

influences for good in this particular, the rapid advancement of the various temperance organizations and their increasing strength and interest, our humanity yet wails and groans with heart-rending illustrations of the truth of Holy Writ with reference to the use of spirituous liquors. "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Souls bitten and stung by this serpent of the still, writhing in agony and dying in despair, are lying on every hand!

Too much of the blighting, scourging effects of intemperance is known for the church of the living God to stand neutral, or merely to pass formal resolutions and recommendations for its suppression. The slain of intemperance is legion.

Your Committee not only believe that Christians should be total abstinents themselves from all that can intoxicate, but that they should be most emphatically and unqualifiedly opposed to the license system, and to the enactment of any statute which gives the authority of law to the greatest evil of the 19th century; and would therefore urge upon every member of the visible body of Christ to wage an uncompromising warfare upon intemperance in all its forms—whether in high places or low—whether protected by legal enactment, or openly defying the sanctions of law—whether nourished in refined and polished society, or exhalting its rank poisons in the dens of infamy.

Your Committee are likewise firmly of the opinion that the importation of spirituous liquors into our Province is the root of this great evil—the law authorizing such importations a brand of infamy and disgrace upon our country, and the money thus contributed to our Provincial Treasury the price of blood.

Report adopted.

B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, *Chairman.*

Committee on the Seminary reported as follows:

That they learn with satisfaction, that as far as attendance of students and the instruction given in the Institution are concerned, our Seminary is in a prosperous condition. For the detailed particulars, they refer to the report of the managing Committee.

Your Committee are especially gratified to learn that the increase in the attendance of young ladies has rendered the appointment of a lady teacher necessary. They regard this as a wise and judicious step; and they would commend to the Christian sympathy of the denomination, Miss Bentley, the sister who has undertaken this arduous office, of whose qualifications for the work they are perfectly satisfied.

The continuance of the debt still militates against the progress of the Institution, but they hope that the efforts now being made in the several Counties, and the pledges given in various directions, will soon free it from this clog upon its advancement.

Report adopted.

C. SPURDEN, *Chairman.*

Committee on Union Society reported as follows:

During the past year God has continued to sanction and sustain the work of this Society. Upon home and foreign waters our bread has been cast, and we shall find it after many days. We cordially commend this valuable organization to the care and confidence of all the churches;