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## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to Report, that it is their opinion, that at no period of the Temperance reform, has there been a greater need of prayerful and united effort on the part of every lover of virtue, and every friend of humanity, then at the present.

While we view intemperance as the bane of *virtue*, and the death of religion, we cannot help looking upon it as the very *foundation stone* upon which rests nearly all the moral corruption of the age in which we live. But once drive back this monster power, and free our world from its influence and the midnight assassin will but seldom shed the blood of innocence; the libertine will be checked in his attempt to prostrate at the altar of infamy the virtue of woman; and the mercenary politician, devoid of philanthropy or patriotism, will find it difficult to rank among the law-makers of our land.

In the opinion of your Committee we cannot therefore as Baptists, but disapprove of the manner in which the Temperance question has been treated by the legislative authorities of our province; and would therefore urge the necessity of taking an unflinching stand in behalf of the principles of prohibition, until our sons and daughters are protected from the power of the monster by the authority of law.

And your Committee would most earnestly deprecate the inconsistent conduct of those who professing to be friends of Temperance and prohibition, have nevertheless given so much countenance to the drinking usages of society, and especially at elections.

It is also the opinion of your Committee that moral suasion is every day robbed of its power in saving the drunkard from his ruin, by the baneful effects of that popular but destructive practice the use of Tobacco.

Respectfully submitted.

E. CLAY, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee would gratefully record their thanksgivings to the Lord of the harvest, for the success of our Home Missionary efforts of the past year. We learn that 302 weeks labor has been performed, 1205 sermons preached, 2162 visits