

courage. The present want is more gratitude for the grace bestowed, more missionaries of quenchless zeal, more prayer to the Lord of the harvest, to raise up laborers to enter the fields already white; and more systematic benevolence in the churches to sustain them. The land is before us, and we have only to go up in the name of the Lord of hosts and possess it.

In view of these facts this Association cordially commend the N. B. B. H. M. Society to the undivided co-operation of our churches generally.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Temperance report :

That they have had the subject under their consideration, and conclude that intemperance when viewed in all its bearings, presents one of the most formidable evils with which our world is cursed; affecting as it does the human family morally, physically, and religiously. We believe it forms one of the most formidable barriers against the success of the gospel, and the salvation of souls with which the christian church has to contend. But great as is the evil when seen in the ranks of the world, it is still more lamentable when found in the church of God, which should be the example of purity and righteousness, yet sad it is, we are sorry to say there are yet some whose names are found on the registers of our churches as members in good standing, who not only indulge in the use of spirituous liquors, but claim a right so to do.

Your Committee feel that as the strong arm of the law refused to lend its aid in the suppression of this evil, the work in the main devolves upon the church of Christ, and in order that she may do her work efficiently, she must be thoroughly temperate; not only as a body but in all her constituent parts; not only in precept but in practice also. We would therefore recommend that the churches composing this Association be thoroughly temperate churches, in order to retain their standing in this body, discountenancing the drinking habits of its members, and disciplining them for it as for any other breach of covenant.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. O. REES, Chairman.

Addresses by Brethren Reese, Powers, Bill, and Spurden.

Report adopted.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report ;

An examination of the Sabbath School statistics shows the following result :—No. of schools 84 ; No. of teachers 229 ; No. of scholars 1956 ; volumes 5648, and \$592.48 expended for Sabbath School purposes. Of the churches who reported to this Association this year, seventeen have returned no Sabbath School statistics, and we suppose have no schools in operation.

Your Committee would urge the necessity of all our churches establishing Sabbath Schools, and giving full and explicit details.

They would further recommend that our Sabbath Schools, wherever it is practicable, be continued throughout the whole year. Our revivals of religion generally occur in the winter ; hence it would seem desirable to have our Schools then in operation, that impressions may be made upon the youthful mind.

Your Committee feel that in this age of the diffusion of knowledge, Sabbath Schools are imperatively demanded to impart a healthy moral

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