bane of social life, and the irrepressible hinderer of the Truth, and the most powerful ally to the enemy of souls.

With this confession, it is to be regretted that the Committee is not yet prepared with any well defined and practical scheme upon which the Synod could be recommended to take action. The members of the Committee are so widely distributed in the Diocese, (one member being in England, another in Charlottetown) that it was found impossible to have their attendance during the recess, and now that we are in session, the zealous mover of the resolution, under which we act, is unavoidably hindered from being present. The chairman has been in communication with him and others, and yet we have not been able to arrive at any satisfactory plan, by which the cause of Temperance may be promoted, and which may be adopted as a general rule of the Church, to be promulgated by her Synod.

The members of the Committee have no desire to shun the difficulty, and the Church must look the difficulty in the face; and it is the special mission of this Synod to devise measures to discountenance and diminish all vice; and your Committee earnestly recommend that for this purpose, some definite expression be given by this Synod; and it is confidently hoped that any suggestion so made, will be respectfully heeded so far as circumstances admit, and the truth of the Church and the cause of true religion may be extended and conserved.

Your Committee recommend the consideration of the present License law, and of the evils which arise from the abuse of it. Your Committee recommend that wherever it is deemed expedient to organize Temperance Societies, they should be in direct connection with the Church, by which we shall be saved from the danger of substituting men for the Church, and thereby creating one great evil by the suppression of another; and causing the delusive supposition, that we may of our self-will or self-interest accomplish that which the Church cannot do by prayers and sacraments, and the presence of her Lord.

It is hoped that it may not be out of place to regret that it should be thought necessary to establish any such Institutions for men and women who have been sealed in their foreheads with the Cross of Christ, and who are pledged in their strife for the mastery to be temperate in all things, or respectfully to express the conviction, that if the Rev. Clergy were all to follow their Lord in his precepts of self-denial, and encourage by their preaching and example the wisdom of the Church in the observance of the rules of fasting and abstinence as well as of prayer, we should not have to deal with so many people, who only sit down to eat and drink and rise up to play:—to play the part of folly and irreligion—degradation and death.

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