

matter, is to bind with a hair and then with a chain. The fearful certainty with which it holds its victims warns us to heed the divine commands: "Look not upon the wine when it is red." "Be not among wine-bibbers." "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Therefore:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod most emphatically condemns the use of all alcoholic stimulants, in all their forms, as a beverage, including the use of cider and wine in which is alcohol, and malt liquors in any form, as being prolific sources of intemperance, and recognizes total abstinence as the only safe and scriptural ground.

Resolved, 2. We condemn whatever ostensibly aids or encourages the manufacture or sale of alcoholic drinks. Among these the growing of hops for malt liquors, and grapes for fermented wine.

Resolved, 3. That we regard prohibition by the State as the true and effectual means of reaching this great evil—the right to do so based alike on duty to its self-preservation and the law of God.

Resolved, 4. That as a Church we are called upon in all our members and stations, to exemplify and actively encourage whatever promotes the grace of temperance.

NATIONAL REFORM.

Nothing, perhaps, has done more to awaken attention, than the Jesuitical and Communistic movements in various cities of the nation. Jesuitry, on the one hand is putting forth subtle and secret efforts to obtain control of the public schools and educate the rising generation into the superstition and despotism of Rome; while Communism is by both secret and open attempts aiming to gain control of the schools, and educate the youth into atheism and anarchy; and both these powers are seeking to obtain control of political parties. The thoughtful statesman and patriot is freed to examine the whole question in order to avoid the Scylla of Jesuitry on the one hand, and the Charybdis of Communism on the other, and intelligent men are coming to the conclusion that the only solution of this problem is that furnished by the platform on which we stand. Another encouraging feature of the times is the interest taken in this question by educational institutions. Teachers and pupils, colleges, seminaries and literary societies, are earnestly discussing the question, and the press and the pulpit are becoming more and more interested in the subject.

GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

		Contributions.	
Presbyteries.....	9		
Congregations.....	110		
Ministers.....	104	Foreign Missions.....	\$8,242
Communicants.....	10,093	Home Missions.....	4,313
Increase by Profession....	471	Pastors' Salaries.....	80,659
Increase by Certificate....	281	Miscellaneous.....	48,463
Decrease.....	691		
Baptisms.....	527	Total (including sums not	
Sabbath School Scholars..	8,613	stated above).....	\$176,743