

Expenditure.

1.—Annuities Nova Scotia Conference	5017 50	
2. " N. B. and P. E. I. "	3815 00	
3. " Newfoundland "	510 00	
4.—Mrs. Thomas (late Mr. Robertson's Legacy)	28 00	9370 50
5.—Expenses,		
(1) Taxes on Sussex Land	1 51	
(2) Treasurer's Expenses and Incidentals	25 00	26 51
Total Amount Current Expenditure		9397 01
Balance to Capital Stock Account		406 43
		<u>\$9803 44</u>

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Resolved 1—That we rejoice in the success which has crowned the efforts put forth in several localities in this colony during the past year to secure the benefits of the Permissive and Local Option Acts, and would urge upon the friends of Temperance renewed efforts towards securing Prohibition throughout the Island.

2.—The committee believing that much good has resulted from the Special Temperance Sermons preached during the past year would earnestly recommend the practice, and name the third Sabbath in December for this purpose.

3.—That we would urge upon all our ministers the wisdom of increasing the circulation of Temperance literature and tracts amongst our people as far as practical.

4.—That whilst regretting the failure of the recent powerful agitation in St. John's to secure the Permissive Act for the capital—this Committee believes the public has become better educated on the Temperance question as the result of that agitation and confidently hopes that we are really nearer ultimate victory.

5.—That this Committee requests each District Superintendent to see that complete Temperance Statistics are obtained at the Annual District Meetings, from every Circuit and Mission.

6.—That we recommend the Conference to form a "Methodist Total Abstinence Society" having special reference to the bringing about of a law Prohibiting the importation, manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors. Such Society to be directly under the control of the church to be supported voluntarily and to be utilized for the mutual improvement of our people. The Society to have branches on all our Circuits or Missions (as far as practicable).

We also recommend the use of a single and double pledge—the one pledging to total abstinence from strong drink and tobacco, the other pledging to total abstinence from strong drink alone—members having the option of taking either pledge.

7.—That the Superintendent of the Circuit shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Committee of management, but may, if he shall see fit, delegate his authority for this purpose to one of his colleagues. The Committee shall be elected at an annual meeting of the members from amongst members of the Methodist Church, or regular attendants on the Methodist ministry, who shall become members of the Temperance Organization. The Committee shall at its first meeting elect a Deputy Chairman (who shall preside in the absence of the circuit minister) a Treasurer and a Secretary, and shall meet as frequently as circumstances may require.

JESSE HEYFIELD, Secretary and Convener.