

Report No. 2.

1. That it has considered the Report of the Standing Committee on Temperance, and recommend the adoption of the same.

Special attention is called to the Committee's emphatic statement respecting the largely increased drunkenness and crime in those counties that have been led to repeal the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, and we earnestly join in admonishing our people to stand firmly by local option by-laws, wherever in force, until such time as they are superseded by a general prohibitory law.

We desire further to express our approval of the preliminary steps taken by the Standing Committee, in association with that of the Presbyterian Church, to arrange for the general circulation of petitions asking for the immediate enactment of a prohibitory law.

2. Your Committee has carefully considered the memorials of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland Conferences, the Bay of Quinte Conference, and the Kincardine District, touching temperance teaching in the Sunday-schools, and to give effect to these memorials, recommend the following, viz. :—

3. First, that paragraph 317 be amended (1) by striking out the headline "Temperance Pledges," and substituting therefor "Sabbath-school Temperance Work."

4. (2) By expunging the pledge and substituting the following: "I do hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of all alcoholic liquors as a beverage, from the use of tobacco in any form, from the use of profane language, the reading of bad books and papers, and to earnest effort to secure the prohibition of the liquor traffic."

5. Secondly, that paragraph 318 be amended by striking out the word "further," and by inserting after the word "that," in the first line, the words "unless otherwise provided for."

6. That an additional paragraph be inserted to follow paragraph 318. Paragraph 319. The following is recommended as a constitution for temperance work in our schools :—

CONSTITUTION OF SABBATH-SCHOOL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

7. (1) *Object*—Its object shall be to promote the principles of total abstinence and prohibition, especially among the young.

8. (2) *Membership*—It shall be composed of all who take the pledge and sign the roll of membership.

9. (3) The pledge shall be that prescribed in paragraph 317.

10. (4) *Management*—The Society shall be under the control of the Sabbath-school Committee of Management, which shall appoint the officers of the Society.

11. (5) *Meetings*—The officers shall arrange for meetings at least once in three months.

12. Your Committee have noted the memorial of the Manitoba Conference, re Sacramental Wine, and approving of the same, submit the following, viz. :—That section V., page 17 of the Discipline, be amended by adding: "Paragraph 41. In the public administration of the Lord's Supper non-alcoholic wines shall be used wherever possible."

13. Amended by the following resolution: "That we strongly urge all our people to abstain from signing petitions to license places for the sale of intoxicating liquors."

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