

the carrying forward of this noble cause, and recommending that all members of Baptist Churches be required utterly to abstain from intoxicating beverages, in order to maintain their standing in their respective Churches.

We rejoice to hear of the formation of a Ministerial Temperance Alliance in the city of St. John, for the suppression of intemperance, with the design of extending its membership and beneficent influence to every section of the Province. May success attend this movement.

THOS. TODD, Chairman.

Spoken to by brethren D. Crandal, Bill, McLeod, Beckwith, and Estabrooks.

Adopted.

Committee on Finance reported :—

That we exceedingly regret the small amount contributed by our Churches during the past year for benevolent purposes, and recommend the continuation of a consolidated financial denominational system, as found in the Union Society. We would most earnestly recommend our Churches of this Association to raise for the Union Society not less than \$1500 during the ensuing year. To do this, the pastors should hold missionary meetings with their Churches, and get the people to give, that they may know the blessedness of giving, viz. : by laying up in store weekly as God has prospered them.

THOS. TODD, Chairman.

Adopted.

Committee on departed brethren reported :—

That since the last Association, the Rev. Levi H. Marshall, after a long and painful illness, departed this life. An account of his conversion and settlement in the ministry, as well as the success of his labors, both in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, having recently appeared in the *Christian Visitor*, it is unnecessary to repeat them here. The gospel he so faithfully preached in his healthier days, was his comfort and support in the hour of death ; and while we rejoice in the assurance that his spirit is before the Throne, we pray that God may sustain and bless his sorrowing widow and family in the midst of their severe trial, and do hereby tender to his beloved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

The Rev. Isaac Lawrence has also been called to his reward. His ministerial career, though brief, was active, earnest, and not without its measure of success. He was truly a brother beloved. Sincerely pious and fully devoted to the cause of the Redeemer, he was held in the highest esteem by the Churches to whom he ministered, and by the denomination at large. He was suddenly cut down in the prime of his manhood and in the midst of his sphere of usefulness. In the full assurance of hope he exchanged the sorrows and toils of earth for a blessed rest in heaven. He has left a sorrowing widow and four little children to mourn their irreparable loss. And while we tender to them this hearty expression of sympathy in their hour of affliction, we pray that the God of all consolation may bless them with all temporal and spiritual blessings ; and finally gather them, with all the redeemed, in the everlasting kingdom of glory. Respectfully submitted.

J. C. HURD,

B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, } Committee.

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