

numberless. Every medical man knows that it is the cause, directly or indirectly, of the majority of the cases to which they are called. Dr. M'Ghee, at the Social Science Congress at Belfast, said he was bound to say that four, out of every five cases of disease, was caused by strong drink.

Mr. Neison, the eminent actuary, says that drink kills, directly, and indirectly, six persons every hour, or 52,500 every year! Mr. Wakley, the late coroner for West Middlesex, says that out of 1500 inquests held by him in one year, at least 900 were caused by drink! while of 690 inquests held in Liverpool, 589 were shown to have been directly, or indirectly, caused by the same agency! Here, then, we have a scene enough to appal the most stolid. Imagine that by some dread stroke of Providence the 40,000 inhabitants of Cambridge, and the 35,000 of Oxford, and the 21,000 of Canterbury, and the 13,000 of Cowes, and the 13,000 of Kendal were swept away, and that not a man, woman, or child escaped, what a thrill of horror would run through the land! and yet that would be less than the deaths caused by strong drink in Great Britain last year! Dr. Norman Kerr says, "A few years ago I instituted an inquiry to expose the falsity of the statement that 60,000 drunkards died every year in the United Kingdom. I had not long pursued my inquiry before it was made clear to me that there was very little exaggeration in the statement, and at the Social Science Congress I was compelled to admit that at least 120,000 annually lost their lives through alcoholic excess." While Dr. Richardson says that his opinion is, that nearly 200,000 lives are lost every year through the use of alcohol: that is, that *there is a funeral caused by drink every minute during the eight hours of public burial, from eight o'clock on the first of January, to four o'clock on the thirty-first of December!* Verily there are results from the vast population!

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