

Where the wife is a habitual drunkard the Court may, instead of making a separation order, order the wife, with her consent, to be committed to a retreat licensed under the inebriates' act.

And now we come to the part of the act which will enable the police to deal more effectively with the lamentable Jane Cakebreads of a future generation.

The police belonging to the district where the Court is are so receive notice of the conviction of any offender under this act, where the court is satisfied that an order of detention could be made.

"If the convicted person within three years after the date of the conviction purchases or obtains, or attempts to purchase or obtain, any intoxicating liquor at any premises licensed for the sale of intoxicating liquor by retail, or at the premises of any club registered in pursuance of the provisions of Part III. of this (licensing) act, he shall be liable, on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding, for the first offense, twenty shillings, and for any subsequent offense, forty shillings."

*Publican's Risk.*—Pub'ans, wine and spirit merchants, and any persons "selling, supplying or distributing intoxicating liquors, or authorizing such sale, etc.," on the premises of a club registered under Part III. of this (licensing) act, are under an even more onerous liability than the habitual drunkard himself.

"If, within three years of the conviction of such a person, the publican or wine merchant or club manager knowingly sells, supplies or distributes, or allows any person to sell, supply or distribute intoxicating liquor to, or for the consumption of, any such person (habitual drunkard), he shall be liable, on summary conviction, for the first offense, to a fine not exceeding £10, and for any subsequent offense in respect of the same person to a fine not exceeding £20."

The friend who encourages the drunken person to go on drinking also comes in for attention. This section of the act is particularly clear:

"Any person who, being on any premises licensed for the sale of any intoxicating liquor, whether on or off such premises, shall procure or attempt to procure any intoxicating liquor for consumption by any drunken person, or who shall aid and abet any drunken person in obtaining or consuming any intoxicating liquor on any premises so licensed as aforesaid, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding forty shillings, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for any period not exceeding one month."

It may be added that the police will be called upon to warn publicans of these convictions, and help, as far as possible, the publican in establishing the identity of convicted drunkards.