

TEMPERANCE REPORT, 1889.

Your Committee beg to present the following Report:—

Resolved,—1. That we rejoice in the adoption and successful operation of the Permissive and Local Option Acts in various districts in this colony, resulting in a marked absence of drunkenness, and an improved condition of the people, and would urge upon the friends of Temperance perseverance in the good work of adopting and rigidly enforcing these laws until the flag of Prohibition waves over all the land.

2. That we urge the necessity of an amendment of the law for carrying into operation the Permissive Act, by the enactment of a majority vote, instead of a two-thirds vote, as at present required.

3. That we rejoice in the great success attending the work of re-adopting the "Permissive Act" in Harbor Grace District, and congratulate all those friends who assisted to win this brilliant victory.

4. That, feeling the importance of spreading Temperance literature throughout the land, we respectfully request Conference to order that a Collection be taken up at the Conference Temperance Meeting of 1890, and the proceeds applied to this object.

5. That we would urge upon all our Circuits the duty of increasing earnestness in forming Bands of Hope, the circulation of temperance literature, the holding of public meetings, and in making prayer to God for the success of our efforts.

6. That we recommend that the third Sabbath in December be observed as the day for preaching a special Temperance Sermon, and that the subject of Temperance be made a special topic for prayer at the preceding week-night prayer meeting.

7. That this Committee requests each District Chairman to see that complete temperance statistics are obtained at the annual District Meeting for every Circuit and Mission.

8. That we very strongly recommend the use of non-alcoholic Wine in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in all our Churches.

9. The Conference having already ordered the formation of a Methodist Total Abstinence Society, with special reference to the bringing about of a law prohibiting the importation, manufacture, and sale of spirituous liquors, it is the imperative duty of every Circuit and Mission, to establish branch societies wherever practicable.

10. That these societies shall be directly under the control of the Church, supported voluntarily, and utilized for the mutual improvement of our people.

11. That, there shall be in use a single and double pledge, the one pledging a total abstinence from strong drink and tobacco, the other pledging a total abstinence from strong drink alone, members having the option of taking either pledge. The Superintendent of the Circuit shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Committee of management, but may, if he shall see fit, delegate his authority for this purpose to one of his colleagues.

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