

Woodstock. On motion of Mr. MacKay, duly seconded, the Report was received, and it was agreed to consider its recommendations *seriatim*. The recommendations were considered one by one and were severally adopted, and are as follows :—

I. That Temperance Societies be formed in all our congregations, under the oversight and direction of the Sessions.

II. That our Sessions and Sabbath-School Teachers, in their respective spheres be recommended to give special prominence to the subject of Temperance. and that Presbyteries be instructed to hold an annual conference on this subject.

III. That, in view of the present aspect of the Temperance movement throughout the land, the General Assembly adopt the following as the deliverance on this matter :—

(1.) That we regard the traffic in strong drink as one of the greatest hindrances to the progress of the cause and Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2.) That, in view of the evils wrought by this scourge of our race, this Assembly would hail with gladness the utter extermination of the traffic in intoxicating liquor, as a beverage, by the power of example, public opinion, and the strong arm of the law.

(3.) That we rejoice at the wonderful advancement of Temperance and Prohibition sentiment throughout the world, and especially in our own land : and would recommend our people by voice, vote and example, and by all peaceful and righteous means to work for the abolition of this great evil.

(4.) That we re-assert our approval of the principle of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, and recommend the adoption of the said Act, as the best available means for the legal suppression of the traffic.

(5.) That this Assembly make thankful recognition of the good work accomplished by the women of our land, whether in their organized or individual capacity, and would express the hope that their self-denying efforts may be in the future even more abundantly fruitful.

On motion of Mr. Donald Fraser, seconded by Mr. Neil MacKay, the Assembly agreed to adopt, as they hereby do adopt, the Report on Temperance, as a whole ; thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, and instruct the Committee hereafter to be appointed to issue their circular to Sessions, not later than the first of December.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Assembly called for the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools. The Report, in printed form, was submitted by Mr. H. H. McPherson, for the Convener, Mr. Allan Simpson. Mr. McPherson read a series of recommendations for adoption by the Assembly. On motion of Mr. McPherson, duly seconded, the Report was received, and it was agreed to consider its recommendations *seriatim*. The recommendations were considered one by one, and with amendments, were adopted, and are as follows :—

1. That the injunction to Presbyteries to use diligence in getting returns from all Sabbath Schools within their bounds, in holding Conferences, and reporting in good time, to their respective Synods, be renewed.

2. That the Assembly impress upon Ministers, Sabbath School Superintendents, and Teachers the importance of having the children of the Church instructed as to their duty in reference to their relation to the Church, and especially as to the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

3. That the Sabbath School Committee be instructed to add to their schedule of questions this one—How many children of the Church of school age within your bounds are not under instruction in the Sabbath School ?

4. That greater uniformity be aimed at in the use of Teachers' Helps, and of the periodicals put into the hands of the scholars, and that all such periodicals be in harmony with the views of this Church.

5. That the Sabbath School Committee be instructed to ask the Sabbath Schools of the Church to raise money for some distinctly missionary purposes.