

STATE OF THE WORK.

The report was read, amended and adopted as follows. This Committee beg to report as follows:

1. We note with satisfaction the evidence of a growing interest in spiritual things and a change in the estimate placed on material things.

2. The union of so many young people with the Church during the year is a source of great interest and a cause for increased hope.

3. The question of prohibition, touching as it does, so many sides of our social life is a gratifying sign of the times.

4. The willingness of our brothers to face the issues of Empire and lay life on the altar for defence of liberty and free institutions, speaks louder than words.

5. Notwithstanding the many demands upon our people for Red Cross, patriotic and other funds, yet the connexional funds of our Church have been well sustained.

6. There never was a time when more earnest efforts were made for the betterment of the social life of the people. Dr. Moore, with his co-workers, has been able to place his finger on many sore points in the body politic and has already remedied some, and has measures under way to remedy others.

7. It is a great satisfaction to know that such splendid work has been done in Columbia College, and we commend it to the hearty support of all our people.

8. While the report of the Statistical Committee shows a slight decrease in membership, this, we believe, is largely or wholly accounted for by the decrease in population in the Province.

9. While times are dull and money scarce, this Committee desires to point out the fact that our missionary income is as high per capita, if not higher, than in former years, and when the war closes, we feel assured the Missionary Fund shall be larger than ever.

10. This Committee recommends to Conference that the request from Esquimalt regarding the immediate need of making further provision for the naval and military work, be laid before the Army and Navy Board and the Missionary Society.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:

1. That we as a Church reaffirm our strong conviction that one of the foundations of stability in our national and Church life is the keeping holy the Lord's Day and observing it not simply as a day of rest, but of worship, and we deplore the prevailing tendency to make it but a holiday for all kinds of sports and amusements, making it very little different from other days. We would urge our congregations to set apart the Sunday after Easter as Lord's Day Sunday as