

by intemperance. (Toronto *Globe*, 16th March, 1885.) Dr. D. Clarke, of Toronto Asylum, states that while a large proportion of the cases are hereditary, they spring largely from intemperance as their original cause. Dr. Richardson states that Dr. Edgar Shepherd declares that forty per cent. of the persons who come into the great Asylum at Colney Hatch, England, are brought there from the direct or indirect effects of drink. Dr. Mason, of England, says: "That inebriety of parents should be regarded as one predisposing cause of insanity in children. The principal cause is the inebriety of parents; 92 out of 116 cases in one asylum have such parentage. Dr. Richardson holds that this is one of the chief causes of both disease and insanity transmitted by parents to children, and this cause may continue to increase from generation to generation until at last the world would become one gigantic inebriate asylum. Dr. Howe reports that of 300 idiots in Massachusetts, one half were the progeny of habitual drunkards. Thus we see that vice and crime, pauperism and insanity, and all the burdens and miseries of society, spring mainly from the liquor traffic. Shall we not demand prohibition?"