

6.—REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee cannot but deplore the fact that in spite of the many guards that were thrown around this country, the liquor traffic has broken in and assumed enormous proportions, so that now the most constant and earnest effort on the part of all friends of sobriety will be required to stem the torrent and save our land from the overflowing curse.

We have noticed with satisfaction the increasing activity in temperance work in the Province of Manitoba, especially in the regular Templar Lodge and the Blue Ribbon movement in Winnipeg. Your Committee respectfully remind the Conference that legal prohibition is the only goal and logical outcome of all temperance effort, and would urge every member to use the utmost effort to help to attain this desirable end. We would call the attention of this Conference to the fact that the liquor permit system has been terribly abused in the added territory of Manitoba and in the North West, and would respectfully suggest that this Conference should present an humble address to the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba and to the Lieutenant-Governor of the North West Territory, setting forth the facts of the case, and urging that the provisions of the law be strictly enforced, in as far as possible, in spirit and in letter, and that this Conference should memorialize the General Conference to approach the Dominion Government in the same way and to the same effect.

Your Committee would suggest that our Sabbath School machinery should be more utilized in the promotion of temperance among the young. We suggest that the Conference should prepare a Sunday School class honor roll, either for framing or mounted on rollers like maps, to receive the names of teachers and scholars and to be hung on the wall opposite every class, and frequently referred to by superintendents and teachers, and the children instructed in the meaning of the pledge which they have signed.

Your Committee urgently recommend this Conference to direct that all our societies use only unfermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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