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The report was adopted.

The Membership Committee reported progress.

The Nomination Committee presented a list of appoint-
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The Secretary presented the following communications :—

1. From Rev. H. P. Dewey, delegate from the National Council, conveying greetings. The letter was received, and the Secretary Instructed to reply on behalf of the Union.
2. From Rev. W. J. Watt, applying for open letter of dismissal from the Union. Referred to the Membership Committee.
3. From Rev. W. F. Clarke, concerning the Rev. J. C. Madill. Referred to the Membership Committee.
4. From Rev. D. S. Hamilton, Statistical Secretary, stating his inability to be present. and that his report would be forwarded.

Rev. J. R. Black, Convener of the Temperance Committee,
presented the following report :—

Your Committee on Temperance, in submitting its report, has to state that during the past year, in the Province of Ontario, the Temperance movement has been for the most part stationary. The question as to the prohibitory powers of the Province, previously submitted to the Privy Council, was only decided about a month ago, and pending this the Ontario Government refused to proceed further, while the people generally awaited the result before pressing their conviction in the direction of Provincial prohibition. This decision, however, of the highest legal tribunal in the Empire, having been received, and by it, it is known that, at least, prohibition by municipalities is within the constitutional rights of the Province, the work of legal prohibition will be again prosecuted.

In the Province of Quebec also, the delay of the Privy Council's decision served the purpose of those who wished to postpone and shirk their responsibilities in regard to the liquor traffic. Yet there have been some improvements in the legislation in the Province of Quebec. The right of municipal councils to refuse any application for license which has been successfully challenged in the courts has been made explicit in the law. Hotel keepers have been prohibited by statute from taking out a license to sell for medicinal purposes in a locality where a local prohibitory law is in force. The election law has been amended so that in outside cities it is illegal to sell, lend, deliver or supply gratuitously any quantity whatever of spirituous or fermented liquors, either on the day of or on the day preceding an election.

The Privy Council's deliverance, while defining the limits of provincial jurisdiction in relation to the drink evil, makes it plain that not only the power but the responsibility rests with the Federal Government, a circumstance which should intensify the sense of responsibility of all citizens to force this issue on parliamentary elections.

Aside from the legal aspect of this great reform, your Committee regards it as a matter for gratitude and encouragement, that in the work of spreading temperance principles and intensifying temperance sentiment, so many efficient agencies are enlisted. For in addition to the Societies which exist solely to further the interests of the temperance cause, there are the church, in all its branches, the religious and secular schools, young people's societies of various kinds, commercial corporations, and the entire religious and a large and growing percentage of the secular press of our country. By these and other agencies working through state machinery and independent of it, this gigantic evil which is responsible for so much of our pauperism, idleness, misery and crime is being gradually and surely overcome.