

fourth. These were consultation cases, and I dare say might have been proved, if I had felt that the duty of public prosecutor devolved upon me. But what of the scores of cases, where application has been made to me for this murderous act, and where I have refused my ministrations?

I have in my mind at this moment, one woman who offered me \$100 to procure abortion for her. It is not often fees like that come in our way. I know she was pregnant. What became of the child? It has never been produced before the world. The inference is inevitable. It was murdered! From the number of applications made to me for this purpose, I estimate the number of these cases in Windsor, or rather Essex, at not less than fifty per annum. When we consider the terrible penalties inflicted by society on the female sex for incontinence, we need not wonder at the desperate efforts young girls make to escape them. The suicides with which the papers teem, and which wring the hearts of all but the most heartless, evince the struggles of blind desperation. When you are solicited to interfere for the relief of these poor wretches, pity them, pity them with your whole hearts; relieve them by any legitimate means within your power, but meet their entreaties with prompt, decided refusal. Do not discuss the point with them. Do you think I insult you, by implying that their tears and prayers might induce you to participate in a felony? Perhaps you indignantly exclaim, "Is thy servant a dog, that he should do this thing?" Patience, my dear friend; the temptation to do so is sometimes fearful. In a case of which I have minute knowledge, four households of the highest respectability were menaced with the utmost misery. Marriage was impossible; I must not tell you why. The poor child (for she was scarcely more than a child) protested that if not relieved, rather than disgrace her recently-married sister, and kill her mother, she would conceal her fault and avert exposure by suicide. Thank God, I have no confession to make in this case; I did not yield, but my heart bled when I refused her. "A city set on a hill cannot be hid," but "her poor health took her to a watering-place, about 170 miles from home, and she returned cured." Poor girl! Believe me, gentlemen, you may be subjected to severe temptation, but being forewarned, you must be forearmed.

As for the cases of married women, who, in

order to shirk the responsibilities of maternity, seek to make you accomplices in a felony, you can have no difficulty. I have had hundreds of such applications. The crime of foeticide is fearfully prevalent, and rapidly increasing, and corrupting and debasing the country both morally and physically. Perhaps we are in a measure responsible for its increase. No doubt! the proper dyke to restrain this flood of pollution is religion, and we are not called on to be preachers. True, but we are in a certain sense the sentries, upon whom the public relies for the purposes of hygiene.

This crime is destroying the community. It is worse than Typhus or Small-pox. How are we to restrain it? We cannot attack it in the public press, delicacy forbids that. Our assaults in the medical press would not reach those who need the instruction and warning. The pulpit is out of the question. Where is the clergyman who would dare preach a sermon upon the text, "Thou shalt do no murder" and make special, distinct, intelligible application of this text to this species of murder? I had for many years noted and wondered at the fact, that of the married women who sought my co-operation, nearly all were Protestants. Being myself a Protestant of the broadest Orange stripe, and not ready to acknowledge any marked moral inferiority in my co-religionists, I was for a long season puzzled, but I think the solution is this. The Pulpit is debarred, but the Roman Catholic Priesthood, have in their confessional an opportunity of instructing and warning their flock. Protestant women do not go there, but we, and we only, have the private confidential ear of the whole sex, and it is, I conceive our duty, to lose no opportunity of diffusing the information we possess in this regard. Let us purify the moral atmosphere. Let us make the whole sex know that it is murder, when the embryo is but four weeks old, as completely as if the nine months of foetal life had been reached or passed. We have a duty to perform, and we have countless opportunities of doing it.

TREATMENT OF DELIRIUM TREMENS.— Dr. D. H. Kitchen (*Amer. Jour. Insanity*, Jan., 1875), in an elaborate article upon delirium tremens, recommends the following as the most effective treatment: A generous diet is given, full doses of fluid extract of conium during the day to control muscular action, and during the evening hydrate of chloral with tincture of hyoscyamus, repeated until sleep is secured