

TEMPERANCE.

IS THERE A SPECIFIC FOR THE CURE
OF INEBRIETY??

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This meeting of our Association has for its central object, not to engage in a crusade or controversy, but to go on record as recognising the nature and character of the much-vaunted specifics of the day.

Truths of science are never presented concealed and covered up; they are never urged on the world for the central purpose of immediate gain. The real discoverer of any truth never sells out for money. If the truth is literal, and a discovery in science, its value to the discoverer is not to be estimated by dollars and cents. Its value, if real, is destroyed by secrecy, and enhanced by publicity. No real truth of science needs support from falsehood, exaggerations, and pretensions; and no statements can be called truths that cannot bear the strong light of searching study and criticism.

The alcoholic and opium specifics, of every grade and degree, from the white, tasteless lozenge put in tea and coffee without the knowledge of the victim, to the pretentious gold-cure, and the mysterious moon dust gathered on the uplands of the Atlas Mountains; the flannel pad put through some galvanic process, and medicated, worn over the stomach of the victim; the opal injection obtained from the monastery at Mount Carmel, the product of an alchemist in ages past, the secret of which is only known to Baltimore druggists; and the improved double bichloride of gold, discovered by a physician living on the mountains of Tennessee, and never found to fail—are only some of the most prominent, and comprise only a small part of the number of secret remedies that are now urged to cure the inebriate.

It would appear, from a casual view, that the intelligence of the average man was above this low level of credulity; yet, strangely, it is not. All of these schemes are sustained by persons who write "Doctor" before their names. Evidently the missionary fields of the world are not all occupied, and the specific-hunter is still abroad.

The practical result of these specifics is a tremendous increase of the number of chronic cases, and their incurability. A very large percentage of all persons who use these remedies are made more incurable. This statement is sustained by the clinical facts in every institution in the country. These relapsed cases come suffering from more profound degeneration of body and mind. They display delusions, depressions, and low vitality, not seen in others who have not taken this remedy. My personal experience indicates that over 60 per cent. of all cases admitted to my hospital during the past six months have tried the "gold cure" specific, and are among the most difficult to treat I have ever

seen. This is the experience of many others who receive such cases. I am sustained in the belief that the use of atropine, strychnine and apomorphia for two or three weeks in toxic doses is exceedingly dangerous for the average inebriate.

In my opinion, supported by others of larger experience, the continued use of any drug that will paralyse or depress the nerve centres to the extent of checking the morbid impulse for spirits continuously, is perilously fatal to the final restoration of the brain.

The temporary use of the simplest narcotics, under the most careful observation, gives strong intimation of what might follow from indiscriminate use of such drugs for any long periods.

Finally, I think I state the faith of all our co-workers when I say that these specifics, with all their quackery, dishonesty, and pretension, are unwittingly helping on the cause of truth. Their boasts of disease and curability are rousing up inquiry and agitating the subject. After a time this very agitation will be fatal to them and helpful to the real truth. Inebriates, who are the new army of the insane, are not to be reached by specific remedies. Far above the levels of empiricism and quackery, they will be understood and treated in the near future.—*Temperance Chronicle*.

RELIEF AT LAST.

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