of nearly nine-tenths of all the crime, pauperism, and misery that curse our country. The spiritual dearth that pervades the church, is in a great measure traceable to the whisky traffic. There are one hundred and ninety thousand liquor shops in this country, filled with patrons, many of whom are members of some church. The ruin wrought by these agents of death and destruction has more than kept pace with the work of saving the poor drunkard. In spite of the grandest religious and moral effort of a half century, with its wonderful trophies of grace, these grog-shops are filled with patrons, and our courts and prisons with the fruits of the accursed traffic. They make drunkards faster than all the churches and temperance societies can save them. Indeed, the record of the whisky traffic is a record of crime. It is the more sad, when we remember that these agents of death and moral desolation are established and carried on under the authority of the Commonwealth, are clothed with legal sanction and fostered by the State. In view of the enormity of the evils of this traffic:

*Resolved*, That we do most heartily endorse and approve every laudable effort that is being made for its suppression, and recommend that all our ministers and members co-operate with every movement that may work for the accomplishment of this glorious end.

2. That we recognize the right of the State to make and enforce laws to regulate, modify, restrict, or abolish the whisky traffic.