

SOUTH CAROLINA.—On this matter of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors the Christian church and the best elements of society have taken position. They do not propose to retreat. The issue is joined, and defeat or victory must be the portion of those who have flung themselves into this conflict, actuated by profoundest feelings of philanthropy and a sublime faith in God. They mean to conquer, and they will.—*Columbia Temperance Worker*.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Hon James Black gladdens our hearts with the following account of work in the William Penn State:—"In this State we are organized more effectively than ever, and with a spirit in favor of party action such as we have never known. During the Beaver campaign, two years ago, we polled 5,196 votes; last year, 6,102, and this year our strength will run from 15,000 to 25,000. These votes will come most largely from the Republican party, but in the northern and western portions of the state a very considerable part of the prohibition vote comes from the Democracy, and the positive declaration of that party in opposition to all sumptuary laws will now make the defection much larger than heretofore.

John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, claims that the nomination of St. John makes Pennsylvania a debatable State.—*Western Wave*.

ALASKA.—A Washington special says Captain Healy, commanding the revenue marine steamer "Corwin," reports to the Treasury Department, from Port Clarence, Alaska, under date of August 1, his return from the Arctic ocean on his way to St. Michael's, St. Lawrence and King's islands, after which he will again cruise in the Arctic as far as the ice will permit. Lieutenant Howison and two seamen have been detailed for duty at Point Hope to prevent illicit traffic between the natives and whaling vessels. The former accumulate large quantities of whalebone, which they are only willing to trade for liquor or breech-loading guns. It was acknowledged that large quantities of liquor were taken into the Arctic regions for trading purposes by the whalers, but owing to the presence of a revenue steamer it was nearly all thrown overboard. Captain Healy suggests that the customs officers at San Francisco refuse clearance to vessels bound for Alaska carrying liquor exceeding one half-gallon, or guns for trading. Captain Healy reports that the villages at St. Lawrence were, with one exception, found uninhabited, the decaying bodies of the former residents lying on the ground and in the huts. The cause of the depopulation continues a mystery. At the one village still inhabited the natives seemed prosperous and happy, the abolition of the liquor traffic being assigned as the cause of their well-being.—*Witness*.

LONDON, ENG.—The Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association.—The annual meeting of this association was held recently by permission of the Duke of Westminster, at Grosvenor House, Upper Grosvenor street, His Grace occupying the chair. The report of the committee stated that fifty-two new troughs and fifty-one new fountains for human beings had been erected during the year, making the total number erected and at work in the metropolis and suburbs 557 fountains and 566 troughs; and during the year the committee had had correspondence with over thirty provincial towns, and in many cases had assisted in the erection of suitable structures. The receipts had been from annual subscriptions, £1,985; donations, £4,006; and legacies, £870; and the expenditure had been £6,789, leaving a balance on hand of £101 4s. 9d. The chairman said since they last met they had sustained a great loss in the death of their secretary, Mr. John Lee, who for twenty-two years performed his work admirably. Though he received a fair salary, his means were limited, and he had left a wife and several children unprovided for. A subscription had been entered into for them, which reached £950, and it was proposed to add to that a sum from the funds of the association.—Mr. F. D. Mocatta moved that the report be adopted, and that £100 be given to the fund being raised for Mrs. Lee, which was put and carried unanimously.—Mr. A. Pease, M.P., in proposing the next resolution, said he thought vestries and municipalities ought to take on themselves the erection and maintenance of troughs and fountains. This was done in Darlington.—Mr. S. Morley, M.P., in seconding the motion, said it had been ascertained that more than half a million of persons drank at the fountain daily.—Mr. Joseph Fry moved a vote of thanks to the Duke of Westminster for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. John Taylor.—*Temperance Record*.

Good Templars.

R. W. G. T. Finch uses this language in the last Official Circular of the R. W. G. T.

"The Good Templars are and must continue to be THE MISSIONARY temperance organization of the world. It is in no sense an insurance company or a political party. There are other organizations which seek to obtain members by appealing to their avarice and selfishness; not so the Good Templars. The Order is based on the broadest principles of Christian civilization, and works to save men and women because they are men and women, not because their salvation will prove a financial benefit to the members of the Order."

LEAVE THEM OUTSIDE.

Don't bring into the Lodge room
Anger and spite and pride,
Drop at the gate of the temple
The strife of the world outside;
Forget all your cares and trials,
Forget every selfish sorrow,
And remember the cause you meet for,
And haste ye the glad to-morrow.

Drop at the gate of the temple
Envy and spite and gloom,
Don't bring personal quarrels
And discord into the room.
Forget the slights of a sister,
Forget the wrongs of a brother,
And remember the new commandment
That ye all love one another.

Bring your heart into the Lodge room
But leave yourself outside,
That is, your personal feelings,
Ambition, vanity, pride,
Centre each thought and power
On the cause for which you assemble,
Fetter the demon liquor,
And make ye the traffic tremble.

Ay, to fetter and to chain him,
And cast him under our feet,
This is the end we aim at,
The object for which we meet;
Then don't bring into the lodgeroom,
Envy, or strife, or pride,
Or aught that will mar our union,
But leave them all outside.

—Ella Wheeler.

GRAND LODGE I. O. G. T.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars of New York State met recently in annual convention at Chautauqua. The attendance was unprecedentedly large, and much enthusiasm characterized the proceedings. The reports of the officers showed a large increase in the number of lodges and membership. Public meetings were held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at which addresses were delivered by Dr. J. H. Vincent, W. Martin Jones, Col. J. F. Hay, Rev. C. H. Mead, Dr. D. H. Mann and M. J. Fanning. Mr. Mead's account of his work in the south called out great enthusiasm, and a large collection was taken for the National Temperance Society to push that work still farther. W. Martin Jones of Rochester, was re-elected Grand Worthy Chief Templar; Rev. R. D. Munger of Ithaca, Grand Counsellor; D. W. Hooker of Syracuse, Grand Secretary; Mrs. W. S. Gleason of Mayville, Grand Worthy Vice Templar; A. G. Steen of Elmira, Grand Treasurer; Rev. C. H. Mead of Hornells-ville, Grand Chaplain, and J. A. Bogardus of New York, Richard Kennedy of Albany and Calvin McCarthy of Jamesville, Board of Managers. The next session will be held on the fourth Tuesday of August, 1885, at Schenectady. Nine out of ten of the representatives were enthusiastic supporters of St. John and Daniel.—*Steuben Signal*.