

TEMPERANCE.**THE PROHIBITION QUESTION.**

A Sermon Delivered by the Rev. James Simpson, M. A., at St. Peter's Cathedral, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

(CONTINUED.)

Another large class will obtain spirits ostensibly for mechanical purposes—there is nothing to prevent any man from using a spirit lamp to cook his food it may be an expensive method, but that is nobody's business but his own, and having purchased alcohol, what is to hinder him from drinking it if he wants to? Experience has shown that no matter how much such alcohol is adulterated men will drink it if they can get nothing better.

The clergy as a class may doubtless be entrusted with wine for Sacramental purposes, but will they not be constantly called upon, and especially at night, for a little wine for some one taken suddenly ill? The doctor has ordered stimulants—the shops are all closed—no person may lawfully keep liquor in the house anticipating sickness—so the nearest clergyman is appealed to. It would be difficult for a minister to refuse a bona fide request of this sort, yet if he accedes to it he breaks the law, since he is only allowed wine for one specified purpose.

But again for the sake of argument, we will suppose that the medical, mechanical and sacramental clause of the act is not abused—that only real invalids can obtain stimulants from the doctors, that spirits for mechanical purpose are so adulterated that it is impossible to drink them—that the clergy absolutely refuse to break the law—shall we even then be any nearer to Utopia? I fear not. There is in very many human beings a craving for stimulants. Whether that craving is natural or unnatural, it matters not, so long as it is there. And so we find, that when ordinary alcoholic stimulant cannot be obtained, that craving is satisfied in other ways—and I believe it is true, that whenever prohibition is rigidly enforced, the use of drugs increases to an alarming extent, and with disastrous results. In parts of Ireland ether is substituted for whisky. In the United States, opium and kindred drugs. In the lumber camps, Pain Killer, which is chiefly alcohol and opium, is freely used. In the Northwest, I have known men go on an extended debauch on Eau de Cologne. In Ontario, when local option prevailed the general stores kept large supplies of laudanum, which disappeared with astonishing rapidity. Even "Jamaica ginger," the cordial so dear to many a temperance advocate, contains 84 per cent. of pure alcohol, while brandy only has from 40 to 50, and ale from 6 to 9 per cent. And while the alcohol habit is bad enough, heaven defends us as a community, from the opium habit. I would rather try to reform ten drunkards than one victim of opium. Oh! the depravity to which

they sink. 'They will cringe and weep and pray for their drug—they will lie and cheat and steal—yes, and sell their very soul to obtain it, and reformation is, humanly speaking, almost impossible. And what is more, I would rather have charge of a congregation, in which were a few drunkards, than one in which a large majority were breaking the law of the land, either by open violation or by evasion, on the false plea of sickness, for says St. James: "Whoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." People who wilfully and habitually break one law must suffer moral deterioration, and soon lose respect for the rest of the law; and if a large and influential minority of the community so transgress, the effects must sooner or later be more disastrous to that community.

(To be Continued.)

LIFE ON A RAILWAY.**THE EXPERIENCE OF A GRAND TRUNK EMPLOYEE.**

Fell Ill From Exposure—Pronounced Incurable and Paid the Total Disability Insurance Allowed by the Company—Once More on the Road to Health—He Tells How It Came About.

From the Deseronto Tribune.

During the past few weeks a fruitful subject of conversation among the people at Deseronto Junction has been the wonderful recovery of Mr. William Henry Wager, who has been looked upon as a hopeless invalid. A representative of this paper was sent to interview Mr. Wager and gain all information possible in order to satisfy the public concerning the truth of the wonderful cure. Making his way to Deseronto Junction the reporter informed Mr. Ravin, the station master, of the object of his mission. That courteous official having assured the reporter that he would find the case one of more than ordinary interest, kindly pointed out the nearest route to Mr. Wager's residence. The Wager family is one of the oldest in the Bay district, and Mr. Wager and his people are well known throughout a wide radius of country. Arrived at the house the reporter knocked at the door and was quickly admitted by Mr. Wager himself, who, it may be remarked, is in his thirty-fifth year, and was formerly employed as a section man on the Grand Trunk Railway, his section extending east and west of Deseronto Junction. He was a good workman and faithful servant of the company. On the 28th of April, 1893, he was compelled, on account of ill-health, to give up work completely. The doctor pronounced his trouble to be nervous palpitation of the heart. The district surgeon of the Grand Trunk Railway attended him and did all that medical skill could suggest in order to give him relief, but at the same time frankly told him that he could prescribe nothing that would effect a permanent cure. Mr. Wager was a member of the Grand Trunk Insurance and Provident Society, and during his ill-

ness received the usual pecuniary allowance given for a certain number of weeks to sick members. The society also paid his way to Montreal that he might consult an eminent medical man who acts as referee in such cases. This specialist at once pronounced his case hopeless; cure was impossible. He returned home greatly dejected, and the Insurance Society paid him the whole amount granted to its members in cases of total disability. Mr. Wager has since that time resided at his home on the Gravel Road, unable to work, seldom going from home except to make an occasional trip to Deseronto and Napanee. About three months ago Mr. John Kitchen, the well-known section master on the Grand Trunk, who resides at Deseronto Junction, told Mr. Wager of the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and recommended him to give them a trial. He accordingly procured a quantity of the famous pills in order to give them a trial. Now mark the result. He soon felt the good effects of this great medicine. His appetite improved. The fluttering sensations about his heart appeared to be less pronounced. He continued taking the pills and his health steadily improved. The change became apparent to friends and neighbors, and a matter of public interest. He gained in weight. As he remarked, last summer he was little more than a walking ghost; now, as the reporter could easily see, he was a substantial specimen of humanity. Mr. Wager informed the reporter that before he commenced taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills his heart used to beat rapidly and continue palpitating violently for some time if he attempted to cut even one stick of wood; now he can cut the daily supply of wood for the house without any such disagreeable sensations. He feels himself a different man and his neighbors are all congratulating him upon the great change so plainly manifest. He expects as soon as navigation opens to commence work again. Mrs. Wager was present during the interview and corroborated her husband's narrative. They consider it a duty to publish abroad the virtues of this famous medicine which has brought such hope and comfort to their household. Mr. Wager also told of a leading farmer in the neighborhood who had been troubled with a chronic headache, who, at his suggestion, had also tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and had experienced relief in a very short time. Other cases in Deseronto and vicinity are known to the *Tribune* in which Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been productive of much good. These pills are a perfect blood builder and nerve restorer, curing such diseases as rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, all nervous troubles, palpitation of the heart, the after effects of la grippe, diseases depending on humors of the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. Pink Pills give a healthy glow to pale and sallow complexions, and are a specific for troubles peculiar to the female system, and in the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork

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