

Your Committee heartily approve of the system of Colportage, as being exceedingly serviceable on many accounts, and earnestly desire and request that it may be generally fostered and encouraged. All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

Report adopted.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was then read and adopted.

Your Committee beg to report that while they are gratified to learn that a growing interest is manifested in behalf of Sabbath Schools by our Churches, they are convinced that much more ought to be done, inasmuch as there are extensive portions of our Provinces where there are no Sabbath Schools in operation, and many others where they are very imperfectly conducted. Knowing this to be the case and feeling assured of the vast importance of this instrumentality as a powerful auxiliary for advancing the cause of the Redeemer, believing it to be the duty of our Churches to be more effectually engaged in this department of Christian labour; your Committee would suggest the propriety of each of the Associations embraced in this Convention making arrangements at its next Session for employing at least one efficient Agent for two or three weeks during the succeeding spring and summer for the purpose of establishing Sabbath Schools wherever they are required, reviving those already in operation and aiding in furnishing suitable Libraries and Maps for Sunday Schools. In the meantime they would recommend the Domestic Missionary Boards of the several Associations to instruct the Missionaries to make it a part of their object to promote the interests of Sabbath Schools in the places where they may labour.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ISA WALLACE, *Chairman.*

The Report on Temperance was presented and adopted as follows:

We deem the Temperance movement, next to the Gospel, the great work of the age. So our fathers who have gone to Heaven deemed it. They were among the first to grasp the thought, so simple in itself, and so sublime in its results—that Total Abstinence the remedy for intemperance. Amidst opposition, contempt and difficulties, they laboured and lived to establish this principle. In every new developement, in the progress of the Institution, they were among the first to devise, to adopt, to practice, and to propagate. They prayed for its success. They believed, they hoped, they worked, they died in faith. The principle will triumph.

The ravages of intemperance are still frightful, but the doom of intoxicating drinks is sealed. Their use as a beverage is soon to be numbered among the things that were. It becomes us to keep pace with the work. We must take hold of the *Maine Law* and push it to victory; we shall soon hear the shout of triumph. The Committee recommend that a meeting for the promotion of Temperance