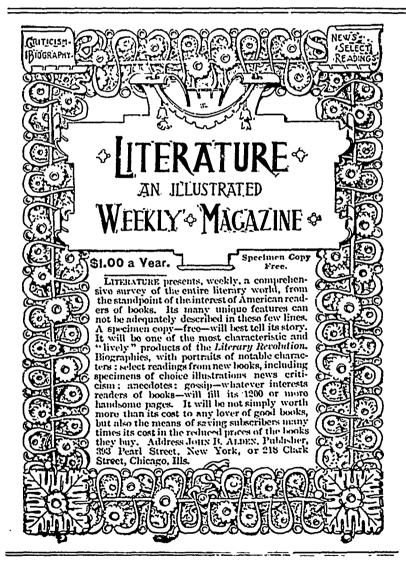
STRINGENT LIQUOR LEGISLATION IN AUSTRIA.

A report from Mr. Phipps, of the Embassy at Vienna, just issued by the Foreign Office, discusses a bill for the regulation of the liquor traffic in Austria recently presented by the Government to Parliament. "It is intended to combat the social effects of drunkenness, a vice which has made great progress during recent years in Austria." The statistics cited at the Vienna Hygienic Congress "also afforded proof of the salutary effects of the legal restriction imposed on alcoholism." Fifty years ago in Sweden the average consumption of alcobolic drinks was 54 litres per head per annum; now, owing to legislation, it is only 8 lives per head. In Norway a reduction of from 16 litres to 3½ litres per head has been effected, while in the Netherlands the number of brandy shops has been reduced from 43,000 in 1881 to 27,975 in 1885. By the new Austrian projet de loi licences are required for trade in liquors in less quantities than five litres; no other trade can be carried on where liquor is sold, not even that in estables, except

in hotels, dining-rooms, &c. "This stipulation is regarded to exceptional importance, inasmuch as shops in small be calities are frequented by all classes, and women and childre who would be ashamed to visit or frequent public house acquire in them a taste for strong liquors." The number of public houses is restricted to one for every 500 inhabitants; communes with less than a population of 500 connot ham more than one public house. Shops where spirituous liquon are sold must be closed from 5 in the afternoon of the day preceding Sundays or feast days until 5 a.m. of the ner succeeding working day. This does not affect dining room coffee houses, &c. "Debts incurred ror liquor in quantitie of five litres and under are not recoverable at law if the debte can be proved not to have paid a similar debt previously. All mortgage or guarantee bonds or promises given for succlaims are null and void. Persons convicted three times a drunkeness may be prohibited by the local authorities from visiting any public house in his neighbourhood for a year.



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