

lating influence of alcohol. The time has come when we must speak out without equivocation or fear, with constantly increased pungency and force.

We regard the action taken by the Legislature as strangely inconsistent: punishing severely those found supplying the Micmac with the "liquid poison," and paying but little attention to the repeated solicitations, of a large portion of the most respectable inhabitants of our Province, for a Prohibitory Law.

We hope that every lover of his country will still persevere in their endeavours until we shall obtain a law prohibiting the importation and manufacture of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage. Iron, and even the hardest steel is blunted on rock by a single blow, but the softest water by continually falling in the same place scoops a hollow in adamant, and bores its way through flint and granite.

We would appeal to parents, magistrates and masters, to all who have either authority or influence, to use their authority and influence against this pernicious evil. "Take the censer of fire in your hands and go forth into the camp and stay this plague which rages among the people."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows:—While there is reason to believe that the desire for knowledge and a taste for religious literature are rapidly increasing in the Baptist Denomination, there is still ground for deep regret, that so many Baptist families are growing up without any religious paper to aid in training the youthful mind, and cherishing a purer and more elevated tone of feeling. The mind must have food. If it is not supplied with that which is healthful, it will in its hunger, voraciously devour that which is poisonous and destructive.

We would therefore respectfully recommend that greater efforts be made by our ministers and churches generally, to supply every family with some religious periodical.