

by his class-mates ; and his epileptic seizures, all testify to this conclusion.

While, perhaps, not insane in the ordinary acceptance of the term, and hence not fitted for ordinary asylum care, it is none the less sure that L. T. should not be at large, and it is to be regretted that the province does not possess an institution specially designed for such cases, wherein they could be detained on indeterminate sentences.

As clearly defining the status of drunkards and the means best adapted for their care, we quote the following from the report of a Select Committee of the British House of Commons, appointed in 1870, Dr. Dalrymple chairman, to enquire into the medico-legal relations of habitual drunkenness.

" That occasional drunkenness may, and very frequently does, become confirmed and habitual, and soon passes into the condition of a disease uncontrolled by the individual, unless indeed some extraneous influence, either punitive or curative, is brought into play.

" That self-control is suspended or annihilated, moral obligations are disregarded, the decencies of private and the duties of public life are alike set at naught, and individuals obey only an overwhelming craving for stimulant to which everything is sacrificed.

" That the absence of all power to check the downward course of a drunkard, and the urgent necessity of providing it, has been dwelt upon by nearly every witness ; and the legal control of an habitual inebriate, either in a reformatory or in a private dwelling, is recommended, in the belief that many cases of death resulting from intoxication, including suicides and homicides, may be thus prevented."

MUNIFICENT GIFTS TO THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF McGILL UNIVERSITY.

At the Annual Dinner of the Undergraduates of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, held at the Windsor Hotel on the 15th instant, the Chancellor, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, in replying to the toast of " Old McGill," intimated that he had been instructed by Lady Strathcona to make known her wish to donate the sum of \$50,000 to the funds of the Medical Faculty.

It is scarcely necessary to say that this announcement was received with the greatest delight by every one present. When the Chancellor was enabled to proceed, he further intimated that his daughter, the Hon. Mrs. Bliss Howard, had also directed him to make known her wish to contribute likewise the sum of \$50,000 to enable the Medical Faculty to continue and extend the sphere of its usefulness.