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A noble act. We have heard of many pleasing incidents connected with the late severe disaster which befel the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the destruction of their "Book Concern," by fire, yet we know of no one which has given more general satisfaction than the act of the American Bible Society. Knowing that the Sabbath Schools, under the care of the Methodist Church, would be great sufferers by the destruction of the scriptures intended for their use, the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society, at their regular meeting last evening, unanimously voted a donation of Five Thousand Bibles, and Ten Thousand Testaments, for the use of the schools under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church.—Commercial Advertiser.

We learn, says the Baltimore Patriot, from Washington, that Mr. Kendall, the Postmaster General, continues confined to his bed with a severe and dangerous illness, from which, it is feared, he will not soon, if ever, recover.

Rutland County Temperance Convention.

Pursuant to previous notice by the Rutland Co. Temperance committee the delegates from the several temperance societies in the county assembled at the Baptist Church in Brandon on Tuesday 8th March 1836, at 10 o'clock A. M., and being called to order by Doct. J. W. Hale, one of the committee, Hon. JAMES D. BUTLER of Rutland, was appointed President pro tempore, and Hon. A. L. BROWN, Secretary pro tempore.

Resolved, That all members of the different temperance societies present be requested to take seats in this convention and participate in its deliberations. A large number then reported themselves from thirteen towns.

Messrs. Hale, Proctor, Brown, Dennison, and Spencer were appointed a committee to nominate a list of officers of the convention.

Messrs. Hopkins, Marsh and Knowlton were appointed a committee to prepare rules for the government of the convention.

The committee appointed to nominate a list of officers reported the following nominations, which were concurred in:

- Hon. JAMES D. BUTLER, President. Hon. Nathan T. Sprague, } V. Presidents. Rgv. Hadley Proctor, } Daniel Roberts, Esq. } Secretaries. F. W. Hopkins, Esq. } Rev. Willard Child, } Com. of Overtures. Doct. J. W. Hale, } Horace Green, } W. C. Dennison, } James Barrett, Jr.

On motion of Mr. Child, Rev. William Mitchell, and on motion of Mr. Hopkins, Ezra June, Esq. were added to the above committees.

The committee to prepare rules made the following report which was adopted:

- 1. All resolutions, after having been read, shall be referred to a standing committee to report thereon. 2. No member will be allowed to speak over ten minutes at one time, or more than twice on any question without leave of the convention. 3. Any member may at any time, with leave first obtained, submit a resolution for the action of the convention. 4. The convention will adjourn at 12 o'clock, and meet again at half past one. 5. The convention shall open and close with prayer.

The convention was then opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Child.

On motion of Mr. Davenport, Resolved, That the committee of Overtures shall be the standing committee contemplated in the first rule.

Various resolutions were offered by Messrs Davenport, Barrett, Brown, Green, Murray, Conant, Peet, Tenney and others and referred to the committee of Overtures.

The committee of Overtures reported a resolution recommending pledges upon the principle of total abstinence; also a resolution declaring that the traffic in ardent spirits ought to be prohibited by law, which were severally read and laid upon the table.

Gen. Brown called up the first resolution, which elicited a good deal of discussion from Messrs. Brown, Barrett, Marsh and Hyatt, and was afterwards laid upon the table in order to receive the report of the committee.

The committee reported several resolutions which were laid upon the table. Adjourned.

On motion, Prof. Hough and Rev. T. A. Merrill of Middlebury, were invited to take seats in the convention.

Mr. Child called up the following resolution which was adopted without debate.

1. Resolved, That the cause of temperance demands from all its friends and advocates total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

The following resolution was called up and very ably discussed by Prof. Hough; when ten minutes having expired, the convention suspended the rule in his favor. Resolution adopted nem. con.

Whereas, The great object of the temperance reformation was the removal of drunkenness, and especially the preservation of the sober; and whereas, the pledge of abstinence from distilled liquor merely, is found to be insufficient fully to accomplish that object, and is fraught with peculiar danger to the drunkard; therefore,

2. Resolved, That it is in the view of this convention very desirable that the pledge of all Temperance Societies should comprehend abstinence from the use, as a beverage, of all intoxicating liquors.

The following resolutions were severally called up and adopted.

3. Resolved, That the traffic in ardent spirits ought to be prohibited by law.

4. Resolved, That this convention deeply regret that any of our citizens continue the traffic in ardent spirits to the serious injury of the morals, good order and peace of community.

5. Resolved, That the interests of the cause of temperance demands the formation of a County Temperance Society on the principle of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors.

The following resolution was called up:

6. Resolved, That it is the duty of the people to memorialize the Legislature to interdict, by law, the traffic in ardent spirits.

Mr. Murray moved to amend by striking out the words "ardent spirits" and inserting the words "al-