

may be still held in esteem by his fellow-citizens, and may think himself sheltered from the dangers to which the abuse of liquor unconsciously leads him. But sooner or later, he will give signs of early decrepitude and premature old age.

A drunkard, on the contrary, draws the attention and contempt of all, by openly showing his degradation ; he wilfully becomes an object of mockery to all by his grotesque behaviour during his fits of drunkenness. But as soon as he returns to his senses, he is often ashamed of himself and feels a disgust for the state of abjection into which he has fallen, and he curses his passion, until he begins again to satisfy it.

The sufferers from Alcoholism are more numerous than those commonly called drunkards.

23. *What is ebriety or intoxication ?*

It is a transient state of poisoning caused by the too abundant and rapid absorption of Alcoholic liquors.

24. *How is it manifested ?*

This poisoning is manifested at once by physical signs showing that certain organs, the stomach, intestines, lungs, heart and nerves, have been affected by liquor, and also by