

5. *Medicinal Drinking*.—"I speak advisedly when I say that many sad cases of the worst type of incurable intemperance, particularly among women in the upper ranks of life, may be clearly traced to the highly injudicious way in which various kinds of stimuli have been indiscriminately exhibited medicinally—no doubt with the best intentions—to patients suffering from diseases associated with diminished vital force and nervous energy."

The *Evangelical Witness*, of Belfast, from which we have quoted the above paragraphs from Dr. Winslow, adds:—

We hope Dr. Winslow's suggestions will be attended to. We hope that the philanthropists of our country will take into their consideration the lamentable state of the thousands of our land, who are reduced by this vice to the borders of ruin, and that they will, either by private means or Government aid, seek for the erection of sanatoria where these miserable creatures may be taken care of, and, if God will, restored to their right mind.

But we hope still farther that they will see that worthy an object as is the cure of this malady, the *prevention* of it is one still more worthy. And how is that prevention to be effected? The plan is simple. It is to do at the beginning what you do at the end. It is, do with all men what you do with that poor drunkard when you want to save him. *It is not to use in any shape or form alcoholic liquor—this dangerous and deadly enemy of our race.* No other remedy ever has been effectual but this. And were this done, then, even if you had sanatoria erected, you might close them, and, along with them, a large number of our jails, almshouses, workhouses, and lunatic asylums. Dr. Forbes Winslow is not a total abstainer—at least we do not know that he is—but there is no book we ever have read that preaches total abstinence more powerfully than this book of his "*On Uncontrollable Drunkenness.*" "*He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*"

Missionary Intelligence.

THE SASKATCHEWAN MISSION.

We are in receipt of a letter from Rev. J. Nesbit, latest date 22nd July. The communication refers almost entirely to business matters. He refers to the arrival of Mr. Adam McBeath as school teacher. The school is succeeding admirably. Already they have a larger number of *paying* pupils promised them will cover the expenses. The school appears already to have commended itself to the approval of the chief officers of the H. B. Company; and all who have visited the mission are astonished at the progress made in such a short time and with so little outlay. Ten acres are under crop, and on equal amount broken up and ready for crop. The missionary laborers are gaining an influence over the Indians, and in the meantime, every thing is in a hopeful state. The families connected with the mission are comfortable, although Mrs. Nesbit and Mrs. McKay have not been very strong, having suffered from over-exertion. Mr. Nesbit, in the conclusion of his letter, says:—"Mr. C. Clarke, who is now in charge here, tells me that our mission is spoken of in the Council of the H. B. Company in the highest terms of praise. I trust, however, we shall ever seek something higher than the praise of man."