### W. C. T. U.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Andover meets the first and third Thursday in each month.

The New York Legislature by a unanimous vote of both Houses, has amended the barbarous old statute by which fathers were the sole owners of their children, and has owners of their children, and man made fathers and mothers j int guardians of their offspring by law, as they certainly are by nature. The bill was signed by Gov. Flower on March. 23. It reads:

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1. Every married woman is hereby constituted and declared to be the joint guadhan of her chi dren with her mas band, with equal powers, rights and duties in regard to them with the has band. Upon the death of either father or mother, the surviving panent, whether of full age or a minor, of a child likely to be born, or of any living childs and the married, may by deed or last will duly executed dispose of the custody and funtion of such child during its minority, or for any less time, to any person or per sons.

sons.
2. This act shall take effect imme

There are now six states in the Union where mothers and fathers are joint guardians of their children-Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oregon Washington and New York.

The passage of the law in New York was secured by the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Buffalo. They wrote to the gover-nors of the five states where equal nors of the five states where equal guardianship was the law, and obtained from all of them letters testifying that the system had proved satisfactory. They printed these letters in a circular, with extracts from the Woman's Journal and other papers, giving instances of the hard ships suffered by mothers under the New York law, and sent a copy to every meanher of the Legislature: and the bill passed without a negative vote, to the great jay of the women.

Fifty thousand children in 105 schools were examined by English physicians. Over 30 per cent. were suffering from physical and menta defects, attributable mainly to the drinking habits of their parents.

The Dakots Farmer savs: "Not withstanding the efforts of liquon dealers to the contrary, drunkenneshas been almost entirely wiped out Many a former moderate drunker haquit the habit, and above all a host of recommendations. of young men have started on a sober and industrious career under-three years' influence of so-called prohibition. The drink bill of the residents of the two Dakotas dropped off of the rest the years' first the residents of the two Dakotas dropped off 70 per cent the very first year, and has been growing materially less ever since, and no one was made the poorer thereby but the saloon keepers, brewers and distillers."

### Obituary.

The demise of C. R. Amidon of Furdy Creek, whose funeral was held from the first Baptist church, on Tuesday April 4th, the last rites being con ducted by the Baptist State Evangelist Rev. W. B. Olin, of Waterloo, Seneca Co. How vividly are we reminded by this sad affliction that all flesh is grass and the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field, or as the flower of the grass, so he passeth away. The learned Rev. in his usual impressive manner portrayed the two great sides of life and called attention to the all-import and cancer attention to the an-import ant thing, get ready for the great and notable day of the Lord. The capacity of the house being insufficient to hold the people, many had to remain out side. The deceased was a man highly respected for his many virtues, a kind and indulgent father, an affectionate husband and as unyielding in his de votion to his family as he was in his business avocations, given to hospitality, and was never known to turn a de serving one from his door uncared for This bereavement which comes This bereavement which comes so suddenly and unlooked for, renders the affliction doubly hard, which can be understood only by those who have assed through the same arise. The haps no better or fitting proof could be brought to the minds of the reader of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow townsmen than mentioning the fact that he has held every office in his town through a long succession of years, closing with Postmaster under Mr. Cleveland. Yes, Charlie, (as he metimes called) will be missed His pleasing address and morning salutations will be seen and heard no more on earth, and while the clouds os to hang over the family like a midnight pall, it has yet for you a sil. ver lining, and while such afflictions may seem almost unbearable, will some day be made plain. The family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends in this their hour of bereave-W. B. J.



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