

drinking in Germany. Dr. Brendel said, "Alcohol, which apparently brings so much pleasure to its partaker, acts as poison, by means of its cumulative action, if consumed even in small doses daily, as strikingly shown here in Munich, the center of beer consumption, by the frequent sudden cases of death of apparently healthy men."

According to the same paper, Prof. Dr. Bollinger, of Munich, proved "the prevalence of various diseases of a definite nature, of the internal organs, caused by the universal drinking of beer in Munich. A normal heart or kidney is the exception here. This state of affairs also injures the progeny in a most serious manner." Dr. Demme, also of Munich, declares that he "found that of the children of non-drinkers eighty-two per cent. were sound, while of those of drinkers only seventeen per cent. were sound."

The French Academy of Medicine has recently adopted a series of resolutions, which not only declare that the drink evil has become a "permanent danger," attacking the "very life and force of the country," but lays stress on the fact that even "the purest and least poisonous alcohol is none the less always and fundamentally a poison." These resolutions were brought before the Academy by M. Bergeron and M. Laborde. M. Rochard, who was foremost among those taking part in the discussion, declared that "Alcohol is always a poison, and the consumer who can afford to drink pure brandy may resist longer than the unfortunates who poison themselves in the saloons; but nevertheless he will succumb to alcoholism in a short time. . . . The coalition of retailers with the habitués of the wine-shops, the union of those who live by alcohol with those who die by it, ought to be opposed by all interested in public health."

On this awful subject of the alcoholic drink traffic the conscience of the American people is awakening slowly, but it is awakening, and when once fully awakened it will never sleep until the evil is ended.

#### For Social Purity.

OUR readers will be interested in a bird's-eye view—which we hoped to give in this number of the REVIEW, but which has been laid over till the next number—of the proceedings of the National Purity Congress recently held in Baltimore. The crusade in behalf of social purity, first inaugurated in London, has been extended to this

country, and, under the direction of the Young Men's Christian Association of America, promises large results. The hideous depravity of a portion of the English aristocracy in this regard was revealed several years since by Mr. W. T. Stead in *The Pall Mall Gazette*. The entrenched evil was powerful enough to thwart and wreck him, but its very success is bringing reaction and retribution. The Christian forces of the world are massing and organizing for a war of extermination against this giant evil. We hope soon to see the day when the hideous moral lepers, who have been so long and so openly preying upon society, will be doomed to the cell of the felon where they belong. Every Christian should do his best to help on the good work. Preachers should not only bring the subject before their churches, but should also organize their young people in the army for the prosecution of the warfare. The pledge of this army is as follows:

- "I promise, by the help of God—
- "1. To treat all women with respect and endeavor to protect them from wrong and degradation.
- "2. To endeavor to put down all indecent language and coarse jests.
- "3. To maintain the law of purity as equally binding on man and woman.
- "4. To endeavor to spread these principles among my companions and to help my younger brothers.
- "5. To use every possible means to fulfill the commandment, 'Keep thyself pure.'"

#### Armenia's Appeal Unheeded.

CHRISTENDOM still seems to be paralyzed by the iniquitous trickery of the "unspeakable Turk," and the more iniquitous diplomacy of the so-called Christian governments. The butcheries still go on. The cry of the wretched and forsaken Armenians still goes up: "How long, O Lord?" The day of retribution will inevitably come!

#### Look Out for the "Bosses"!

THE "bosses" are at present diligently engaged in a double work, that of thwarting the efforts of the people in behalf of civic reform, and that of arranging for nominating machine candidates for the Presidency of the United States. They are combining with Tammany and all the other worst elements of political corruption, and with the liquor traffic and all the other forces of moral corruption, and resorting to every form of trickery and fraud, in order to compass their ends. The practical watchword of all good men should be: "Look out for the Bosses!"