

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

DEAR BRETHREN.—Your Committee desire to submit the following :—

We have carefully examined the Reports of the Stations, and find that we have 898 Officials returned for the year; of these 617 are Total Abstainers, giving a balance of 336 Temperance Men, and a gain of 18 increase for the Year.

We recognize with pleasure the earnest efforts of our Ministers, Officials, and Members, in the work of Temperance, and desire to urge and encourage, to a resolute continuance in the conflict with the giant evils of Intemperance.

We also consider that the time has come, when not only our Ministers and Officials, but *all* our Members, should feel it their duty to discontinue the use as a beverage, of a luxury of such doubtful character, such vicious tendencies, and productive of such fearful results; and we further feel persuaded that as a part of the Church of the Living God, we can no longer afford to compromise with sin, nor suffer the inconsistency of being at all identified with the perpetuation of a custom, and usage, so corrupt in its nature, so ruinous in its end, and so utterly at variance with our doctrines, and the Purity and Charity of Truth.

We desire to state that our strong convictions and hearty sympathies, are with the various measures, both moral and legal, put forth for the abolition of our drinking usages; for the Prohibition of Importation and Manufacture, and the entire extinction of the unholy traffic.

And we rejoice that the advancing spirit of the community, the conscientious sentiment of the Church, the enlightened understanding, and corrected judgment of men are getting nearer, earnestly moving nearer the true idea of Temperance, the Temperance of the New Testament.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the "Ontario and Quebec Temperance and Prohibitory League," and assure this Society of our desire for their success, and our sympathy and co-operation, in their efforts to secure the suppression of the Liquor Traffic by Legislative enactment.

We would also recommend that a deputation be appointed to attend the Annual Sessions of the Higher Courts of the several Orders of Temperance in Ontario.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. LOMAS.
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