

We doubt not but that during your present session you will renew the testimony which for a succession of years has been borne against the enormous evils of intemperance. We feel assured that every year gives increasing force to your conviction, as it does to our own. that it is the chief cause of poverty, crime, disease, and premature death throughout the land; that it is the principal occasion of discipline throughout the churches; and that there exists no more formidable obstacle to the spread of the Gospel amongst us.

We are convinced that you will hail with satisfaction every well designed and well directed effort to arrest the progress of intemperance; that you will counsel the employment of moral suasion, and the exhibition of consistent example with this view on the part of the office bearers and members of your churches; that you deplore equally with ourselves the sanction given by the public authorities to a traffic fraught with effects so disastrous, and will be prepared to co-operate with us in endeavoring to secure its abridgment and, as soon as it can be attained, its utter abolition.

The principles on which this Alliance is founded, are these :—

1. That it is neither right nor politic for the Government to afford legal protection and sanction to any traffic or system that tends to increase crime, to waste the resources of the Dominion, to corrupt the social habits, and to destroy the health and lives of the people.

2. That the traffic in intoxicating liquors as common beverage is inimical to the true interest of individuals, and destructive of the order and welfare of society and ought therefore to be prohibited.

3. That the history and results of all legislation in regard to the liquor traffic abundantly prove, that it is impossible satisfactorily to limit or regulate a system so essentially mischievous in its tendencies.

4. That no consideration of private gain or public revenue can justify the upholding of a system so utterly wrong in principle, suicidal in policy, and disastrous in results, as the Traffic in Intoxicating Liquors.

5. That the Legislative Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic is perfectly compatible with national liberty, and with the claims of justice and legitimate commerce.

6. That the Legislative Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic would be highly conducive to the development of a progressive civilization

7. That, rising above sectarian and party considerations, all good citizens should combine to procure an enactment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages, as affording most efficient aid in removing the appalling evils of intemperance.

We trust that these principles may commend themselves to your enlightened judgment.

Our Alliance is not designed to supplant, but rather to supplement the efforts of temperance organizations, and to unify and systematize their efforts especially in the direction of wholesome legislation.

We are endeavoring by conferences, by public meetings, by the diffusion of a sound literature and otherwise, to form and to foster a healthy public sentiment on the subject, while keeping steadily before us the bringing of that sentiment to bear in the most direct and forcible manner upon our Legislature.

We have many grounds for encouragement, the tide of opinion is setting in more steadily than ever in the direction of our aims and aspirations, yet the necessity for patient and persistent agitation increases in proportion. We are therefore particularly anxious to secure the sympathy and support of all churches.

Praying that the Master of assemblies may bless your deliberations and establish the work of our hands,

We are respectfully,

On behalf of the Alliance,

A. VIDAL, *President.*

THOMAS GALES, *Secretary,*

N. B.—We shall be obliged if you will favour us with a copy of any resolution your body may adopt upon the subject of this communication. Address Rev. Thomas Gales, Stanhope, Que.