

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance beg leave to submit the following report and resolutions :—

That, whereas the use of alcoholic and malt liquors as a beverage has been proved by science and experience to be highly injurious to the human system and very extensively destructive to human life, inducing disease and premature death, and whereas it has been repeatedly shown to a demonstration that alcoholic beverages positively contain no nutriment, and that they neither aid digestion nor strengthen the system, but the very reverse, and that the use thereof being a foolish and criminal excess, and the traffic therein being an extravagant waste and a curse, and whereas from authentic reports and repeated investigations it has been fully established that at least nine-tenths of the crime, litigation, pauperism and other evils which afflict society are caused by intemperance, and whereas the most crushing weight of the misery and degradation of this traffic falls upon defenceless women and children, and whereas the whole traffic is denounced in the Word of God,

Resolved, 1st. That we recommend the practice and advocacy of total abstinence by our preachers and people.

2nd. That we will cheerfully co-operate with all lawful efforts for the suppression of the traffic.

3rd. That we recommend our people to encourage and support all Temperance organizations in their respective vicinities.

4th. That we heartily coincide with the Montreal Temperance Society who "respectively request that greater prominence be given to the subject in the pulpit; that when it is practicable, temperance societies on the old open basis be formed in connection with and under direction of the churches; that Bands of Hope or some other juvenile temperance organization be formed in connection with the Sabbath Schools."

5th. That we recommend the organization of a National Temperance Society, which shall concentrate and direct the Temperance power of all our Temperance societies and Temperance men in the Dominion of Canada.

6th. That we are pleased to believe that our preachers and people are fully alive to the importance of this great work, that we find them prominent in this and every good cause; and it is with proud satisfaction we remember that as early as the year 1827 our venerable Bishop Smith, while Presiding Elder in this section of the country, had the honor of calling the first Temperance meeting ever