

## The Temperance Cause.

## KING ALCOHOL.

SIR WILLIAM GULL'S OPINION OF THE  
ENEMY OF MANKIND.

THE following extract is from the evidence given by Sir William Gull, M. D., F. R. S., before the Select Committee of the House of Lords on intemperance. He said:—

"I think that instead of flying to alcohol, as many people do when they are exhausted, they might very well drink water, or they might very well take food, and would be very much better without alcohol. If I am fatigued with overwork, personally, my food is very simple. I eat the raisins instead of drinking the wine. I have had a very large experience in that practice for thirty years. This is my own personal experience, and I believe it is a very good and true experience.

"I should join issue at once with those who believe that intellectual work can not be so well done without wine or alcohol. I should deny that proposition and hold the very opposite. It is one of the commonest things in English society, that people are injured by drink without being drunkards. It goes on so quietly that it is even very difficult to observe. There is a great deal of injury done to the health by the habitual use of wines in their various kinds, and alcohol in its various shapes, even in so-called moderate quantities. It leads to the degeneration of tissues; it spoils the health and it spoils the intellect.

"I think, as a rule, you might stop the supply of alcohol at once without injury. It is said in some cases the brain has entirely gone from leaving drink off suddenly; but that is fallacious, the brain may have gone from previous habits. I hardly know any more potent cause of disease than alcohol, leaving out of view the fact that it is a frequent source of crime of all descriptions. I am persuaded that lecturers should go about the country lecturing to people of the middle and upper-middle classes upon the disadvantages of alcohol as it is daily used.

"The public ought to know that of all the fluents or solvents for the nutritious parts of food there is nothing like water. Water dries into the system the nutriment in its best form."

DR. B. W. RICHARDSON, before the Social Science Congress, said: "I do not overestimate the fact when I say that if such a miracle could be performed in England as a general conversion to temperance the vitality of the nation would rise one-third in value." It is just as true with reference to this country.

EIGHTY million bushels of grain are destroyed a year in the manufacture of liquor in Great Britain.

THE Church of England Temperance Society has 2443 Branches, a membership of 432,674, and an income of £114,135.

## PARAGRAPHIC.

The fund raised by the *Irish World* for O'Donnell's defence already amounts to £1,500.

A calculation made at the post office department shows only one registered letter in every 13,000 is lost.

Twenty-five years ago there was sold in Milan a library of 30,000 volumes, all of which were of woman's authorship.

The Montreal Board of Trade is of the opinion that the telegraph system should be under the control of the Government.

The agent of the secret service division at Duluth, Minn., has captured a set of counterfeit plates of \$5 notes on the Bank of Montreal.

Of thirty marriages between American girls and titled Germans, Consul Potter (at Creffield) assures us that all but one have resulted in abandonment, separation, divorce, or some other disaster.

We note that the exports of cheese from Canada to Great Britain this season have assumed immense proportions, the value of shipments from Montreal alone to date being fully \$4,000,000.

Calvinism seems entirely to have lost its foothold in the home of its birth. In Geneva, Switzerland, it is said that every minister of the State Protestant Church is an avowed agnostic, or an opponent to Christianity.

In the year ending June 30, 1881, there were in Japan 255 banks with an aggregate capital of about 8½ millions. The profits realised were over 16 per cent, and the dividends declared over 13 per cent. of the capital.

An electrical tramcar has been successfully run at Paris by the French Electrical Power Storage Company. The car, an ordinary three horse one as used on the Paris tramways, traversed thirty miles in about three hours.

In a letter to the *Times*, Lord Braye urges that long days now spent in our Universities in unravelling the difficulties of Greek tragic poets might, with far better result, be devoted to acquiring at least the rudiments of Hebrew.

The Raphael which belonged to the Dusseldorf Gallery 100 years ago and was lost on its way to Munich about 1805, has been found, it is said, in a little country house in Rhenish Prussia rolled up behind the wainscot.

A remarkable phenomenon was lately observed in Southern India, the sun having for some days presented a distinctly green colour. The Government Astronomer thinks this was caused by the passage of clouds of sulphurous vapour from the Java volcanoes.

A German *savant*, Dr. Weil, after examining the ears of 5,905 scholars, suggests that if children seem to be inattentive steps should be taken to ascertain whether they are not hard of hearing. When that is ascertained to be the case prompt remedies might afford a relief which it would be hopeless to expect later in life.

Official returns give the estimated value of the diamonds found in South Africa and exported to Europe through the Kimberly Post Office as:—

1876, £1,807,532; 1877, £2,112,427; 1878, £2,672,745; 1879, £2,846,831; 1880, £3,367,897; 1881, £4,176,202; 1882, £3,992,502—total, £20,975,934.

Out of the awards at the Amsterdam Exhibition, Great Britain takes 19 diplomas of honor, 51 gold, 70 silver, 54 bronze medals, and 25 honorable mentions; British India 15 diplomas of honor, 36 gold, 61 silver, 41 bronze medals, and 24 honorable mentions.

## A Remarkable Result.

W. A. Edgards, of Frankville, was a terrible sufferer from Chronic Kidney and Liver Complaint, and at one time was so bad that his life was despaired of. He was cured by four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters.

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## A Common Annoyance.

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American companies have spent over \$30,000,000 in railroads in Mexico, and completed over 1,600 miles of track.

## Caution.

We advise all who are afflicted with a cold or cough to beware of opiates and all medicines that smother and check a cough suddenly, as serious results surely follow. Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam loosens and breaks up coughs and colds in a safe and effectual manner.

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## Do Not Be Duped.

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