

#### **14. Alcohol and the War.**

"We are fighting Germany, Austria and drink, and so far as I can see, the greatest of these three deadly foes is drink." (Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George.)

#### **15. Alcohol and Russia.**

"The sale of all intoxicating drinks has been forbidden in the government of Tkaterinoslav, and this measure soon showed its beneficent effects upon the population of the government, which comprises an enormous industrial district, populated by hundreds of thousands of workingmen. Therefore the effects of the prohibition of the sale of liquors became noticeable here much sooner and clearer than elsewhere. These effects were especially noticeable in affecting two sides of the people's life, viz.: the amount of time decreased, and the general prosperity increased.

"According to statistical data, the percentage of crime has decreased to a minimum, and the greater part of crime in the past was directly attributable to the influence of intoxicating drinks. At present the leisure time of the workingmen and of other classes of working population, which before, in view of many social and psychological conditions, was spent in drunkenness and debauchery, is now spent rationally, the means for thus spending the leisure time being in a large degree provided by the administration.

"The tremendous growth of savings, reported by the many savings institutions, which cover the government as with a net, bears witness to the fact that the general prosperity has been increased enormously. This makes it possible for the people to improve and increase their domestic economy." (Governor Zhelobov.)

#### **16. Alcohol and the National Future.**

"If I could destroy to-morrow the desire for strong drink in the people of England, what changes we would see. We should see our gaols and workhouses empty. We should see more lives saved in twelve months than are consumed in a century of bitter and savage war." (Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, 1874).

"A universal cry of despair rises from the whole universe at the sight of the disasters caused by alcoholism. . . . This invasion of alcoholism ought to be regarded by everyone as a public danger, and the principle that the future of the world will be in the hands of the temperate ought to be inculcated into the masses as a truth that is incontestable." (Prof. Brouardel.)

"The latest and most authentic statistics show that over ten per cent. of all mortality is due to the abuse of alcohol, and fully twenty per cent. of all disease is traceable to this cause; also that over fifty per cent. of insanity, idiocy, and pauperism springs from this source. All authorities agree that from seventy-five to ninety per cent. of all criminality is caused by the abuse of alcohol." (T. D. Crothers, M.D., Superintendent Walnut Lodge Hospital, Hartford, Conn.)