

Other reasons for striking a club off the register are :

"That persons who are not members are habitually admitted to the club merely for the purpose of obtaining intoxicating liquor.

"That the club occupies premises in respect of which within twelve months preceding the formation of the club a license has been forfeited or the renewal of a license has been refused.

"That the supply of intoxicating liquor is not under the control of the members or the committee appointed by the members.

"That persons are habitually admitted as members without an interval of at least forty-eight hours between their nomination and admission."—*Commercial Tribune*.

Suicide of Doctors.

The *Chicago Tribune's* suicide record for last year shows that 8,231 Americans took their lives. The number who killed themselves in 1901 was 7,245, in 1900, 6,755, and in 1899, 5,340. The increase of 2,891 cases of self-destruction over the record for 1899 may properly excite grave apprehension. The causes alleged for last year's suicides were : Despondency, 3,150 ; unknown, 2,756 ; insanity, 309 ; ill-health, 433 ; domestic unhappiness 865 ; liquor, 136 ; disappointed love, 375 ; business losses, 67.

A feature of these suicides which cannot be deemed unusual, for it is corroborated by other statistics, but which possesses significance, was the large percentage of physicians among those slain by their own hands. In the list of prominent persons who killed themselves there are thirty-six doctors—nearly 5 per cent. of the total. Mulhall's figures for Europe show an equally high percentage. In a suicide record of 222 per 1,000,000 of population the number of doctors killing themselves was 472.

Why should the rate be so high ? Is the doctor more quickly disillusionized about life from his more intimate study of man than the ordinary member of society ? To begin one's career over a cadaver in a dissecting-room, and to spend one's lifetime studying forms of disease—does that induce a desire to shuffle off the mortal coil ?

Regarding the great increase of suicide in all ranks of society, these words of Skelton may be quoted :

"It is a disheartening thing to have to acknowledge that after the wonderful progress of mankind during the last fifty or sixty years the individual practically finds life less enjoyable and more difficult than before."—*New York World*.