

all pleasure there was some sorrow, so in the present instance they had to regret the approaching departure of the Rev. J. O. Crisp, one who during his stay in Orillia had labored assiduously for the spiritual and material well being of the people. Though connected with another denomination, and enjoying only a slight personal acquaintance with the reverend gentleman, he had observed the course of the curate of St. James's, and expressed the opinion of the people of all denominations when he said that the removal of Mr. Crisp was a public loss, and that all esteemed him very highly for his works' sake. All the speakers elicited frequent applause, and it was evident they possessed the entire sympathy of the audience. Nine pledges were taken. The collection amounted to upwards of \$7; and as Mr. Hoyles declined to take his expenses, this will rather more than cover the outlay. But the Society has not funds for the free distribution of literature as liberally this year as last, when some debt was incurred in that way and the purchase of books for their circulating library. The Society is maintained wholly by voluntary contributions.—*Orillia Packet*.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND.

Bishop Cameron, of Antigonish, had a letter read in his church on Sunday last, in which "he altogether disapproves of, nay, most earnestly deprecates the granting of licenses to hotels, saloons or shops to sell intoxicating liquors in Antigonish.—*Presbyterian Witness*.

The *Carrollton Enterprise*, referring to the benefits of prohibition, says: "Since the sale of liquor was prohibited in this town five years ago, trade has increased from \$200,000 to \$500,000, and there is not one merchant in thirty who would not vote (on purely business principles) against the reinstatement of the liquor traffic."—*Temperance Journal*.

Proclamations have been published in *The Official Gazette*, (1), Prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors within certain parts of the Districts of Trinity Bay and Bonavista Bay, and (2), continuing the operation of previous prohibition Proclamation in the District of Bay-de-Verd.

PROHIBITION.—It is only a little more than two years since what is commonly known as Local Option became the law of the land, and that the power was given to the inhabitants of settlements in most of the districts in the Island to proscribe the selling of intoxicating liquors in their midst. The alacrity with which many of the settlements have hastened to take advantage of the provisions of this Law is the only proof necessary to convince any doubting person of its popularity and importance. Already a very large number of places throughout the country have adopted Local Option, and two out of the few districts excluded have taken advantage of the Permissive Act, which has been in operation some years, and which is the same in substance as Local Option, differing only in degree—the one being applicable to towns and settlements, the other only to districts. And if we might be permitted to predict, we would say that we would have only to wait for a little while and we will have prohibition to all intents and purposes, far more effectually than if enforced by a direct parliamentary law. The recent triumphs at Harbor Grace, Trinity and the Fogo Islands, are proofs positive of the desire of our people to free themselves and to save their children from the baneful effects of the liquor traffic. The appended list will give our readers some idea of what has already been done in this direction. Electoral Districts of the Island now under the provisions of the Permissive Act:—Bay-de-Verdes, Carboncar, and Harbor Grace. Settlements that are now under the provisions of the Local Option Law:—Burin, Grand Bank, Lamaline and Fortune, in the district of Burin; Trinity, Catalina, Random, and Bird Island Cove, in the district of Trinity Bay; Greenspond, and that part of the district of Bonavista lying between Greenspond and Cape Freels, in the district of Bonavista; Twillingate and Fogo; and Placentia, in the district of Placentia and St. Mary's.—*The Temperance Journal*.

#### UNITED STATES.

THE NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the National Temperance Society and Publication House will be held on Tuesday evening, May 13, 1884, commencing at half-past seven o'clock, in the Broadway Tabernacle, Wm. M. Taylor, D.D., pastor, corner of Thirty-

fourth Street and Broadway, New York City. Mark Hopkins, D. D., President of the Society, is expected to preside. Other addresses will be delivered by Rev. Dr. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, and Rev. J. C. Price, president of Zion Wesley Institute of North Carolina, and others. An abstract of the annual report will be presented by the Corresponding Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Society will be held at its rooms, 58 Reade Street, Tuesday afternoon, the 13th of May, at two o'clock. The annual report will be presented and officers elected.

COLORADO.—In a note received from C. H. St. John, Esq., of Denver, Colorado, President of the State Temperance Union, he reviews the recent local elections throughout the State, and says the "Prohibition" vote has increased beyond all calculation. In Denver the saloon men endorsed the Republican ticket for Aldermen, and the unexpected result was the election of four Prohibitionists to three Republicans. The State Alliance is to meet April 29-30, "and will put a complete Prohibition State ticket in nomination," having "nothing to expect from either of the old parties."—*Am. Reformer*.

CINCINNATI.—The W. C. T. U. No. 1, of Lytle Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, is carrying on most successful gospel temperance meetings, making its foremost effort the conversion of souls. At 2.30 each Sabbath afternoon, Mr. Abner L. Fraser, one of Cincinnati's most noble Christian citizens, leads a Bible class of persons from 20 to 70 years of age. So nobly has the union pursued its work of charity, breaking bread for the physical as well as spiritual needs of the people, that contributions reach them even from those who are not fully in sympathy with their temperance work. At its meetings there have been, during the past month, some very interesting addresses, notably those by Mr. Curns, the evangelist, Dr. W. K. Brown, of the Wesleyan University, and the Rev. S. K. Leavitt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. Everything indicates that the union is pushing on to a larger field and grander achievements.—*Lever*.

A FAMOUS PEN.—The *Chicago Daily Herald* says of the signing of the prohibitory law recently passed by the Legislature of Iowa:

"There was quite a jubilant time in the executive chamber of Iowa's capital when Governor Sherman was formally approving the prohibition bill recently passed by the Legislature. On one side of the room were ranged the members of both houses who supported the bill, while on the other were a number of ladies who had worked zealously in its behalf. After carefully reading the bill, Governor Sherman picked up a quill pen and wrote under the Legislative signatures: "Approved March 4, 1884. Buren R. Sherman," then, turning to Mrs. Florence Miller, he presented the pen just used to her, saying: "Among all Iowa's noble women who have neither fainted nor faltered through all this great and protracted contest, none have been more faithful and helpful than yourself."

Those familiar with the struggle for Prohibition in Iowa will heartily endorse Governor Sherman's words. Mrs. Miller has been tested in the fierce struggle for outlawry of the liquor traffic and found to be a leader of calm, deliberate judgment and unflinching courage. To her ready brain and pen the liquor interests may attribute many of its defeats.

Among the many grand women brought to the front, by the struggle of home and liberty, against the drunkard-makers, Mrs. Florence Miller, Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, Mrs. Aldrich and Mrs. Carhart, of Iowa stand in the front rank. Governor Sherman's act was a just recognition of the assistance rendered by the women of Iowa in the battle for freedom, home and civilization.—*Lever*.

WELCOME MEETING.—At New York, on the evening of Thursday April 3rd, the managers of the National Temperance Society held in the parlor of the Broadway Tabernacle a social meeting to welcome Messrs. L. H. Barker and Wm. Hoyle who had recently arrived from Manchester, England. The first named gentleman is Secretary of the United Kingdom Alliance and, the latter is a member of the Executive Council of the same body. From the *American Reformer* we learn that the meeting was one of unusual interest. L. A. Bromwer, Esq., chairman of the Board of Managers of the N. T. S. presided, and addresses of warm welcome were delivered by Mr. John N. Stearns, Secretary of the N. T. S.; Hon. Noah Davis, Chief Justice of the Superior Court; Geo. A. W. Riley, of Rochester; Rev. D. Stuart Hodge, and A. M. Powell. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is with great pleasure that we hereby extend a most hearty greeting to Thomas H. Barker, Esq., the devoted and able