

BRITISH ISLES.

Prohibition Battling Hard. If an American worker for prohibition in England can squeeze out of a Britisher a single statement intimating support of a dry law in the British Isles he pats himself on the back and feels that he has done a man's-sized job. For such an accomplishment is anything but easy. Most of the American "drys" in England are encountering all sorts of opposition and some of them have even been made the victims of violence.

Still the prohibs are not without support and their progress is causing the dealers in strong drink to become visibly worried. In fact they are so disturbed that they have launched an aggressive campaign against the drys and they are availing themselves of every opportunity to make prohibition as unpopular as possible.

Here are seen two anti-prohibition labels that are used for pasting onto bottles, kegs and casks of beer, wine and whisky to be sold in Great Britain. The first one is a caricature of Uncle Sam and the second is a sketch of an inverted pyramid designating "prohibition" and bearing a warning of what will happen to the country if the people even so much as consider local option.

John Hay Bieth, the English novelist, who writes over the pen name "Ian Hay," pronounced prohibition in America to be a "dreadful peril in these critical times". It shows a startling illustration of class inequality, he declared, because the rich American has his cellar full while the poor man's is empty.

Despite the strong opposition to prohibition, however, meetings supporting it are being held and some leading peo-



ple of the country are being gradually won over. The bishop of London addressed a temperance meeting not long ago and though he declared that he was not at that moment advocating prohibition for his country he could not help looking with envy upon the present condition of things in America. "Just think what London would be if we could get control of the drink traffic, if we could make drunken homes sober," he exclaimed. "It would have an enormous effect upon moral questions, because more than half of the immorality existing in the metropolis is due to intemperance."