

Report of the Temperance Committee.

1. That we recognize in the liquor traffic one of the greatest evils (if not the greatest) in existence; and that we consider the drinking usages and customs of society a great barrier to the spread of the gospel.

2. That while all our Itinerant Ministers are total abstainers, yet some of our Local Preachers are not, a matter which we deeply deplore; and we recommend that question No. 11, on Historical Account of Stations, be so changed, that Conference shall be informed how many Local Preachers on the Station are total abstainers from all intoxicating drinks; as we consider that every Preacher in our Church, both Itinerant and Lay, ought to be true to the Temperance question.

3. Your Committee recommend the formation of Temperance Societies in connection with all our Churches and Sabbath Schools.

4. We heartily recommend to the support of the members of this Conference the "Prohibitory League" recently formed in Toronto.

5. We pledge ourselves, as a Conference, to help to the utmost of our power the efforts of all good men who desire and labor to mitigate the evils of, or altogether to suppress, the Liquor Traffic:

JOHN LAW, *Chairman.*

JOHN W. GILPIN, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance and Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee beg to report that they have received a lengthy and earnest document on the important subject of Sabbath Observance, from Dr. Mair, Secretary of the Kingston Sabbath Reformation Society. This communication calls attention to the alarming increase of Sabbath desecration upon the railways, canals, and wharves of this Dominion, and asks the co-operation of this Conference in checking the growth of this advancing evil. It further proposes that a Convention of Ministers and Laymen, representing the various Evangelical Religious Bodies of the country, be called at an early date, to adopt measures for the suppression of the above-mentioned evil.

Your Committee submit for your adoption the following Resolutions:—1. That we approve and recommend that a Committee, as proposed, consisting of Ministers and Laymen, be called together.

2. That, if possible, this Convention be held at the time and place of the approaching Provincial Sabbath School Convention, the day before the Sessions of the above-mentioned gathering, or the day after.

3. That we urge upon all our Ministers the importance of preaching occasionally on the subject of Sabbath Observance.

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