

TEMPERANCE COLUMN.

THE TREATMENT OF INEBRIATES.

By DENIS ARKWAIGHT.

(Continued.)

But there are so many obstacles to such a scheme, so many difficulties involved in it, perhaps some one objects. Of course there are. Who ever started any scheme to benefit humanity since the world began without encountering them? There is, I believe, no obstacle that cannot be overcome—no difficulty that cannot be conquered in this. The genius of Christianity has proved itself equal to greater ones over and over again. Have we not lately seen that it can accept even joyfully long-life exile in an island peopled with victims to the most loathsome and terrible of all diseases? If there are amongst us men and women whose ardent charity does not shrink from immolation in a leper settlement, there must be also those who, if the untrodden path is but indicated to them, would cheerfully come forward to aid their brothers and sisters to conquer in the terrible hand-to-hand conflict with alcoholic cravings. Not in the ways we all know so well—I had almost said *ad nauseam*; but working with them as well as for them to restore the lost sense of honorable independence and self-respect—to give them hope for the future, when the shame of a miserable past weighs down their spirits; to give them some end in life, and labor practically to induce them to adopt some occupation for brain and hand. Let any taste for music, for painting, carving, modelling, art needlework, writing, be warmly encouraged; let access to the best and noblest literature be freely given; also to gardens stocked with beautiful and curious plants, perhaps with aviaries of sweet singing or brilliant birds, that Nature, with her healing influences, may soothe the morbid, troubled soul. Though I would have such an arrangement eleemosynary in the very highest sense, yet let those who can—or whose relations can—pay for their support according to their means; only the greatest care should be taken to let no *souppçon* of the ordinary boarding house creep into the management of affairs. Above all let them not be always, or, indeed, very much together, but let them have bright energetic companions, ready always to help and strengthen them.

Only those who have had special means for studying the subject know of the pressing need for such homes—for such succour. Very frequently acute and needless suffering is caused by patients of refined feelings and gentle birth being placed in the charge of coarse-minded men and women, entirely better than a jailor's instinct, and a vulgar feeling of triumph over one who is their superior by birth and breeding. I could tell you of a patient kept in a lunatic asylum longer than was needful because of

the difficulty of finding a home, which, when found, proved to be the last degree unsatisfactory. I have known attempts made to prevent the Commissioners in Lunacy from letting an inmate know of his legal freedom, of a suggestion to abstract such a letter if it did arrive. Happily, both these scandalous proposals were frustrated. But there may be other cases in which low cunning like this has succeeded. These are extreme cases. Yet even in "home" where a far more humane and upright ruling prevails, self-interest seems so far to carry the day that serious and sustained attempts to help patients to return to a professional career are rarely if ever made.

None are more helpless, lunatics scarcely excepted, than men or women who have given way to habits of intoxication. There is a shameful and degraded past behind them; its memory and the faces of business-like strangers are with them in the present. Old friends shrink from them, turn away coldly and distrustfully from faltering promises of amendment, and draw aside their children quickly—"unkindest out of all," as if contagion. What wonder if for trembling hands and palsied gait there seems nothing on which to lean,—for dimmed vision and that carkering remorse which makes a foretaste of hell within, there seems no future refuge, but madness, or suicide, or a drunkard's grave.

By all means urge total abstinence on such. But do not think your work ends there; it is begun—there is "aching void" to fill, or seven devils may return with the first to take possession of the empty, swept and garnished dwelling. We know it is almost a common place that many of the finest and most highly wrought minds, the most brilliant intellects, have become slaves to the wine cup. Why should not noble brotherhoods and sisterhoods band together to reach and rescue those who cannot be gained by the more ordinary methods? And those who remember the Divine compassion expressed "for the weak, and diseased, and them that are out of the way," the halting, the torn and wounded in life's battle, will need no other motive in laboring to restore to this poor flock "the grass which the locust and palmer-worm have eaten."

Memorial Tablets.

These plates can be made in a variety of ways, either of one metal or a combination of metals. The borders can be cast, repoussé or engraved.

All information, together with photographs of work already executed, can be supplied by the Ecclesiastical Department of the GORHAM M'f'g Co., Silversmiths, Broadway and 19th streets, New York.

11,000 COPIES ISSUED
 "Reasons for Being a Churchman."
 By the Rev. Arthur Wilde Little
 Rector St. Paul's, Portland, Me.

Neatly bound in Cloth, 292 pages, Price \$1.16 by mail.

"One of the most perfect instruments for sound instruction concerning the Church that has been offered to Churchmen. The whole temper of the book is courteous, kindly and humble. This book ought to be in the hands of every Churchman. Of all books upon this important subject it is the most readable. It is popular and attractive in style, in the best sense. We commend it most heartily to every Clergyman for personal help and parochial use. We would, if we could, place a copy in the hands of every member of the English-speaking race. And we are assured that, once begun, it will be read with interest from preface to conclusion. No better text book could be found for a class of adults, who desire to give a reason for their faith, and be Churchmen in reality.—Church Record.

THE PATTERN LIFE.—Lessons for the Children from the Life of our Lord. By W. Chatterton Dix. Illustrated. Price, \$1.50.
 At the end of each chapter are questions, and all is written in a simple and interesting style suitable for children, and a most valuable aid to any mother who cares to train her children in religious truth.

SADLER'S COMMENTARY ON ST. LUKE, which has been so anxiously looked for, has at last been issued, and orders can now be filled promptly. Price \$2.42 including postage. It is larger than the preceding volumes of his Commentary, and is sold fifty cents higher.

THE GOSPEL AND PHILOSOPHY.—The Rev. Dr. Dix's new book.—Being a course of lectures delivered in Trinity Chapel, New York, has been received. Price \$1.50.

PLAIN PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.—By the Rev. Geo. W. Douglas, D.D., is the best book of private devotions for children. Price 40 cents, cloth, and 25 cents paper covers.

The above may be ordered from
 The Young Churchman Co.,
 Milwaukee, Wis.

ADVERTISE

THE CHURCH GUARDIAN

BY FAR THE Best Medium for advertising

Church of England Journal

IT REACHES EVERY PART OF THE DOMINION.

Address
 THE CHURCH GUARDIAN
 190 St. James Street, Montreal

THE CHURCH GUARDIAN A Weekly Newspaper.

NON-PARTISAN INDEPENDENT

Is published every Wednesday in the interests of the Church of England in Canada, and in Rupert's Land and the North-West.

Special Correspondents in different Dioceses.

OFFICE; 190 St. James Street Montreal.

SUBSCRIPTION
 (Postage in Canada and U. S. free.)
 If Paid (strictly in advance) - \$1.50 per an
 ONE YEAR TO CLERGY - - - - - 1.00

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTINUED, UNLESS ORDERED OTHERWISE BEFORE DATE OF EXPIRATION OF SUBSCRIPTION.

REMITTANCES requested by POST-OFFICE ORDER, payable to L. H. DAVIDSON, otherwise at subscriber's risk

Receipt acknowledged by change of address. If special receipt required, stamped envelope or post-card necessary.

In changing an Address, send the OLD as well as the NEW Address.

ADVERTISING.

THE GUARDIAN having a CIRCULATION LARGELY IN EXCESS OF ANY OTHER CHURCH PAPER, and extending throughout the Dominion, the North-West and Newfoundland, will be found one of the best mediums for advertising.

RATES.

1st insertion	- -	10c. per line Nonpareil
Each subsequent insertion	-	5c. per line
3 months	- - - - -	75c. per line
6 months	- - - - -	\$1.25 "
12 months	- - - - -	\$2.00 "

MARRIAGE and BIRTH NOTICES, 50c. each insertion. DEATH NOTICES free.

Obituaries, Complimentary Resolutions, Appeals, Acknowledgments, and other similar matter, 15c. per line

All Notices must be prepaid.

Address Correspondence and Communications to the Editor

P. O. Box 504. Exchanges to P. O. Box 1908, Montreal