

a section of the Church of Christ which has always taken an advanced position on this great question, we are resolved to continue, with unabated energy and full faith in its ultimate complete success, our cordial co-operation in this great and ennobling enterprise. * We hail with pleasure the eminently successful work of the women of our Province, and especially of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which, organized on New Testament principles, is ever originating some important measure; and their petition, now being circulated, praying the Boards of School Trustees to introduce into our public and high schools works of scientific Temperance instruction, we cheerfully endorse,—the same having been successfully introduced, as a regular part of school work, in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh, and other centres of population in Great Britain. We further recognize the valuable services being rendered by the Dominion Alliance for the total suppression of the liquor traffic. Its circular, received through our Secretary, we hereby acknowledge; and, while we think it desirable, in harmony with the suggestion of the Alliance that an annual statement of the progress of the Temperance movement within the bounds of the jurisdiction of annual ecclesiastical courts should be made, among other official returns; we further recommend, as suggested, that the third Sunday in October, 1883 (or as near that date as possible), be adopted by us, in common with other sections of the Christian Church for a temperance sermon from each of the pulpits of our denomination.

RES. 58. The aspect and tone of the spiritual condition of our societies are variously indicated. Some of our members are represented as being fully consecrated to God, and His service, and who are constantly living in fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and who always at the post of duty are delightfully serving the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom. By these all means for religious advancement are appreciated, honored and used, for the end desired and sought. Cheering would it be if this were universal; but we are necessitated to state that a much lower condition of spiritual life also exists among many who compose the membership in our societies, characterized by a lack of appreciation of, and attendance on, the instituted means of grace, a spirit of worldly-mindedness which threatens danger and awakens concern. This can only be remedied by a renewed consecration of heart and life to the service of God. Some of the stations and districts have been visited with rich spiritual influence, and are rejoicing because of numerous conversions; and in connection with this is the cheering fact, that many of these are from the ranks of our Sabbath school scholars. In this we find an argument for earnest, devoted and cheerful labor in this important branch of Christian service. On the other hand, we have unproductive, and comparatively barren fields, on some portions of our work, where sincere toil and labor have not been so richly rewarded, nor sheaves so safely garnered, to say the most, where the ministry of the Word, and other means, have been successful only to a very limited extent. It is cause for thankfulness, however, that our societies are represented to be living in peace. The fact of the necessity of higher attainments in Christian life and experience, is most readily admitted, and we sincerely hope that it may result in more than an expressed wish; but, moved by the Spirit's promptings, may lead to earnest and believing efforts to use every means that may result in an increase of spiritual-mindedness, usefulness, and spiritual power.

RES. 60. That having received a communication from Rev. Wm. Hansford, who was appointed as a fraternal delegation by the General Conference of the