

This Society, thoroughly non-partizan and non-sectarian, with Vice-Presidents in every State, covers the nation with its work and its literature. Its missionary work among the colored people of the South is worthy of all commendation. It has reached directly over five thousand colored ministers and hundreds of thousands of colored people. Meetings will be held in the colored churches and institutions at New Orleans. Over fifty thousand tracts and papers have already been sent for free distribution during the Exposition, and money is solicited to send many more, which are greatly needed.

THE SOUTH.—The National Temperance Society is at present carrying on an active campaign in the South. Rev. C. H. Mead, its special missionary among the freedmen, has recently visited a number of colored conferences in North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, reaching over 1,700 ministers, and supplying them with temperance literature, and will extend his work in other parts of the South. Mr. J. N. Stearns, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, is arranging for a series of meetings in New Orleans, and in Florida during February and March. He will visit Florida about the middle of February with Mr. Mead, and hold a series of meetings in that State. The 3rd and 4th of March have been set apart by the authorities of the new "Florida Chautauqua" at Lake De Funiak for meetings under the auspices of the National Temperance Society, when addresses are expected from Geo. W. Bain, Gen. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. J. E. Foster, Rev. C. H. Mead, J. N. Stearns, and others. This new "assembly" ground has recently been secured and comfortably fitted up for a Southern resort, where a month of meetings, similar to those at Chautauqua in the North, will be held. Rev. A. H. Gillet, of Ohio, is the director of exercises for all the meetings. March 12 and 13 have been set apart by the managers of the Exposition at New Orleans for meetings under the auspices of the National Temperance Society. The meetings will be addressed by Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler, Geo. W. Bain, Esq., Mrs. J. E. Foster, Gen. C. B. Fisk, Rev. C. H. Mead, J. N. Stearns, and others. A week of meetings will be held in New Orleans by the Society in churches and among the colored people. It is proposed to place a tract, leaflet or paper in the hands of every colored person who attends the Exposition, if funds sufficient can be raised for the purpose.—*J. M. Stearns in American Reformer.*

RHODE ISLAND.—At the December meeting of the State Central Committee of the Prohibition Party in Providence, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the political organization effected at the State Prohibitory Convention continue as a permanent political organization, for the purpose of pressing the issue of Prohibition at the polls in the several elections to be held in this State and in its towns and municipalities.
2. That this Committee will neither make nor receive offers of fusion and alliance with either of the two political parties existing in the country and this State, by which the Prohibitory Party shall be made dependent upon or subservient to either; and the Committee recommends all Prohibitionists, clubs and temperance organizations in the State to establish this rule of action, and to follow it in all nominations and elections.
3. That the Prohibition issue be made in the spring election of 1885 in this State, and that this Committee will, at the proper time, call a delegate State Convention to nominate State officers.
4. That the large vote of the Prohibition Party cast in the late Presidential election is a cause of gratulation.
5. That the Prohibitionists in the several towns and cities be requested to organize Prohibition clubs in their respective localities; to secure new members of clubs already existing, and earnestly push the work of the party by all honorable means, especially by the diffusion of temperance information.

The State Central Committee will meet again in Providence January 28th, when plans of work will probably be formed.—*American Reformer.*

IOWA.—A full gathering of all the non-partisan temperance organizations in Iowa was held in Des Moines on the 22nd inst. The State Temperance Alliance, the Citizens' Law and Order League, the Good Templars, and the Sons of Temperance, all sent delegates. About 400 altogether were in attendance. The Convention was in no way under the auspices of the Prohibition political party. It was the object of its promoters to obtain a full and fair expression of opinions from all the friends of temperance. This

was the more to be desired because of the present emergency in Iowa. Many Republican politicians have been stoutly insisting that they will no longer uphold Prohibition; and it is also a well-known fact that, on account of recent adverse judicial decisions and of great activity among the rich liquor men, who wish to have Prohibition abolished, many various discouragements in the way of the enforcement of the law have been encountered. It has been threatened that summary steps would be taken by the Legislature. In view of these circumstances, the Convention last week took an exceedingly bold and aggressive stand. It challenged and defied both the secret and covert enemies of the Prohibition law, and declared squarely that Prohibition must be embodied in every political platform, or else temperance men will oppose the party. This means that, in the fullest meeting of temperance men ever held in Iowa, notice was served on the Republican party that, unless it maintains Prohibition, it cannot command the support of the friends of temperance. The resolution in which this declaration was made elicited very warm debate. A number of Republican politicians who had come to the Convention opposed it bitterly, and chair sided with them. But it was carried with a rousing vote. Another resolution, touching upon the conflict between Federal and State courts, was also vigorously discussed, but it passed. The address of the Convention, while recognizing and deploring that the enforcement of the Prohibitory law is neglected by the authorities, pronounced in ringing terms that Prohibition is practicable and is the only remedy for the evils of the liquor traffic.—*The Voice.*

Literary Record.

ILLUMINATED TEMPERANCE CARDS—WINE SERIES.—The National Temperance Society has just issued a new series of illuminated Temperance Cards, being No. 7, of their list, with Bible Texts on the use of wine. This set of embossed imported cards, with birds and floral baskets, four designs, is one of the handsomest in the market. Printed on tinted cardboard, various tints, size 2½x4 inches; they are the cheapest on our list. Put up in assorted packages of twenty-five cards. Price \$1 per 100. Address J. N. Stearns, Publishing Agent, 58 Reade Street, New York.

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BLACKBOARD TEMPERANCE LESSONS, No. 2.—The National Temperance Society has just issued a new pamphlet of forty pages, being Blackboard Temperance Lessons, No. 2, consisting of thirteen choice and instructive lessons written expressly for the Society by Mrs. W. F. Crafts, one of the best writers for children in America. All who have seen No. 1, will want No. 2. It is an invaluable book in children's work. Each lesson is complete in itself, and contains strong temperance truths, with blackboard illustrations engraved expressly for these lessons, and will be found very interesting and beneficial. They are adapted to all juvenile societies, Sunday-schools, Bands of Hope, and for family reading and study. Every teacher should have one. The following are the titles of the lessons. "1. Poison, 2. Blowing Bubbles, 3. Good Health and Long Life, 4. Effects of Strong Drink on the Heart, 5. How King Alcohol Steals, 6. Drinking for Friendship, 7. Skin Bottles, 8. An Ear of Corn—what it is good for? 9. Fruit-Bottles and Wine-Bottles, 10. A Lesson from the Acorn, 11. Eggs that should be Crushed, 12. A Whip of Nine Lashes, 13. A declaration of Independence." It should be in the hands of every child in the land. Price 10 cents, \$1 per dozen; \$7 per hundred. Address J. N. Stearns, Publishing Agent, 58 Reade Street, New York.