

Temperance Column.

TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

Professor Demme recently studied ten families of drinkers and ten families of temperate persons. The direct posterity of the ten families of drinkers included fifty-seven children. Of these twenty-five died in the first weeks and months of their life, six were idiots, in five children a striking backwardness of their longitudinal growth was observed, five were affected with epilepsy, five with inborn diseases. One boy was taken with chorea and became idiotic. Thus of the fifty-seven children of drinkers only ten, or 17.5 per cent. showed a normal constitution and development. The ten sober families had sixty-one children, five only dying in the first weeks, four were affected with curable disease of the nervous system, two only presented inborn defects. The remaining fifty—81.9 per cent.—were normal in their constitution and development. From this series of investigations we derive "the sad truth that among the children of drinkers the prevailing mortality is fearful, that the surviving portion represents a pitiful crowd afflicted with unsoundness of mind, idiocy, epilepsy, and other disturbances of their nervous system, and that only a very small proportion of the descendants grow up as useful members of society."—*Family Doctor.*

Dr. Richardson regards "every abstainer who mingles with the world at large, and makes himself happy and useful, as a teacher of total abstinence of the first quality."

The Emperor of Germany has initiated a Bill for the repression of drunkennes. Should it be carried through the Reichstag it will have the force of law all over Germany. The provisions of the Bill are, in sum, these:—(1) No spiritous liquors may be sold to any lad under the age of sixteen unaccompanied by one of his parents or guardians; (2) no drink may be sold to any intoxicated person or to any person classified as an habitual drunkard; (3) publicans must sell food as well as drink; (4) all persons denounced as habitual drunkards are to be prosecuted by official curators of minors and lunatics, and are to be shut up until they are certified fit to be at large, their property being meanwhile sequestered.

TALKS ABOUT TEMPERANCE.

The author says:—"These *Temperance Talks* on a recent Sunday in three Bath Churches—the Abbey, St. Paul's, and St. James's—may perhaps form a companion volume to the *Temperance Witness Box*, which has been so widely circulated."

The "Talks" are dedicated to "one whose name is honoured everywhere—the Rev. Canon Ellison—to whose wise judgment and earnest zeal and uniring energy the temperance movement within the Church of England, humanly speaking, owes everything."

The main strength of the plea

urged is the influence of example and sympathy with the weak.* The author says:—"I hold it to be the true spirit of Christian 'consideration' which asks, 'Can all who follow our example follow it safely, and without danger of falling?' There are ever those behind us crying: 'Mind you cut an easy path, for we are following you.' Or, as the same thought is expressed on another page, the basis of the temperance movement rests on the conviction that the invitation, 'Come this way with me,' is more persuasive and winning than the counsel, 'Go that way by yourself.'"

The titles of the "Talks" are: I. The Home at Nazareth; II. The Right Hand; III. A Noble Epitaph on a Nameless Life. We see the *Temperance Witness Box* has reached a circulation of more than forty thousand. We hope these "Talks" will do the same. The price is only threepence.

A DETROIT MIRACLE.

A Great Triumph For Canadian Medical Science

Particulars of One of the Most Remarkable Cures on Record Described by the Detroit News—A Story Worth a Careful Perusal.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 29th, 1892.—A case has just come to light here, the particulars of which are published in the Evening News, which will be read with considerable interest by all Canadians, as it a Canadian medical discovery, which has already, in its own country, won great and enduring fame. At this added triumph there is no doubt the fellow countrymen of the proprietors will rejoice, as it sheds lustre on Canadian science. The story is told by the News as follows:—

The following paragraph, which appeared in the News a short time ago, furnished the basis of this information—a case that was so wonderfully remarkable that it demanded further explanation. It is of sufficient importance to the News' readers to report it to them fully. It was so important then that it attracted considerable attention at the time. The following is the paragraph in question:—

"C. B. Northrop, for 28 years one of the best known merchants on Woodward avenue, who was supposed to be dying last spring of locomotor ataxia, or creeping paralysis, has secured a new lease of life and returned to work at his store. The disease has always been supposed to be incurable, but Mr. Northrop's condition is greatly improved, and it looks now as if the grave would be cheated of its prey."

Since that time Mr. Northrop has steadily improved, not only in looks, but in condition, till he has regained his old-time strength.

It had been hinted to the writer of this article, who was acquainted with Mr. Northrop, that this miraculous change had been wrought by a very simple remedy called Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. When asked about it Mr. Northrop fully verified the statement, and not only so, but he had taken pains to inform any one who was suffering in a similar manner when he heard of any such case. Mr. Northrop was enthusiastic at the result in his own case of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was a remedy that he had

heard of after he had tried everything he could hope to give him relief. He had been in the care of the best physicians who did all they could to alleviate this terrible malady, but without any avail. He had given up hope, when a friend in Lockport, N. Y., wrote him of the case of a person there who had been cured in similar circumstances by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The person cured at Lockport had obtained his information respecting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills from an article published in the Hamilton, Ont., Times. The case was called "The Hamilton Miracle" and told the story of a man in that city who, after almost incredible suffering, was pronounced by the most eminent physicians to be incurable and permanently disabled. He had spent hundreds of dollars in all sorts of treatment and appliances only to be told in the end that there was no hope for him, and that cure was impossible. The person alluded to (Mr. John Marshall, of 25 Little William St., Hamilton, Ont.) was a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance, and after having been pronounced permanently disabled and incurable by the physicians, was paid the \$1,000 disability insurance provided by the order for its members in such cases, for years Mr. Marshall had been utterly helpless, and was barely able to drag himself around his house with the aid of crutches. His agonies were almost unbearable and life was a burden to him, when at last relief came. Some months after he had been paid the disability claim he heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and was induced to try them. The result was miraculous; almost from the outset an improvement was noticed, and in a few months the man whom medical experts had said was incurable, was going about the city healthier and stronger than before. Mr. Marshall was so well known in Hamilton that all the city newspapers wrote up his wonderful recovery in detail, and it was thus as before stated, that Mr. Northrop came into possession of information that led to his equally marvelous recovery. (One could scarcely conceive a case more hopeless than that of Mr. Northrop. His injury came about in this way. One day nearly four years ago he stumbled and fell the complete length of a steep flight of stairs which were at the rear of his store. His head and spine were severely injured. He was picked up and taken to his home. Creeping paralysis very soon developed itself, and in spite of the most strenuous efforts of friends and physicians the terrible affliction fastened itself upon him. For nearly two years he was perfectly helpless. He could do nothing to support his strength in the least effort. He had to be wheeled about in an invalid's chair. He was weak, pale and fast sinking when his timely information came that veritably snatched his life from the jaws of death. Those who at that time saw a feeble old man wheeled into his store in an invalid's chair, would not recognize the man now, so great is the change that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have wrought. When Mr. Northrop learned of the remedy that had cured Mr. Marshall in Hamilton, and the person in Lockport, he procured a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through Messrs. Bassett & L'Hommedieu, 95 Woodward Avenue, and from the outset found an improvement. He

faithfully adhered to the use of the remedy until now he is completely restored. Mr. Northrop declares that there can be no doubt as to Pink Pills being the cause of his restoration to health, as all other remedies and medical treatment left him in a condition rapidly going from bad to worse, until at last it was declared there was no hope for him and he was pronounced incurable. He was in this terrible condition when he began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and they have restored him to health.

Mr. Northrop was asked what was claimed for this wonderful remedy, and replied that he understood the proprietors claim it to be a blood builder and nerve restorer; supplying in a condensed form all the elements necessary to enrich the blood, restore shattered nerves and drive out disease. It is claimed by the proprietors that Pink Pills will cure paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, palpitation of the heart, headache, and all diseases peculiar to females, loss of appetite, dizziness, sleeplessness, loss of memory, and all diseases arising from overwork, mental worry, loss of vital force, etc.

"I want to say," said Mr. Northrop, "that I don't have much faith in patent medicines, but I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

The proprietors, however, claim that they are not a patent medicine in the sense in which that term is used, but a highly scientific preparation, the result of years of careful study and experiment on the part of the proprietors, and the pills were successfully used in private practice for years before being placed for general sale. Mr. Northrop declares that he is a living example that there is nothing to equal these pills as a cure for nerve diseases. On inquiry the writer found that these pills were manufactured by Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and Morrisstown, N. Y., and the pills are sold in boxes, (never in bulk by the hundred) at 50 cents a box, and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., from either above addresses. The price at which these pills are sold makes a course of treatment with them comparatively inexpensive as compared with other remedies, or medical treatment. This case is one of the most remarkable on record and as it is one right here in Detroit and not a thousand miles away, it can be easily verified. Mr. Northrop is very well known to the people of Detroit and he says he is only too glad to testify of the marvelous good wrought in his case. He says he considers it his duty to help all who are similarly afflicted by any word he can say in behalf of the wonderful efficacy of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. If any of the News readers want any further information, we feel sure Mr. Northrop would willingly oblige them as he has the writer in relating these facts to him.

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