ken in a wide sense, Alcoholism means that accumulation of ruins and of religious, moral, intellectual and physical troubles that befall a nation addicted to drink.

21. What is the difference between Alcoholism and Drunkenness?

Alcoholism is a disease caused by the use of spirituous liquors, undermining more or less all classes of society, and especially young men, whilst Drunkenness is a vice that drives to the abuse of those liquors and leads its victims to shame and ruin.

22. How can a victim of Alcoholism be distinguished from a drunkard?

The former is a man who habitually uses liquor, taking many glasses daily witout committing great excesses, whilst the drunkard is one that falls now and then into great excesses.

A victim of Alcoholism may be exteriorly, and even for a long time, a man of respectable appearance and of good behaviour; he