

WORLD PROGRESS.

(From our Exchanges.)

INDIA.

In India, a Convention is to be held in Delhi, when it is stated a Prohibition League for all India will be formed.

BULGARIA.

In no less than thirty districts in Bulgaria, local option conditions have been adopted prohibiting liquor shops.

SWEDEN.

In Sweden, continuous educative work is being carried out in anticipation of a referendum, that may bring prohibition by popular vote to the country.

JAPAN.

The National Temperance League of Japan hopes to get through Parliament a bill that will raise the age limit from 20 to 25 for those allowed to be supplied with intoxicating liquors.

GERMANY.

In Germany, a local option measure was defeated by a majority of 20 in the Reichstag, but the matter is coming forward again this time backed by a petition signed by over 400,000 electors.

ESTHONIA.

The Esthonian Parliament is considering legislation embodying local option, Sunday closing, the prohibition of the sale of liquor to those under twenty years of age, and the prohibition of liquor in amusement places.

ROUMANIA.

A considerable reduction in the number of saloons in Roumania is a project now being considered by Parliament. The production of alcohol is being curtailed with a view to total Prohibition at the end of probably twelve months.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

The Labour Party in Czecho-Slovakia recently issued a document stating that alcohol is delaying the coming of more ideal conditions, and that freedom will only be attained when the fight for emancipation is waged by sober and sound intellects.

LITHUANIA.

Roman Catholics are particularly active in the temperance movement in Lithuania. One Roman Catholic Society has 200 branches and 20,000

members, another has 20,000, a third 5,000, and another 2,000 members. There is also a Roman Catholic Teachers' Abstinence Society and a non-Catholic Youths' League. The consumption of alcohol is steadily decreasing.

LATVIA.

The Board of Education in Latvia has recommended that all schools should have total abstinence organisations. Parliament is being asked to prohibit alcohol advertisements, to prohibit dancing where alcoholic liquors are sold, and to restrict the hours of sale. It is stated that the sale of liquor is prohibited in all educational institutions, at exhibitions, railway stations, markets, theatres and public entertainments.

WESTPHALIA TOWN RECORDS DRY VOTE.

A test vote on the liquor question in Hagen, Westphalia, is reported to have resulted in a wide majority in favour of local option. The vote was 3,350 in favour, to 526 against, eighty-nine per cent of the electorate voting. Of those favoring option, 1,736 were women and 1,614 were men.

PROHIBITION IN JUGO-SLAV ARMY.

"A drunkard is no soldier," a recent order of the Jugo-Slav Minister of War, to that nation's army, read. According to an International News Service dispatch from Belgrade, prohibition has come into the Jugo-Slav army, and lectures on the evil of drinking have been ordered by the Minister of War to be read in barracks and camps.

THREE SCOTTISH CITIES HAVE DRY GOVERNMENTS.

Following the example of Glasgow and Aberdeen, Scotland, Dundee has banned the use of intoxicants at all civic functions, and henceforth the official government of the city will be dry.

Mary had a little joint where home-made spirits dwelt;
The hooch she sold was full of death—like ten cesspools it smelt;
But cops came down on Mary's place and caught her in a raid;
Now Mary sits in durance vile until her fine is paid.

J.H.L.

IF YOU ARE WISE.

Of course you wouldn't care to ride in a train drawn by an engine of an alcohol-drugged engineer.

Of course you wouldn't like to submit to an operation performed by an alcohol-befogged surgeon.

Of course you wouldn't choose to trust an important case at law to an attorney whose judgment was clouded by alcohol.

Of course you wouldn't think of turning over the keys of your safe to a cashier accustomed to let alcohol steal away his brains.

Of course you wouldn't entrust your business secrets to a secretary who permitted alcohol to loosen his tongue.

Of course you would not hire a chauffeur to drive your car who stupefies his mind with alcohol.

Of course you would not employ a workman who lowers his efficiency by indulgence in alcohol.

Of course you will work and vote to get rid of the traffic which impairs the efficiency of so many able workers.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

Hill St. Hospital, Wellington.

Dear Mrs Peryman,—

I felt I would like this small tribute to the memory of Mrs Johnson Wright inserted in the White Ribbon. I have known Mrs Wright about twenty five years, and a more zealous worker in our cause it would be hard to find. She was one who gave up her whole life in work for her Lord and Master, whom she so decidedly loved. She will be sadly missed, for her life has been filled with kindness, and good works. She has now been called up higher to receive the (well done) of her Lord.

L. CRAWFORD.

Lower Hutt.

The liquor traffic in trying to hold up Prohibition is like Mrs Partington attempting to keep the Atlantic Ocean at bay with a broom.

"Within twenty years the Bombay Presidency may be expected to be dry."