

LEGISLATION.

The Report of the Committee to procure the Legislation necessary for the conveyance of Church Property after the Union, was read by the convener, Thomas W. Taylor, Esq. The report contained the draft of an Act for which it was proposed to apply to the several Provincial Legislatures. The Assembly adopted the following resolution :—That the interim report of the committee be received and generally approved of, and that the thanks of the General Assembly be tendered to the convener of the committee for his valuable services; and, further, that the committee be empowered to perfect their work, and take the proper steps to secure the necessary legislation in the Dominion and Local Legislatures.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Several matters left over from the Assembly at Ottawa were disposed of, as also a few urgent applications brought up anew from Presbyteries. The chief of these were as follows :

TEMPERANCE.

The Report on Temperance was read by the convener of the committee the Rev. Dr. Thornton. Whereupon, the subjoined resolution was adopted by the Assembly :—The General Assembly receive the report; adopt its recommendations; return thanks to the committee, and especially to the convener; and hereby renew the testimony which, for a succession of years, they have borne against the enormous evils of intemperance. Every year gives increasing force to their conviction that it is the chief cause of poverty and crime throughout our land; that it is the principal obstacle to discipline in our Church, and that there exists no more formidable barrier to the spread of the gospel amongst us.

The General Assembly hail with satisfaction every well designed and well directed effort to arrest the progress of intemperance; counsel the employment of moral suasion, and the exhibition of a consistent example, with this view, on the part of office-bearers and members of our Church; and earnestly deplore the sanction given by the license system, in its present form, to a traffic fraught with effects so disastrous.

The General Assembly would express approval of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, and authorize the moderator and clerks to prepare and forward memorials to the Legislature to this effect.

The General Assembly would also authorize memorializing the Dominion and Local Legislatures for any lesser measure which may seem likely to abridge the evils of intemperance; reappoint the committee and instruct them to attend to this matter, and, if deemed advisable, to wait by deputation on the public authorities.

The General Assembly further recommend to Synods, Presbyteries and Sessions to have special regard to the sources of intemperance within their respective bounds, and to use every legitimate means for their removal.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The deliverance on the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, its several clauses considered *seriatim*, and, with amendments, was adopted, and is as follows :—

1. Renew the recommendation of former Assemblies to Presbyteries to hold an annual conference on the subject of Sabbath schools.
2. That Presbyteries be urged to give more attention to Sabbath school work within their bounds, to collect statistics, and send tabulated returns to the Convener of the Assembly's Committee.