

(2.) That we earnestly entreat Parents and Guardians, in view of their weighty responsibilities, to make Total Abstinence their own law, and the law of their households.

(3.) That it is, indeed, a brand of disgrace, and subject for shame and sorrow, that an enlightened and christian country like ours, should by law patronize, sustain and protect the traffic, which entails upon its inhabitants miseries the most appalling, crimes the most fearful, and the ultimate destruction of the bodies and souls of mankind.

(4.) That the signs of the times clearly indicate the desirableness of a deeper religious interest being taken by christians of every name throughout the land in the cause of Temperance.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

The Rev. J. Elliot, according to appointment of last meeting, presented a special report upon the Sabbath Schools in connexion with the Congregational Churches of Canada which was received and adopted, with thanks to Mr. Elliot for it, and the request that he would prepare a synopsis of it for publication in the "*Canadian Independent*."

The Finance Committee reported that through the generosity of some friends in Montreal, a supplementary sum of \$93 had been placed in their hands, to enable them to reimburse the travelling expenses of Ministers and Delegates in full.

The Business Committee reported the following resolutions which were severally and unanimously adopted:—

That the grateful acknowledgments of the Union be presented to their Christian friends in this city for their kind and generous hospitality, for their abounding liberality to the funds of the Union, and for the very pleasant excursion through the Victoria Bridge, provided through their thoughtful kindness and munificence.

That the cordial thanks of this Union be respectfully presented to Mr. Shanley and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for its half-fare arrangement, and for the courtesy in connection with the excursion through the Victoria Bridge, and also to the Bytown and Prescott Railway Company, the Stanstead and Shefford, and Chambly Railway Company, and the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railway Company, as well as to the several Steamboat Companies, which have conveyed members to this Annual Meeting at half price.

That the hearty thanks of this Union be, and are hereby presented to their late Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Wilkes, for his timely and valuable address, on retiring from the chair; and that we respectfully request our esteemed brother to allow its publication in the "*Canadian Independent*."

After singing and prayer the Union adjourned.

THE "CANADIAN INDEPENDENT."

At 2½ P. M., met, and after devotional exercises, Mr. George Hague, of Toronto, addressed the union relative to the position and prospects of the "*Canadian Independent*."