

TEMPERANCE.

WHAT LIFE INSURANCE SHOWS.

The latest report of an English life insurance company is another evidence in favor of total abstinence. Comparing the general section with the temperance section, it is found that in the former the percentage of actual deaths during the past year, as compared with the expected deaths, was 79.34 per cent., while in the temperance section the same comparison was 54.67 per cent.

THE CHILDREN OF DRUNKARDS.

Upon no class of unfortunates does the curse of rum fall so heavily as upon the children of drunkards. In the recent report of the Belfast branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, it was authoritatively stated that ninety per cent. at least of the cruel wrongs practiced upon helpless children may be traced directly to drunkenness. We have no doubt that the same percentage would hold good in every other place where liquor is freely dispensed. The heaviest part of the curse, however, that falls upon childhood is not the cruel beatings, nor the neglect and starvation, but the inherited and cultivated vices and weaknesses of mind and body which make a pure and honest manhood and womanhood almost an impossible thing. For a child born of drunken parents, breathing and drinking in poisonous fumes and liquids from earliest infancy, there is surely no hope of salvation, save in a miracle of the grace of God in the heart. To expect that a person so born and nurtured could overcome the evil tendencies of his nature by the mere exertion of his own will power would be as vain as to expect a man to stem a Niagara flood with a spoon for a paddle. It is the might of God that can save.—Sacred Heart Review.

EXPENSIVE.

The saloon is an expensive institution. We cannot afford to keep its doors open for the sake of the paltry revenue it turns into the city, State or National Treasury. Each and every dollar taken in by way of revenue from the saloon is paid out again and several times over to care for the results of the traffic. The revenue argument in behalf of the saloon will not stand the test of investigation. It looks big to see a stream of money pouring into the Treasury, but when you see a much larger stream going out you may look for a deficit instead of a surplus.—Lever.

NO PLACE FOR BOYS.

Judge Stowe, of Pittsburg, Penn., recently refused a license to a liquor dealer, giving as his reason for denial that the applicant sold soft drink to boys. Said the Judge: "It is a very dangerous thing to sell anything soft or intoxicating to minors. A saloon is no place for boys. A boy may have a glass of beer occasionally, but for them to be in saloons is demoralizing and a bad habit. Even soft drinks should not be sold to them. If I had a son of seventeen or eighteen who loafed around taverns for soft drinks, I would be inclined to do some very serious business with him."

As regards the saloon, the judge is right as far as he goes, but he does not go far enough. If demoralizing to boys, is it not equally demoralizing to men? They are only boys of larger growth. It demoralizes every one who frequents it. A school of vice and crime, not one good thing can be said in its favor. As to the boys having "a glass of beer occasionally," he does not seem to realize that the beer itself is demoralizing and a stepping-stone to stronger drinks. It has the same devil in it that stronger liquors have, though in less proportion. Down with the drink! down with the saloon!—Temperance Advocate.

TEMPERANCE NEWS AND NOTES.

Philadelphia has forty more saloons this year than last.

The price of the first drink is often the value of a character.

Between the ages of twenty-five and thirty where ten total abstainers die, thirty-one moderate drinkers die.

In the workhouses of London during 1895 46195 were spent on beer, £1905 upon wine, and 44767 upon spirits.

The beer consumed in the United States last year would fill a canal ten feet deep, fifty feet wide and fifty miles long.

The elimination of the drink curse from the country would render almost business-less the police courts and let up mightily on the country's expenditure for crime.

"Will you take something?" said a teetotaler to a friend standing near a tavern. "Well, I don't mind if I do." "Come," said the teetotaler, "then, let's take a walk."

A temperance society of boys, from twelve to seventeen years of age, was lately organized at New Britain, Conn., and more than 200 members joined the organization at once.

A society of young women, attached to St. Peter's Church, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., have followed the example set by their sisters of Danbury, Conn., and declared that they will not associate in any way with young men who drink intoxicating liquors.

What does it profit a man to send his children to school, accumulate property, build big barns, etc., for his children, if his son is to go to ruin through the grogshop and his daughter preside over a drunkard's hotel? Let us save our children.

The American steamship line has it as an invariable rule that no captain or other officer, sailor or other employe shall use intoxicating liquor as a drink. A famous captain on one of its great lines recently said: "Many a time has a glass of whisky wrecked a ship."

Blunt Old Bismarck.

Baron Prokesch, the Austrian plenipotentiary and president of the Diet, in the early days at Frankfurt, was much in the habit of bullying. One evening, when at a large social gathering, Bismarck and Prokesch, surrounded by a brilliant group of diplomats, were discussing a protocol based on certain equivocations, Prokesch said, looking straight at Bismarck: "If that were not true, then I, in the name of my imperial master, should have been guilty of lying!" Returning his gaze without a symptom of faltering, "Precisely so, your excellency," slowly said Bismarck. The group, thunderstruck and embarrassed, scarcely knew which way to turn. Prokesch moved away; but later, at the supper-table, he came over to Bismarck with a glass of champagne and "Well, let us make peace." "Assuredly," said Bismarck, "but the protocol must be altered." And it was.

Throat Paralysis.

(From the Courier-Herald, Saginaw, Mich.)

It was publicly talked all over Clara County, Michigan, for some time before the Courier-Herald sent a reporter to Dover to fully investigate the Coulter matter. He finally went, and we publish to-day his full report. The Coulters are prominent people, though Mrs. C. in response to the question whether she objected to being interviewed, said, "Certainly not." Her story follows:

"About 14 years ago we decided to take up our abode in Dover and everything went along smoothly for several years, business progressed, and being of a saving temperament we accumulated quite an amount. Our family increased as the years rolled by and we now have 5 children living, the oldest 15, youngest 3, but sickness made its way into our household, and doctors' bills flooded upon us, until we have nothing left but our home and these sweet children. Everything went to satisfy the claims of physicians.

"About three years ago I had a miserable feeling at the back of my ears, my right hand became paralyzed and the paralysis extended to my arm and throat, and would affect my head and eyes, sometimes for days I would lose my sight, my face was deformed, lifeless as it were, my nose was drawn to one side, and I presented a pitiable appearance and never expecting to regain my natural facial expressions. I employed the best physicians that could be procured, expending thousands of dollars for their services, but could not obtain relief. At last, they stated my case was beyond the reach of medical skill, and it would be but a short time until the end would come. This certainly was not very encouraging to me, but I never gave up hope. In connection with receiving the attendance of physicians I have tried every medicine known to the apothecary but never received any relief until Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People came to my assistance. Before I had taken half of the first box the deformity in my face had left me, and before four boxes had been consumed the paralysis had disappeared entirely, and much to my surprise I felt like a new woman. I have not taken any medicine since last spring, just about a year ago, and my trouble has not appeared since. I owe my health, my life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"A short time since my little boy John was afflicted with St. Vitus' dance. He could not walk across the room without assistance, in fact he would fall all over himself, but after taking a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, St. Vitus' dance entirely left him, and no trace of the affliction is left. These Pills are worth their weight in gold. You may say in this connection that I am willing at any time to make affidavit to the truth of these statements, and furthermore, I will answer any communication concerning my case, as I consider it nothing more than right and just that I should assist suffering humanity."

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SOME ODDITIES OF MARRIAGE.

Widows and Widowers Generally Avoid Single Life and Mate Again.

It has been remarked that times of speculation are invariably accompanied by increase of marriages. Dr. Farr, the eminent statistician, hazards therefore, the suggestion that it is the spirit of speculation itself that leads many to embark on matrimony at such times. Another reason, which he is careful not to ignore, is the increased prosperity that induces and sometimes seems to accompany what he calls the periodical epidemics of speculation. A great war, after it is over, is good for marriage. So is a good harvest, so is the establishment of new industries or the extension of old ones. The reason is the same in all these instances; the increased prosperity of the general body of the people. So intimately is matrimony associated with national well-doing that it has come to be styled the barometer of prosperity. Its indications, however, are more for the future than for the present, dealing rather with the expected and anticipated than with the actual. But this only goes to substantiate what was said of marriage as speculation. The nation is sometimes extraordinarily sanguine, and when this is the case marriages are plentiful. Great popular leaders inspire this feeling. A statesman of genius at the head of affairs perceptibly increases the marriage rate. In a word, the great fluctuations in the marriages are the result of peace after war, abundance after dearth, high wages after want of employment, speculation after languid enterprise, confidence after distrust, and national triumphs after national disasters.

The marriage returns invariably show a corresponding increase for any augmentation in the duties paid upon malt, wine and spirits. They in the same way keep pace with the consumption of tea, sugar, coffee and tobacco, and with the imports of raw silk, cotton, wool and timber. The one increase is not, however, the cause of the other; both are but effects of the same cause—increased national prosperity. Marriages after banns are five times as numerous as marriages after licenses. When the price of wheat is high the diminution in the former class is comparatively much greater than in the latter. They are the first to be affected by high prices, licenses and banns being regarded as the prospective badges of capital and labor—not without important exceptions, however. Autumn is the favorite season everywhere; with a few spring is preferred. Half the weddings throughout the country are celebrated on Wednesday and Thursday. Saturday has more than the average number. Friday is not a favorite, as few marriages are celebrated on that day. Widowers are more inclined to marry than bachelors. Widows are more inclined to marry than spinsters. Both facts are eloquently in favor of the comparative advantages of matrimony. For one bachelor that marries between the ages of 50 and 55 seven widowers remarry between these ages. These are marriages out of an equal number of each class; the actual number of bachelors married will be greatest only in proportion as they exceed by seven to one the actual number of widowers living at these ages. Under the same conditions, for every spinster married between 30 and 65 two widows are remarried.—New York Dispatch.

Good Sound Conductor.

The sound of a bell can be heard through the water at a distance of 45,200 feet. Through the air it can be heard at a distance of only 456 feet.

A Standing Cavalry Order.

An old cavalryman says that a horse will never step on a man intentionally. It is a standing order in the English cavalry that, should a man become dismounted, he must lie down and keep perfectly still. If he does so the entire troop will pass over him without his being injured. A horse notices where he is going, and is on the lookout for a firm foundation to put his feet on. It is an instinct with him, therefore, to step over a prostrate man. The injuries caused to human beings by a runaway horse are nearly always inflicted by the animal knocking them down, and not by his stepping on them.—Boston Herald.

There is only one thing prettier than the sunrise, and that is an early morning nap.



ON THE ROAD

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