

candidate of any political party who refuses to commit himself publicly to the destruction of the liquor traffic at the earliest possible moment should not have the support of Christian electors."

(c) The Hamilton Conference of June last year recommended "our people everywhere to adopt these methods of electoral action in practice."

3. That this Committee hereby requests each minister within the bounds of this Conference, as soon as convenient, to preach a sermon on, or make public reference to, the following suggested subjects: (1) Good citizenship, (2) The ballot as a sacred trust for the promotion of righteousness, (3) The necessity of upholding and elevating the standard of morality in public life, (4) The duty of all good citizens and Christian electors voting for those candidates only who will pledge themselves to vote for prohibition irrespective of fealty to party, according to the platform of all branches of the prohibition family as declared in the Montreal platform of July, 1894, and approved by our own General Conference, at London, September, 1894, as found in the Journal of said Conference, pp. 101, 291, 294.

4. That each of the coming May District meetings make arrangements to present as speedily as possible to each of the candidates for parliamentary honors, a request as to whether he will, if elected, pledge himself to vote, irrespective of fealty to party, for the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes.

5. After the answers are received let the Chairman of the District within whose jurisdiction the greater part of the electoral district is situated, call a special meeting of all Methodist electors of the said district who are in loyal sympathy with the action of our last General and Annual Conferences on the subject of prohibition.

6. Let this meeting examine the answers, and also consider the important question of the personal and public record of each of the candidates, and then decide which candidate, if any, in their opinion, is best entitled to the confidence of prohibitionists.

7. If both, or all, party candidates prove equally worthy of confidence and support, then so far as the question of Prohibition is involved, party relationships should not be disturbed.

8. If no party candidate is acceptable, we advise that steps be taken to call a convention of all churches and societies favorable to prohibition, which are situated within the bounds of the electoral district, with a view to bringing out an acceptable independent candidate.

9. Whereas forty-nine members of the last House of Commons were elected on a majority under one hundred in each case, we urge each District Meeting to make arrangements without delay, to secure at least one hundred electors pledged to vote only for that candidate who will pledge himself to vote for prohibition irrespective of fealty to party.

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