Earl Roberts, and almost all others among the leading military men.

The Director-General of the Royal Army Medical Department says that in India, the hospital admissions have fallen from between fourteen and fifteen per thousand to between two and four per thousand within the last twenty years. At Sierra Leone, perhaps the worst climate the British soldier has to serve in, notes Colonel Fawkes, the following comparison has been received from the Senior Medical officer for the first ten montns of 1908:

Total Abstainers—Strength, 60; admissions into hospital, 29.

Non-Abstainers—Strength, 213; admissions into hospital, 321.

Lord Kitchener states that in India with the diminution of drinking, the number of courts-martial is reduced one-half. There were 33 courts-martial at Singapore in 1907 but not one among the abstainers.

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Alcohol Enemy of The Railroad Man.

Chairman A. Faulkner, J. P., of the United Kingdom Railway Temperance Union, noted the fact that the movement organized in 1882 now has a membership of 44,000, in addition to which there are probably 60,000 more total abstainers in the service of the English railways who are members of other societies. This organization has its own official organ, "On the Line," having a circulation of 160,000 a year. In conclusion, Chairman Faulkner declared:

"The information which I have been able to put before you, gathered from the best sources, proves that in all civilized countries those who direct the railway services are awaking to the important fact that alcohol is not conducive to efficiency, and that in those countries which are comparatively new, and which are untrameled by ancient traditions and customs, the abolition of intoxicating drinks from the railway service is most drastic. The verdict, therefore, of the railways is, that alcohol is dangerous, and the signals are set against it, for without doubt it impairs the brain power and physique of the workers, and it is essential that it be abstained from by the railway men, that they may be as efficient as the service requires and the safety of the public demands."

Alcohol The Deadliest Enemy Of The Home.

One of the most suggestive and impressive papers of the whole congress was that written by Mr. and Mrs. Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, and which was read by Mrs. Booth. The subject was "Alcohol in Relation to the Home." Significant points developed were as follows:

"The home is not only the seed plot of a nation's continued existence, but it is the spring from which proceeds all that is essential to the true patriotism of a people, to the real power of any community, and to the sustained influence of national life and institutions.

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"A wide experience of the conditions of life in many countries and a somewhat close acquaintance with the inner facts of social progress among the working and peasant classes over a large part of the world, has brought an important body of information on this and kindred subjects to the officers of the Salvation Army. This paper is intended to present to the congress—as briefly as may be—some of the principal conclusions at which we have arrived as to the influence of strong drink upon the life of the people as that life is seen in their homes.

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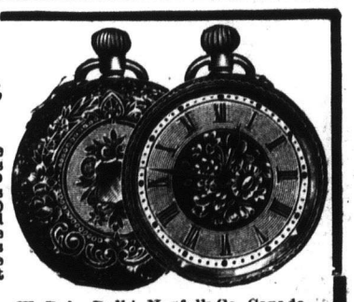

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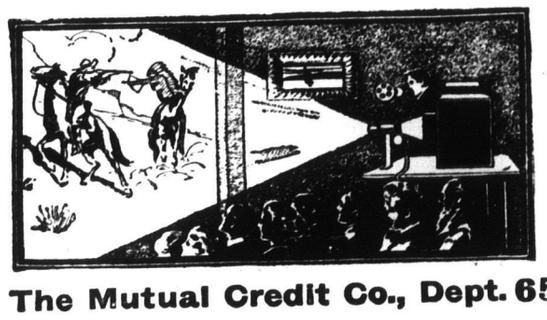

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