from their accent, and evidently very close friends, as might be gathered from the nature and tone of their dialogue. A few of Hugh's chosen associates had deputed McAllister to speak to him upon this subject, and to try if something could not be done to save him. McAllister himself had originated the idea of signing the pledge, as I don't suppose one of the whole company of students was a total abstainer. When he returned to his friends and told them the rebuff he had received they were sorry, naturally, but being happy-go lucky, easy going fellows, they thought little more about it, and indeed were horrified at McAllister's proposition of signing the pledge.

"Indeed, I should hope he would not sign the pledge, nor you either. Why, he is the very life and soul of our convivial evenings; we could not do without him. Anyhow, we have done our best, so let us say no more about it. He will be leaving town in a month or two to set up for himself, so we must hope for better things," and thus the subject was dismissed.

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After a honeymoon spent in Switzerland, and a visit of a fortnight's duration to his father and mother, Dr. McGorman and his wife had settled down to their new home in Glasgow. Amidst the excitement of his final examinations at the hospital, the farewells to his fellow-students, closely followed by his marriage, and the time spent in Switzerland the demon who ever tracked his footsteps had not been felt nor succumbed to so much as usual, but already a shade might be noticed upon the bright open countenance of the young bride. Already it might be noticed at the few dinner parties to which they were invited among their small but fast increasing circle of friends, that the young wife's eyes rested with an anxious expression upon her husband when the ladies left the room and the gentlemen were left over their wine. The iron had already entered her soul, for such a besetting sin cannot long be concealed from the wife of his bosom by any man.

Patients were to be found in ever-increasing numbers by the new doctor, whose reputation for cleverness and skill had preceded him, and it was well-known that for surgical cases that required a clear head and a steady hand he had carried off the palm at the hospital, and in consequence his practice here was soon all that he could wish, and as much as he could attend to. Then whispers began to circulate: "Had So and so noticed how very queer Dr. McGorman looked last night when he was fetched to set Brown's leg?" "Had Mrs. Jones noticed how strong Dr. McGorman's breath smelt of alcohol when he was leaning over her bed the other morning?" and so gradually the suspicion grew into conviction, and the conviction into certainty, until the people began to go elsewhere when any accident or other happened in the evening, "for fear, you know, that Dr. McGorman might not be in a fit state to know what was best to be done." And from avoiding calling him in the evening, they began to avoid him altogether: his patients, his friends, and finally his acquaintances dropped off one by one, until he felt "that discretion was the better part of valour," and that he had better seek some other sphere of labour before he was left without a single patient at all.

Alas for his poor young wife! In a poor London lodging she brought forth her firstborn child—a little daughter—and then and there gave up her own bright but disappointed young life. In bitter tears of agony and remorse her young husband hung over her as her life was ebbing fast away, the life that might been preserved for many years to come, if it had been shielded and preserved from the bitter blow that had laid "the axe at the foot of the tree" months before.

"Oh, my darling, can you, will you forgive me? Oh, how have I failed in my duty to you! Do not leave me, oh, do not leave me! How can I fight against that mocking fiend alone?"

She opened her dying eyes, and fixing them upon her husband with a look of ineffable love and longing, she said: "One above alone can help you! Oh, look to Him for deliverance! Begin a new life for the sake of our little darling and in divine strength turn your back forever upon your besetting sin. Oh, Hugh! promise faithfully that you will live a new life in the future, that you will be kind to our little Janet, and that you will meet me in that land above."

Choked by sobs he gave the promise asked, and then as the sun sank slowly down to rest, and the night shadows crept on apace, so also that precious life which he would have given worlds to retain in his possession, slowly went out for ever.

He found a foster mother for his child, and by dint of hard seeking and recommendations from his former friends in London, he succeeded in getting a practice in a remote and isolated part of the country, where he took a house and lived with a working housekeeper to attend to his wants.

For three years he kept the promise he had made to his dying wife. The struggles he went through during the first part of that time no one but his God will ever know. At the end of the third year he ventured to fetch his little daughter, and for a time all went well.

But one unlucky day one of his London friends, who had been so kind to him, went to see him, and to his eternal shame be it said, offered this man to whom liquor in any shape or form was as the very flames of hell fire, a glass of wine, for old time, you know; 'Should auld acquaintance,'" etc. The result was what might have been expected. He fell again and began the same fearful struggle. Again his patients all left him; his practice gone, he was obliged to go too. Wretched and degraded he went to London, where it is so easy to get lost and disappear for ever: and not very long ago I saw in one of the London dailies an account of the suicide, in a miserable, squalid garret, by a half starved wretch, who turned out to be the once brilliant, clever, witty and affable man who has been the subject of this sketch.

Oh, the pity of it! Oh, the horror of it! Oh, friends, who think that a little drink taken in moderation does no harm, I beseech you to ponder over this true story. If you are wise enough to know when you have enough, your friend, your neighbour, or perhaps your own wife, your own son or daughter may not do so, and by following your example may be rushing to their eternal ruin.

Abstain for their sakes; give up entirely what perhaps it costs you very little to give up now, but which becomes too often, around the lives of those who indulge in it, chains and fetters that bind its victims in eternal slavery, which nothing but the power of God can ever unloose.—ELLERICS, in The Alliance News.

ALCOHOL AND LUNG DISEASE.

In a letter to the Alliance News, Mr. James Whyte, Secretary of the U. K. A., adds some important facts to the conclusions of Prof. P. Bronardel Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, which were quoted in last months CAMP FIRE Mr. Whyte says:

"Our own Registrar-General also shows us in a very striking way the closeness of the relation between the two giant evils. For instance, of 61,251 men of the general population, aged 25-65, 1,000 die annually. Among the same number of London inn and hotel servants, as many as 1,971 die within the same time.

Of the 1,000 deaths of the general population, 192 are from phthisis and 107 from pneumonia, or 299 from the two diseases. But of the annual deaths in the group of 61,251 inn and hotel servants, 607 are from phthisis and 246 from pneumonia, or 853 from the two allied diseases. No other class suffer as much from either alcoholism or from phthisis or pneumonia as do the London inn and hotel servants, and, in proportion to numbers, no class, except innkeepers in industrial districts, have as high a death rate from all causes.

It is worth nothing that the teetotal Rechabites, who mostly belong to the working classes, and the great majority of whom dwell in towns and cities, and have the disadvantages incident to modern industrialism have a "comparative mortality figure" of 560 for men of the 25-65 age period. That is, they have little more than one-half of the death rate of males of the general community for the same age period.

The liquor sellers of the country, as a whole, of the same age period, have a mortality figure of 1,642, which in proportion to numbers is that nearly three of them died for every two of the general community, and about three for every one of the Rechabites.

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