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of the Church in temperance work—the President of the Conference to be, *ex-officio*, one of this Committee.

The President of the Conference shall be Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee shall elect at its first meeting each year a Secretary-Treasurer.

PLEDGE.

The Committee shall provide pledge-books, to be forwarded to all the Superintendents of Circuits, Stations, and Missions for the obtaining of signatures.

The Conference to instruct all Superintendents to hold Gospel Temperance Meetings once per quarter at each preaching station appointment, if possible, at which meetings the pledge shall be circulated for signatures, and at one of which during the year a collection shall be taken for the funds of the Society.

The Committee shall prepare a schedule to be forwarded to all Superintendents to be filled up and returned to its Secretary, who shall make a complete return to the Statistical Committee of this Conference, said schedule to contain columns showing number of persons who have taken the pledge—members and non-members to be reported in separate columns—the number of appointments, number of meetings held, and amount raised for the funds of the Society.

The Central Committee shall make arrangements for the Annual Conference Temperance Meeting, at which meeting the Secretary of the Committee shall present a full report of the work of the Society during the year.

On the nomination of the Central Committee, the Conference shall appoint two of its members, a minister and a layman, to represent it on the Executive of the Manitoba Branch of the Dominion Alliance.

Your Committee desire to record their strong conviction of the excellences of the "North-West Territories Act," and of the advantages accruing to the people wherever it has been enforced; and that even where it has been only partially enforced, the benefits have been incalculable. But it is a matter of very deep regret that the present system has been greatly abused.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following course of action:—

That this Conference appoint a Committee to wait on Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney and lay before him the facts of the case, at the same time praying him to enforce the Act in its spirit within his jurisdiction.

In case the abuse continues, that the Conference instruct the Central Committee to prepare an humble Address to the Governor-General in Council, setting forth the facts, and praying that steps be taken to secure the enforcement of the Act; and that the President of the Conference be instructed to sign such petition on behalf of the Conference.

We also recommend the following persons to wait on Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney:—Rev. W. J. Hewitt, John McDougall, John McLean, and Thomas W. Wright, Esq.; and that this Committee be instructed to report to the Conference Central Committee.

J. W. SIFTON, *Chairman*.

J. W. BELL, *Secretary*.