

TEMPERANCE.

Sunday closing has been the law in the Island of Guernsey since 1859. A recommendation that hotel bars should be opened on Sundays has this year been defeated through the efforts of the Temperance Vigilance Committee.

Here is a striking instance of the value of public-house property. A large gin palace was erected near the dock gates of one of the large seaport towns of England, which cost the owner £8,000. His application for a license was opposed by all the steamship owners using the dock and by all the stevedores, but in spite of this he got his license, and on leaving the court-house was offered £20,000 for his house by a large brewer. What an object lesson!

During the last session 110 petitions in favor of total Sunday closing were presented to the English Parliament. Nearly the whole of these came from meetings arranged by the travelling secretaries of the Church of England Temperance Association.

Mr. Steel, writing in the "British Temperance Advocate," quotes some interesting figures from the Board of Trade as to percentages of wages paid in wages and production: For every £100 spent in mining, 55 percent in wages; shipbuilding, 37 percent; docks and harbors, 34.7 percent; tramways, 31.4 percent; railways, 30 percent; agriculture, 29 percent; canals, 29 percent; cotton, 29.2 percent; waterworks, 25.7 percent; iron and steel manufacture, 23.3 percent; textile industries, 22.6 percent; gas manufacture, 20 percent; shipping, 16.7 percent; brewing, 7.5 percent.

The late Mr. Whitworth, M.P., stated that the loss to one concern with which he was connected by Sunday drinking was £35,000 per annum. There were probably 1,000 similar cases in the United Kingdom, which would give under this first item of loss the enormous total of £35,000,000. The annual cost of pauperism is about £20,000,000; add to this the proportion for prisons, reformatories, police and lunatic asylums, and the money loss cannot be less than £20,000,000. But then it is alleged that we gain £30,000,000 in the revenue annually from the taxes on drink, and that a large amount of employment is provided which has a money value to be set off against the losses previously referred to, but we have the authority of Mr. Giffen, of the Board of Trade, for stating that we spend, or rather waste, in collection of these £30,000,000 a sum of £50,000,000. As to the employment given by the expenditure of money on drink it is to be remembered that there is no trade into which so large a sum of money is put as the drink trade, which employs so few workers to carry it on. It is computed that out of every 20s which is paid for articles generally required, from 6s to 18s out of the 20s would go to the worker, but that out of every 20s spent on drink less than 1s goes to the worker. If we spend 20s on shoes the workmen get 14s. If we spend 20s on strong drink they only get 4d to 6d. In a single year 150 men employed in a distillery produced whiskey which sold for £1,500,000. The same price for manufactured goods, cloth or linen, would have necessitated the employment of 1,200 to 1,500 persons.

WE ARE BROTHERS.

Recently we heard a speaker say that when he saw men living in palatial houses, surrounded by luxury, possessing vast amounts of idle wealth, and knowing that some of

his fellow men were situated near him, perhaps on the very next street, and actually dying for the lack of necessary sustenance of life, and did not extend to the unfortunate ones assistance, that he was brought to realize the great truth of the statement, 'it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.' These remarks were uttered deliberately and impressively. And the speaker was a man of cool judgment and wonderful charity towards all men.

A MILLER'S STORY.

HE WAS GIVEN JUST ONE MONTH TO LIVE.

First Attacked With Inflammatory Rheumatism, and Then Stricken With Paralysis—Hope Abandoned and He Longed for Death to Release Him From Suffering—At Last He Found a Cure and Relates His Wonderful Recovery.

Sherbrooke Gazette.

The benefits arising from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are well known to the *Gazette*. It is a frequent occurrence that people come into the office and state that they have been restored to health by their use. It occasionally happens that extraordinary instances of their curative powers come to our notice, and one of these was related to us recently, so astonishing in its nature that we felt the closest investigation was required in order to thoroughly test the accuracy of the statements made to us. We devoted the necessary time for that purpose, and can vouch for the reliability of the following facts, wonderfully passing belief as they may appear:

There are few men more widely known in this section than Mr. A. T. Hopkins, of Johnville, Que. Previous to his removal to Johnville, Mr. Hopkins resided at Windsor Mills, and was for three years a member of the municipal council of that place. When a young man Mr. Hopkins was noted for his strength and his activity as a wrestler. His strength stands him in good stead, for he works hard at his business, carrying heavy sacks of flour in his mill for many hours during the day and frequently far into the night. Active as he is, and strong as he is, there was a time not long distant when he was as helpless as an infant and suffered intolerable agony. About three years ago, while residing at Windsor Mills, he was attacked by inflammatory rheumatism. It grew worse and worse until, in spite of medical advice and prescriptions, after a year's illness he had a stroke of paralysis. His right arm and leg became quite useless. Sores broke out on both legs. He suffered excruciating agony, and had rest neither day nor night. He sought the best medical advice that could be obtained, but no hopes were held out to him by the physicians. "He will certainly die within a month," one well-known practitioner told his friends. "He will be a cripple for life," said two other doctors. It is no wonder that, as he says, life became a burden to him and he longed for death to relieve him from his sufferings. This was in August, 1892. About October of that year he heard

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