

appointed. We are not going to refer to party politics. But we must say that many things have occurred to disappoint us, and fill us with apprehension for the future. There have been charges of corruption and bribery at many of the recent elections, charges so broadly made that we fear they must be regarded in many cases as undeniably true. We deeply regret that these things should be. They show a great want of moral soundness in all who are concerned in them,—alike in those who use such means to obtain a position, and in those who are capable of being influenced by such means. We lift our testimony against such practices. We trust we shall never hear so much about them for the future, but that they will be frowned down by all honorable men of every party.

Now that our representatives have been chosen, they will do well to bear in mind that they will stand in a more prominent arena than they ever did before. We hope they will be more than formerly under the influence of a sound, healthy, public opinion. We have heard of things, on the part of some of our leading men, even in the halls of our legislature, fitted not merely to grieve the hearts of christians, but to humble any right thinking man. We observe that some of the newspapers have referred to those things, declaring that there must be an end of such scenes, and that intemperance can have no place in the halls of legislation. We trust that it will be so, and that our rulers will realize the responsibility of their position, and regulate their conduct accordingly.

We trust that the blessing of God will be upon us as a people. Without His favor and blessing, nothing can be good or successful, or really prosperous. Let us pray for our rulers, that they may be directed and guided by Him ; and that our future course as a people may be marked by a higher regard for His word, and a higher appreciation of His favor. "Happy is he people whose God is the Lord."

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## UNCONTROLLABLE DRUNKENNESS.

### ITS CAUSES AND CURE.

The sad extent to which intemperance is prevalent, the deplorable effects to which it leads, and the necessity of doing something for the rescue of those who are held in bondage by this vice—these are subjects which force themselves on the attention of many, who have not themselves been total abstainers from the use of intoxicating drinks. An eminent physician, Dr. Forbes Winslow, of London, has written on the subject of "Uncontrollable Drunkenness." He urges the establishment of Sanatoria, or asylums for inebriates, and gives much valuable information on the treatment and prevention of this form of insanity. This subject—the establishment of asylums for the intemperate—has been too long in receiving the attention which it merits. While, in the case of a man who, in the providence of God, is bereft of reason, the law steps in and shields his family, and provides for the management of his property, the drunkard is allowed to squander his property, to ruin his family, and reduce them to beggary. Yet we are sure that many a drunkard would gladly seek the protection of an asylum, and would submit even to a degree of restraint, in order to escape from the intolerable bondage in which he is held. We are glad to learn that now the law of the province provides for the establishment of such asylums, and for sending to them those who waste their time at the tavern, and are ruining themselves and families by their intemperance. We trust that the law will not be allowed to remain a dead letter, but that it will be taken advantage of without delay.