

ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 23, 1866.

An Appeal to Slumbering Churches.

The slumbering condition of a very large majority of the christian churches of these Provinces calls loudly and earnestly upon the watchmen on Zion's walls to inquire seriously and prayerfully into the causes of this wide-spread religious declension, and to adapt such courses of earnest action, as may with the blessing of God, result in producing a change for the better.

We recommend that every means should be taken to bring about a more fraternal union and practical sympathy and co-operation between all our churches. We need a higher faith in the prevailing power of prayer.

We recommend that every church should increase the number of its social prayer-meetings; and that for the present these meetings should usually be devoted to prayers for the Holy Spirit, and for the conversion of the impenitent.

We recommend that in each church competent and experienced Christians shall be appointed to visit the members, for the purpose of conversing with them on the subject of personal religion, for their mutual profit.

We recommend a more general and faithful attendance upon the Sabbath schools, especially on the part of adults. Every member of our congregations, and especially every Christian, for whom it is possible, should be connected with some Sabbath school, as a teacher or as a scholar.

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We believe that it is desirable that the Pastors should select subjects for their sermons such as the present hour seems to demand; and we recommend great plainness and distinctness in preaching upon these grand and solemn doctrines of the Bible.

These primal truths of God's word, and Christ's stern and awful warnings against a nominal and merely formal worship of God, should be preached abroad, without any compromise with pride, bery, or worldliness, and God's ministers should be sustained and supported by Christians in this high duty.

by the Press and the Christian ministry for the suppression of this inhuman appetite.

The writer was called on, but being in ill health, was unable to respond as he wished.

Dr. Ruddick (chairman for the evening), then followed in his usual pleasant style; and the meeting was closed, as had been opened, by prayer.

This Temperance meeting was a success, and reflects credit on the good brethren who got it up. The hall was filled to overflowing, yet the utmost attention and the best of order were observed throughout.

While we are not, as yet, able to record our share in the gracious revival with which other Churches are blessed, still we are not discouraged.

We regret to hear that this esteemed brother has been greatly afflicted. For six weeks he was unable to attend to his ministerial duties.

Our informant calls upon us to wield our pen, and upon all Christian ministers to put forth combined efforts for the suppression of this fearful vice.

Mr. Wm. Lemont then gave an impressive recitation of a grand Temperance piece; the thanks of the meeting were given to the chairman, who happily responded; the doxology was sung, and the most successful Temperance meeting the writer ever witnessed, closed, "Vive le ordre."

On behalf of the Committee, CHAS. W. S. BARKER, Fredericton, March 8th, 1866.

Temperance at St. Martins.

Mr. Editor—The Temperance cause in Middle-town, St. Martins, received a fresh impulse on the evening of Monday, the 12th inst., when the Rev. E. B. delivered a neat and appropriate address, in the Temperance Hall, under the auspices of St. Martin's Division, S. of T.

The speaker showed the utility of alcoholic drinks; the enormous amount which they cost the Province annually—enough to build the Intercolonial Railway, or more than enough to complete all the branches now under contemplation—and this for neither benefit nor pleasure, but only to render man unhappy here, and sink him into perdition hereafter.

Mr. Editor—We have watched carefully, for some months past, the correspondence in the Visitor relative to Female Education.

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