

would be greatly assisted by the distribution of leaflets treating of such subjects as the following:—The constitution of a Church. The traits of a good Minister. The duties of Deacons. Obligations to the Pastor. What can I do with one talent? Church discipline. Church finances. Church franchise. The antiquity of the Baptists. Conditions of membership. Why should I be immersed in water? The Church roll. The minute book. What is the influence of the Holy Spirit?

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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### Report of Committee on Temperance.

Traffic in intoxicating liquors as common beverages, is, in the opinion of your Committee, an evil the magnitude of which cannot in a brief report be fully shown.

It is a physical and mental, a moral and social evil, and, therefore, should not be countenanced in the least degree by the Church of Christ.

Upon both the drunkard and the drunkard-maker Almighty God has thus pronounced His unqualified condemnation: "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven." "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink!"

To limit this wide-spread and deep-seated evil, we have different statutes—notably "The Canada Temperance Act,"—but to eradicate it we have none.

The resolution numerous and heartily passed by our Convention in 1881, to petition Parliament to keep the Canada Temperance Act intact, and, if possible, to improve it; also that the constitutionality of said Act has lately been affirmed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, are by your Committee hailed with joy.

But it is a matter for regret that it is not within the province of this statute to entirely remove the curse.

As regards the importation, distillation and sale of intoxicants, so far as Parliamentary Legislation is concerned, the remedy and the only remedy is an Act of Prohibition.

And this is compatible with the principles of liberty, justice, mercy and truth.

Respectfully submitted,

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