

A special meeting of St. Andrew's Ward Temperance Electoral Association was held last week in Brock street hall, Mr. James Little in the chair. At the request of the Chairman the Secretary of the Central Union addressed the meeting on the progress of the work in the city. On motion of Mr. Farley it was resolved to hold a public meeting in St. Andrew's Hall of those favorable to the adoption of the Scott Act, on or about March 12th, in order to organize for active work in circulating petitions, etc. The Secretary of the Union was also requested to call a meeting of the Executive of that body with a view to having a memorial presented to the Dominion Government praying them to instruct their Commissioners in Toronto to issue no shop licenses to grocers in view of the vote of the people last year that liquor should not be sold along with groceries after the first of May this year.

GEORGIA.—The question in Georgia is, liquor or no liquor. Tired of waiting for Prohibition to be enacted by the State, the temperance people determined to press forward with the present laws and endeavor to bring all the State under Prohibition; as it is, ninety counties are under Local Option. None of these had centres of large population, and it was decided to select four counties for special effort, each containing cities. The contest in Floyd County, in which is the city of Rome, has just ended with a victory for the liquor men. One curious result of the campaign is the assiduity with which the colored vote was cultivated. They have been "invited into meetin'" on every occasion, and their orators have freely taken the stump. The fear of slavery was used to influence these people, as is always done when the Negro vote is wanted. The banners and transparencies of the liquor men declared that "Prohibition means rich man free, poor man slave," and this was sufficient to induce the Negro to cast his ignorant vote to continue a thralldom worse than he endured in slavery days.—*The Voice*.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—A prohibition convention was held last month, which was largely attended—Hon. L. D. Larkin, president; C. A. Hovey, secretary. The following among other resolutions was adopted:

*Resolved*,—"That it is the duty of the prohibitionists of New Hampshire to establish a State, county, and town system of co-operation and consultation, to strengthen our own convictions, to quicken our knowledge of passing events, to improve our capacity for intelligent effort, and in the present lull of political strife and bitterness to enable us more effectually to awaken public attention to the enormous evils of the traffic and use of intoxicating drinks; we therefore urge upon this convention the necessity of immediate measures for this purpose."

Stirring addresses were made by several delegates, and a considerable sum of money raised with which to carry on the work. A State prohibition club was organized, with E. L. Carr, of Pittsfield, president; C. A. Hovey, Manchester, secretary; John H. Goodale, Nashua, treasurer, and a long list of vice-presidents. A mass-meeting in the evening was addressed by J. B. Finch, Esq., of Nebraska, and Rev. Dr. A. A. Miner, of Boston.—*National Temperance Advocate*.

MAINE.—A mass convention of friends of temperance was held in Augusta recently, for the purpose of forming a State Law-and-Order League to secure the better enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law. The convention was called to order by Rev. I. Luce, President of the Maine State Temperance Society, and was organized by the choice of Rev. Dr. Warren, as president. Hon. Joshua Nye stated the objects of the proposed league. A committee appointed for the purpose and presented the draft of a constitution, which was approved, for an organization to be known as "The Law-and-Order League of Maine." The sessions of the convention continued through two days, with public meetings each evening. On the first evening Governor Robie presided, and made an address urging the importance of upholding the standard of total abstinence and of enforcing the prohibitory law. Among those who addressed the convention during its several sessions were the President, Rev. Dr. Warren, Hon. Joshua Nye, Gen. Neal Dow, Rev. H. C. Munson, Mrs. Stevens, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Rev. Mr. Luce, Rev. Mr. LeLachur, Hon. T. R. Simonton, Rev. D. B. Randall, Geo. E. Brackett, Esq., and others.—*National Temperance Advocate*.

ENGLAND.—The Local Option campaign is going on with greater vigor than ever. Our English exchanges are full of reports of meetings. At Birmingham, on Feb 3rd, an immense audience of over four thousand people was addressed by Sir Wilfred Lawson, Alderman Hart, Mr. A. Allbright, Rev. P. Gardiner, Mr. S. Pope, Q.C., Mr. J. Slack, Rev. C. Mansfield Owen, Rev. C. Leach, Sir Wm. Fox, K.C.M.G., Alderman Barrow, Mr. J. Barnsley, and Mr. Roper. Strong worded resolutions were carried amid enthusiastic applause, calling upon Parliament to deal at once with the question of a Permissive law, and also calling upon temperance electors to prepare to support at the coming general election candidates pledged to carry out this reasonable demand. Enormous meetings have also been held at Southwark, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Bradford Plymouth, Blackburn, Bootle, Barrow, and a six day's congress at Brighton for the southern counties. The prospects are that the Government will be compelled to yield to a strong and growing public sentiment, and speedily grant the demand of the people.

SCOTLAND.—During the past two months the activity of the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association has been remarkable. A glance at the list of meetings in the *Alliance News* of 27th Dec., for instance, should cheer the heart of every true prohibitionist and incite him in his own district to push the holding of meetings for the special education of the people in the evils of the traffic and in the nature and workings of the Direct Veto. In addition to the ordinary meetings which have been exceptionally numerous, Rev. Mr. Spurgeon has been rendering valuable aid to the agitation in Campbelltown, Kirkintilloch, and Kilsyth. During the last month, Sir William Fox kindly placed his valuable services at the disposal of the movement, and in Paisley, Stirling, Inverness, Aberdeen, Perth, Galashiels, and Glasgow did the movement great service. Mr. Blackwood and Mr. R. Dransfield have been at the disposal of the West Aberdeenshire Temperance Union for a month, and their efforts have been signally serviceable. We are sure that every warm friend of the movement will rejoice to know that the Scottish Permissive Bill and Temperance Association neither falter nor is weary, but presses on to the goal of its aim—the abolition of the Drink Traffic.—*Scottish Reform*.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The temperance workers in this colony are fully alive to the evils of the liquor traffic, and the necessity for the only effective remedy. The colony has a Permissive Bill, and an effort was recently made to secure its adoption in St John's. The effort did not succeed, but the people of the city are thoroughly aroused and will no doubt procure prohibition in some form very soon.

An immense mass meeting of citizens was held recently in the Atheneum Hall—a meeting characterized by the utmost earnestness and enthusiasm. Prominent clergymen and citizens delivered stirring addresses, and the following resolution moved by the Solicitor-General was carried unanimously with three hearty cheers for total prohibition:—"That in view of the rapidly rising temperance sentiment all over the country it is the opinion of this meeting that the time has come to seek an act of the Legislature for the total prohibition of the liquor traffic in this colony."

The following resolutions were also adopted:—"That this meeting record its thanks to Almighty God for the large measure of success that has attended the efforts to advance the Temperance Reform; and express its conviction that the defeat of the Permissive Act has consolidated the temperance ranks and raised great enthusiasm for renewed efforts in the temperance cause."

"That a Committee be now formed to further Prohibitory Legislation; in the meantime to prepare petitions to the present House of Assembly, requesting them to affirm the principle of Prohibition, and to make an early appeal to the whole people on this question; and that the members of the Joint Permissive Act Committee be appointed members of this Prohibitory Committee, with power to add to their numbers, the Secretary of the Joint Permissive Act Committee to be Convener *pro tem*."

A local journal refers to the meeting as follows:—

"It may be said that it was a success in every respect. In size and in enthusiasm it exceeded any of the meetings held since the Permissive Act agitation began. The good ship Prohibition has commenced her voyage with favoring breezes, and will soon have a happy arrival in the haven for which she is now aiming. It will indeed be a glorious day when the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor is forbidden through the entire island."