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Report of the Temperance Committee of the Presbytery of P.E.I. for 1891.

Your temperance committee beg leave to report as follows: The number of returns received is not by any means satisfactory. Out of 32 sent out, only 20 have returned to the convenor. One return has been made on the blank furnished last year. The failure of so many sessions to respond to the questions of the committee is a matter of annual complaint. There may be some slight excuse on the part of vacant congregations for neglect in this matter, but settled charges are inexcusable. Of the latter class the following have sent in no report: Clifton, Tignish and Montrose, Granville, Brookfield, East St. Peter, Souris; no report has been received from any of the vacancies. The material from which your committee must compile their report is defective, and therefore the report will be much less valuable than if we had returns from every session.

The reports received are generally hopeful in their tone, and speak of progress in the right direction, but your committee would point out to the Presbytery that the repeal of the Scott Act in the City of Charlottetown has evidently stimulated the liquor trade, and revived to some extent the drinking habits of the people. The foe that we are fighting has gained a vantage ground, from which all temperance workers should strive to dislodge him as soon as possible. The condition of affairs in the capital at the present time has a weakening and demoralizing effect upon the whole province. Charlottetown is now a centre from which liquor is distributed through the country. From this strategic point the enemy is making inroads in various directions. Our young men, in coming to the city, are exposed to greater temptations than formerly. There is need for increased watchfulness and effort all along the line. A return to the regime of the "Canada Temperance Act" in the city, as soon as practicable, would be a great gain for our cause.

(1) The first question asked of sessions is, "Please state the causes that, in your opinion, have produced the improvements during the last twenty years in the drinking customs and temperance sentiment within your bounds." The causes assigned in the answers, may be roughly classified under three heads: (1) Education (2) Organization (3) Legislation. Among the educational influences, the majority of the returns give a foremost place to the teaching of the pulpit. The gospel of Christ is the mightiest power making for righteousness of which we have any knowledge. It sweetens and heals the fountains of human life. It quickens and renews the conscience, and therefore influences conduct most powerfully. S. S. instruction is spoken of as important. The child is father of the man. Sow the seed of truth in the understanding and conscience of the young, and you will reap a rich harvest in the coming generation. The platform also comes in for a share of credit, in the advances that have been made. Temperance lectures and addresses have done much to sustain, strengthen and spread a healthy public sentiment. The press, or at least a portion of it, has been an effective agent in disseminating facts, and in arousing and keeping awake the interest of the people in this great question. The high ground taken in the decisions and deliverances of church courts, has been an influential factor in moulding the mind of the age. All these educational forces must be kept in motion with increasing zeal, in order to lift up our people to a higher standard of morality, and redeem our land from the drink curse.

(2) Organization is referred to in many of the returns, as a most helpful and essential thing to the progress of the cause. It is absolutely necessary in order to maintain, defend and extend the principles for which we are contending. The various temperance societies which

exist among us, have a noble record of work done, of battles fought and victories achieved. We bid them God speed in their earnest endeavours. Ministers and church-members are among their most active and successful workers. Women have ever occupied an honorable and useful position in the temperance ranks. We believe the W. C. T. U. to be one of the most effective organizations of the present day, perhaps the one most dreaded by the liquor-traffic. We feel that every congregation ought to give prominence to temperance, in its work for God and man. The church of God is the most powerful organization to crush the hydra-headed monster of intemperance, if she will only wisely direct and effectively use her power. The decisions of our church courts on the various aspects of this question, ought to form a part of the program of work of every congregation. We cannot afford to be indifferent in this matter. The liquor traffic is one of the most deadly foes of the church. The church's safety and success compel aggressive movement against this deadly foe. The warfare against the saloon affords a field for the united effort of the different denominational regiments of the army of Christ, and we are glad to find, that in some instances, there has been a united forward movement against the common enemy with gratifying results.

(3) According to most of the reports improved legislation has contributed a little to the advance in temperance sentiment and practice, by removing temptation out of the way, and putting the ban of the law upon the traffic. The "Canada Temperance Act" is uniformly commended as a restrictive measure. Its better enforcement, where it is already in operation, and its re-enactment in the capital of our Province, should enlist faithful effort and co-operation on the part of all temperance workers. One session has assigned a cause of improvement which we do not know very well how to classify, except it should be put under the head of educational influences, viz., bad rum. If the evil one has overreached himself in this respect we ought to be very thankful. We had the idea that all rum is bad; but if there is a good kind, and it is unfavorable to temperance, by all means let us have the bad. We are afraid, however, that "bad rum" is not a good promoter of the temperance cause.

2. The second question proposed to sessions is: "In how many places in your community is liquor sold by license? What proportion do they bear to the population? Has the illicit sale increased or decreased?" There is no license act within our bounds. The whole of our Province, except Charlottetown, is under the C. T. A. Since the repeal of the C. T. A. in Charlottetown the sale there has been unrestricted.

In regard to the illicit traffic there is a variety of testimony. Some say "that there is no illicit traffic within their bounds," others say "that it has greatly decreased," one, "that it has slightly diminished;" another, "on the whole it has decreased, but usually about Xmas and New Year there is an outburst on the part of the illicit vendors;" another, "on the borderland there are one or two illegal places"—an undefined, and it would appear, somewhat spiritual region;—another, "the illicit sale is very trifling;" another, "we have two places where 'beer' is sold; one has been convicted of a violation of the C. T. A., and we hope soon to succeed in closing them both."

Judging from the reports, the illicit traffic seems to be kept pretty well in check. Perpetual vigilance is the price of safety. Like the builders on the wall of Jerusalem in Nehemiah's day, while we make our prayer unto our God, we must set a watch day and night against these crafty foes of our happiness and prosperity.

The third question is: "What effects have you found the saloon or dramshop to have on the general life of your community?" We have no licensed saloons within our bounds, but there is a unanimous testimony as to the effects of liquor drinking wherever it manifests itself. It corrupts the morals, produces religious indifference, causes domestic misery, leads men away from the house of God, is the fruitful mother of poverty, disease and crime, is one of the most potent agencies the devil has ever devised for the overthrow of manhood, the ruin of home, the destruction of the social fabric and the downfall of nations.

4. The fourth question is: "What has been done to secure the teaching of temperance? Is it now taught?" Little or nothing has been done by sessions as such for the introduction of the teaching of temperance into our public schools. Some progress, however, has been made in this direction. The temperance organizations in the Province have held conferences with the educational authorities on the matter, with the result that "Richardson's Lessons on Alcohol" has been placed on the list of books prescribed or suggested for use in the schools. As its use is voluntary and depends on the action of the local board of school trustees, and as the subject is not prescribed for examination for teachers' licenses, the result is that the text book has not been introduced and the subject has been neglected. The new series of "Readers" that has recently been introduced into the schools contains a graduated system of "Lessons on Alcohol," which will no doubt be beneficial and helpful in their influence.

question. Temperance sermons have been preached. Those addicted to drinking habits have been solemnly warned. The members of the church have been earnestly exhorted as to their duty to practice total abstinence and use their influence for the overthrow of the traffic. In Sabbath schools and Bible classes much has been done to infuse true temperance principles into the minds of the young and thus to train up in our churches bands of young men and women who will be sturdy opponents of the saloon and faithful supporters of the temperance cause. In some of our schools the pledge has been taken by many of the scholars and your Com. would advocate the extension of this work as a most hopeful way of strengthening and extending this noble cause. By one or two of our pastors the pledge has also been administered to adults. One report says on this point: "During the past year a number of young men and some old men have, on bended knee, seeking help from on high, pledged themselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors. The solemn impressiveness of a pledge, which becomes a prayer, has been found very helpful." Your committee feel that effort along this line of prayerful dealing with individuals, would yield rich and blessed results.

Temperance meetings have been held in some of our congregations, where address, prayer and song have all been added to bear upon arousing interest in the temperance work, and impressing upon the people the position of the church in the great moral warfare. Such gatherings from time to time, under the auspices of our sessions, would be most influential in bracing and toning up the sentiment of the people.

Let us all ministers, elders and people, take a firm, outspoken stand on this burning question. Our General Assembly has unfurled the flag with its motto: "Total abstinence for the individual; prohibition for the state." Let us rally round the standard. Let there be no truce with the powers of darkness. Let our watchword be "no surrender; no compromise." Let us fight this deadly foe of home and church and native land, with the two-edged sword of right-ous law and gospel truth. Though the fight may be long and hard the day of victory will dawn. Our land will yet be free from the clutches of the drink fiend, which has its hand upon the throats of our free institutions. In that day of rejoicing and freedom, may it not be said of any of our congregations or of any of our people as it was said of Merodach of old "Curse ye Merodach, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

On behalf of the Committee. Wm. P. ARCHIBALD, Convener.

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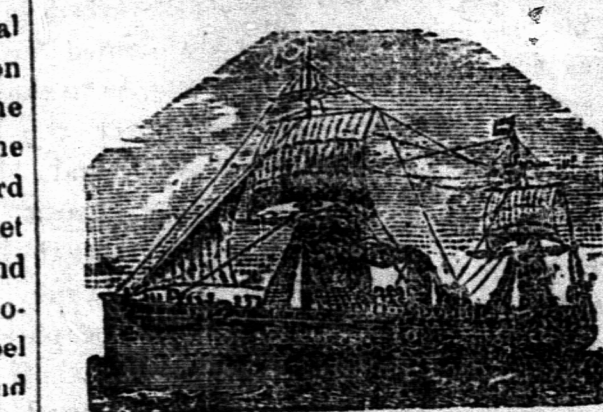
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