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The following Report of the Committee on Special Business was submitted and adopted : —

Your Committee beg to report that papers having been presented to us for our consideration, we would recommend the Woodstock African Church to call a Council from the neighboring Baptist Churches, to which Council the Church may present a statement of their trouble. We also recommend that Bro. Haines' request for aid be placed before the Home Mission Board.

THOS. TODD, *Chairman.*

The following Report of Committee on Temperance was submitted and adopted : —

We are taught not only in God's law but also by the law governing our physical organisms, that in all things we should be temperate. Experience and science have taught us that excess in eating, drinking, sleeping, sluggishness, or, on the other extreme, over exertion of the energies, bring down upon the offenders or transgressors the penalty of those laws which govern our constitution : Hence enlightened humanity realizing the disastrous results accruing from their violation, earnestly advocate moderation. Now if those who do not fear, nor obey God, thus feel obligated to heed a requirement of our natures, how much more binding the obligation is upon us, who, in addition to the above incentive, know that it is a direct command of that God we fear, and profess to obey.

We believe, viewing the irresistible appetite acquired by many in what is called the moderate use of intoxicating drink, that *entire abstinence* is the only sure ground of moderation for both church and state. "Touch not, taste not, handle not," should be the watchword of every follower of Jesus. We believe that much of the moral degradation caused to-day by drink is chargeable to the professed Church of God. Has the Church done what she could in this moral reform ? Have our members universally or generally discountenanced the gambling saloon and dram-shop ? Have we done what God has required, and what suffering humanity have sighed for ? We answer we have not : and never can we sincerely pray "Thy will be done," until we put forth every effort to suppress intemperance.

We would not appoint to the temperance movement the duty of the Church, nor allow the former to supersede the latter ; but we believe that the Church is very remiss in duty to God and humanity if she does not collectively and individually adhere to, and advocate by all legitimate means, total abstinence from all strong drink. Deprive a man of the intoxicating bowl and you place him in a position to receive and appreciate the word of life, whereas upon the benumbed

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