

SOCIAL REFORM.

Remarkable Statistics Regarding the Effects of Intoxicants.

How a State Paid Off Its Debts Through Prohibitory Legislation.

The National W. C. T. U. convention of 400 delegates from 44 States, 5 Territories, and the district of Columbia will meet in Denver, Colorado, Oct. 28 to Nov. 3.

Two young men have established a mission at Cape Prince of Wales, Alaska. They give heartening accounts of the havoc wrought by liquor among the natives.

Out of 57 children in ten families of drinkers but ten showed a normal constitution, while out of 61 children of non-drinkers, there were but eleven who were not normally developed. Such figures speak for themselves.

Prohibition is more than a question of expediency; it has come to this: Shall our civilization be destroyed by the ever-increasing consumption of this fiery poison, or shall the people rise in their strength and crush the mongrel evil before it crushes them?—[Democrat's Magazine.

A league in the interests of women has been organized in Belgium which will establish a publishing association and an agency for working women. They will work for the equality of wages, for higher education and with all other agencies in the war against immorality and intemperance.

Bebeja, in the upper Assam Valley, is probably the only prohibition village in the Indian Empire. The Christians there, themselves the fruit of missionary work, are in a majority, and have persuaded their heathen neighbors to join them in forbidding the use of intoxicating liquors under severe penalties.

Mildura, a town of New South Wales, was founded by the Chubb family in 1888. By means of irrigation it has been transformed from a desert to a beautiful garden. By the terms of the Mildura Irrigation Act no liquor is allowed to be sold in the settlement and in consequence everyone appears happy and prosperous.

Intemperance, like treason, ought to be made odious in the land, and there is very close similarity between the two. The treasonable man endeavors to dethrone the rightful sovereign, and intemperance dethrones the reason from her throne; and reason is the presiding spirit of our soul, the ruler of our soul.—[Cardinal Gibbons.

With one thing during her travels Sister Lady Henry Somerset was deeply struck—America has a sober womanhood. Never, but twice, at a hotel table d'hôte, did she see a woman drink wine or beer, and as she traveled through the States she felt that she would willingly give all she held most dear if she could say the same of this country.—[Irish Templar.

"Iowa has no State debt, and Iowa is a prohibition State. Maine has a remarkable large number of property holders, and Maine is a prohibition State. It is sometimes asserted that the law is not strictly enforced, but there is plenty of evidence that protection is afforded to the best interests of the State by laws prohibiting the open saloon."—[Frederick Journal.

Archbishop Ireland states the figures best when he says "that an average of \$15 per day is by no means an unreasonable estimate of the sum paid to each saloon in the States for drink." Multiply this by 250,000, the number of saloons, and we have the grand total of \$3,750,000 per day, or for 365 days (Sunday being the best day) the stupendous sum of \$1,368,750,000 in one year.

During the inauguration of the new Lyceum Pedagogic or normal school of Lisbon, Portugal, the students made a strong appeal in favor of temperance to the free schools and government academies of the country. "When a boy is too wild," he said, "or too stubborn to be good for anything else, we let him enlist, and a runaway student may, like Murat, make a first-rate soldier. But even the army has no use for drunkards. Strong drink makes a young man equally unfit for a civil, ecclesiastical and military career. It disqualifies him for life."

The habit of home-brewing beer has been abolished in Norway. The thousands of German, Russian and Austrian fans of the well-to-do classes do not permit their children to touch a drop of liquor. It is also a suggestive fact that the better class of Northern Europe have begun to leave it optional with their guests to accept or decline the wine desert, which only twenty years ago served to all corners, and even on non-festive occasions non-alcoholic dinners are nothing rare in Rhine watering places where formerly a bottle of wine was inseparable from the idea of good cheer.

Iowa had a State debt of considerable magnitude when it enacted the prohibition law. Now every dollar of that public inebriety has been wiped away. Let Canada cease spending the public money for the punishment of criminals caused by drink and the building up of penitentiaries, asylums and hospitals demanded because of the drink traffic, and let the many citizens become sober taxpayers who are now worn down by the drink business and its public debt could soon be paid for too. The liquor traffic instead of being a real source of revenue as some short-sighted politicians are claiming, is one of the heaviest sources of taxpayers' burdens and of public debt in Canada.—[The Templar.

Prof. Virchow, the foremost medical authority of the German Empire, has repeatedly urged moderation in the use of drugs, and holds that some medicines, so called, have, on the whole, done more mischief than good, and ought to be dropped from the list of remedial agents. It would be a good plan to begin with alcoholic drinks. A single prescription of medicated brandy has in many cases led to the relapse of half-drunken drunks and rekindled the flames smothered by years of Remy's self-control. Tonic brimmers have also frequently initiated the alcohol habit, and the history of all epidemics proves that the victims of strong stimulants are especially liable to the risk of contagion. In southern Asia the plague rages with special virulence among the opium-eaters, and in the yellow-fever epidemics of the West Indies the mortality among drunks is about twice as large as that of total abstainers. The Mexican Indians, who detect alcoholic drinks as almost fever proof, while the bibulous Creoles die by thousands, in spite of abundant opportunities for becoming acclimatized.

HOMELY MR. GLADSTONE.

Why the People Look Upon Him as One of Themselves.

Mr. W. H. Lucy, the Parliamentary journalist, who knows more, probably, about members of the House than anyone else, has three pages of interesting matter concerning Mr. Gladstone in the English Illustrated Magazine for September, from which our English editor extracts the following:

In addition to a phenomenal physical constitution, nature has been lavish to Mr. Gladstone in other ways. Education, association and instinct early led him into the political arena, where he immediately made his mark, but there are half a dozen other professions he might have embarked upon with certainty of success. Had he followed the line of one of his brothers he would have become a prince among the merchants of Liverpool. Had he taken to the legal profession he would have filled the courts with his fame. Had he entered the church his highest honors would have been within his grasp. If the stage had allured him the world would have been richer by another great actor—an opportunity, some of his critics do not altogether lose in existing circumstances. To the personal gifts of a noble countenance, a voice sonorous and flexible and a fine presence, Mr. Gladstone possesses dramatic instincts frequently brought into play in House of Commons debates or in his platform speeches. Both his tendency is rather towards comedy than tragedy. It is the fashion to deny him a sense of humor, a judgment that could be passed only by a superficial observer. In private conversation his marvelous memory gives forth from its apparently illimitable store an appropriate and frequently humorous illustration of the current topic. If his fame had not been established on a loftier line he would be known as one of the most delightful conversationalists of the day.

It is amongst the masses that the fascination of Mr. Gladstone's personality works its way with fullest witchery. In the front rank of statesmen, a great orator, a ripe scholar, he is, they are glad to think, a homely man. His homely domestic life is worth untold votes at a general election. The people like to think of him with his plain prefix of "Mr.," his daughters who marry curates or work in schools, his sons who are "something in the city" and do not marry duchesses. They like his stripping to the shirt to tell a tree, his going to church on Sundays and to the theater or concert on Wednesdays or Saturdays. It is what they do themselves, or would do if they had the chance. I happened to see a good deal of this in the last Midlothian campaign. There was no cottage too poor to decorate his house on the day "Mister Gladstone" was to honor it by passing by. An old lady, house-keeper at a lodge in Hardingshire, told me in her musically spoken "Doric" a little story which better than pages of narrative illustrates the hold Mr. Gladstone has on the common people.

"An old man, George Paul," she said, "lived all alone in a wee cot up there," pointing to a hill close by. "He used to sit at his door reading the paper spread on his knee, and many's the time when he thought nobody was looking I've seen him greeting, and the tears drap down on the paper, and he often muttered to himself, 'To think they'd use Gladstone, and he sic a man!' The night afore George died I went in to see what I could do for him. There he was, so weak he could not get on more than one arm of his jacket, but he had the paper propped up against the other (upside down), and the last words he said to me were: 'There's wan thing, Liz; if I could only see that Irish question settled!'"

This, of course, will sound very ridiculous in Mayfair. The poor man knew nothing about the Irish question, the intricacies of which have baffled more fully cultured persons. But he knew that "Mister Gladstone" had made the question his own; had devoted the closing days of his life to its settlement. That was enough for the Scottish cottager, and his dimmed eyes shone upon his newspaper, searching in its blurred columns if peradventure, before they finally closed, they might alight upon some indication of the accomplishment of Mr. Gladstone's heart's desire.

Mr. Gladstone has been habitually amused those who come in contact with him. Ordinary men of half his age, having spent themselves on oratorical efforts, are glad to benefit by a brief period of seclusion and rest. Mr. Gladstone, like all great workers, finds recreation in change of employment. One night at the beginning of last session he had before the dinner hour delivered an important and critical speech which compelled the admiration of the House of Commons. It was one of those of late infrequent crises in which he has, to borrow an Episcopalian simile, endeavored to walk on both sides of the road at the same time. Ministers were attacked on a question of policy from below the gangway on the Opposition side. Mr. Gladstone believed the attack was undeserved and impolitic. The task he had set for himself, interposing in debate was to justify Ministers without affronting an important section of his own party. This he did with a skill, a dexterity, and an exact niceness of proportion that won the applause of both sides.

The Prototype of Tam O'Shanter. Mr. Muir, Glasgow, editor of the Annual Burns Chronicle, writes that hitherto Douglas Grahame of Shanter, a farm on Carrick there has been considered as the original of Burns' hero, but on looking over an old volume of the Scots Magazine for 1823 he was surprised to find the following obituary notice: August 9th, 1823.—At Lochwinnoch, Thomas Reid, laborer. He was born 21st October, 1745, in the clanhan [sic] of Kyle, Ayrshire. The imposture attached to this circumstance arises from his being the celebrated equestrian hero of Burns' poem, "Tam o' Shanter." He has at length surmounted the "moors, rivers, slaps and styles" of life. For a considerable time he has been in the service of Major Harvey, of Castlelemp, nine months of which he has been incapable of labor, and to the honor of Mr. Harvey he is named, he has, with a fostering and laudable generosity, soothed, as far as was in his power, the weary life of age and disease. He, however, still retained the desire of being "in for weeks together."

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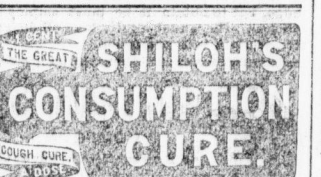
Within the last thirty years there have been on the British coasts 60,377 wrecks, with the fearful loss of 22,512 lives.

Miranda's Liniment for Rheumatism.

A Sunflower Concert.

Every little boy and girl—for that matter, big boys and girls too—like to have some kind of a little demonstration for their birthdays, and in the home circle, if there is a clever big sister, with willing hands and a good temper, we can generally get up a delightful little surprise for the one who is about to celebrate his or her birthday. This little play, which is not difficult, and which involves very little expense to get up, is quite pretty, enough for even mother's birthday, and it is such a charming custom, which, I am afraid, is not observed by French and German children than Little Canadians, that of having a surprise in the evening for papa or mamma's birthday. Of course the children of the family should all participate, for half of papa's pleasure will be in seeing you all there trying to amuse him. If there are not enough of you, you can invite the young friends of the neighborhood, and then end the evening with sponge cake and lemonade, and a round of greeting for the one whose birthday it is. Here is the "Sunflower Concert" play which was very successfully carried out by a party of young people last summer at a mountain cottage.

Fasten a sheet to two tall posts placed at some distance from the wall, or it can be fastened to a wide doorway. Paint on the sheet many green stalks with leaves on them as you desire flowers. At the top of each stalk either paint the yellow petals of a sunflower or cut them from yellow paper, which is easier and tidier, and paste to the sheet with mullage. After the flower is completed cut a ring from the center, leaving an open middle in each flower. Behind the sheet are as many little girls or boys as flowers, standing so that the faces peep forth from the hearts of the blossoms. In front of the sheet some grass is scattered, a rake, watering pot and a few pots of plants and flowers, to give a garden-like effect. Two young girls (in broad-brimmed hats) stand in this garden and lead the little living sunflowers in song. This is a very taking and pretty entertainment, and the painting is so coarsely done that no one needs hesitate to try it. Effect only is aimed at, and two hours will be sufficient to accomplish it.



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