

quent poverty and wretchedness of the working classes in Dublin."

At the formation of a Temperance Society in London, the present Solicitor General of Ireland, said,—“He had been long in the habit of prosecuting criminals at the bar of justice in Ireland, and he could state positively, that at least three-fourths of the criminals tried there, were led on to crime by Intemperance, the greater part of the crimes which were committed in Ireland were the results of intoxication,—of the use of ardent Spirits.

Sir A. Cooper, in a letter which was read at the same meeting stated, the poor should be aware that *spirits and poison* are synonymous terms.

“What,” says Dr. Kirk, “is the nature of ardent spirits? All of them contain, as their basis, alcohol—a narcotic stimulant, possessing properties of the kind that opium does; which you know to be a *poison*,—with this addition, that it is more immediately irritating to the tissues of the body to which it is applied, than opium is. It mixes with the food and juices of the stomach, and in the act, time after time, injures the coats of that organ. It mixes with the chyle, which is to form part of the mass of blood, and is carried with it into the circulation—courses through every vessel, and is exhaled at every pore.”

“All the healthy functions are the result of the action of appropriate agents upon the several organs. Thus light is adapted to the eye, air to the lungs, appropriate food to the digestive organs, respectively; giving origin to the functions of vision, respiration, and assimilation.

But where has nature provided a receptacle for ardent spirits? What organ requires their stimulus, to enable it to perform its office? What gland possesses the power of extracting from them the smallest portion of nutriment, or any other ingredient which can be usefully employed in the animal economy?

On every organ they touch they operate as a poison.

Waste of Life.—On a supposition, that the excesses in which perhaps 200,000 of the labouring classes in the metropolis indulge, shortens the natural period of their existence only five years each, on an average, the labour of one million of years is lost in the lives of this class of men, after the expence is incurred in rearing them to maturity; which, during a period of 36 years of adult labour, at £25 a year, establishes a deficiency to the

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