

with the Deaf and Dumb Institution at Sumner, and it was felt that a great mistake would be made by interfering with the present system of management.

Concerning Alcohol.

DANISH DOCTORS' APPEAL. — The Danish physicians have formed a Total Abstinence Society, and they have caused the following remarkable warning to be posted at all railway stations in Denmark: "To the Danish people. —Alcohol is a stupefying poison. Alcohol is the cause of many mental diseases, and of most of the crimes. Every seventh man in Denmark dies of drink. Never give children alcoholic liquors. Alcoholism breeds tuberculosis and sexual diseases. In the struggle for temperance, abstinence is the safest weapon. Abstinence never injured a the thought of him who never drank man. Sure is the hand and clear is spirits. If you wish to make your people happy, increase its prosperity, build up its homes, advance the interests of your country, and make the race sound in body and mind, become a total abstainer."

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A MEDICAL OFFICER'S AWFUL REPORT.—The Medical Officer of Health for Birmingham, in a report dealing with the Floodgate-street area of that city—the area which Mr Arthur Chamberlain declared was over-provided with public-houses—states that the death-rate in some parts of the district reached the remarkable figure of 63.5 per 1000, and in the healthiest part the rate was 21.8 per 1000. One out of every five deaths in the area occurred in the work-house. A large number of men and women in the locality, he declares, "soak themselves with drink day after day." This has a public health aspect of the greatest importance. He recommends that the present facilities for "soaking in public-houses" should be limited. So impressed were the magistrates with this report, that they referred it to the Public Health Committee of the Corporation for special consideration.

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JAPANESE GENERALS & ABSTINENCE. —It has now been well-established by experience in the British Army that strong drink is no friend to the soldier, either on or off the battlefield. Intoxicants may evoke a sort of "Dutch courage" before the enemy, but for endurance and coolheadedness when

facing the enemy the good soldier must avoid stimulants. This fact is strongly believed in by General Kuroki, the famous Japanese soldier, for his own men now at the front. The general is a firm abstainer, and we are told he has "a pretty wit." It appears that whenever an officer calls on him at his tent and asks him to "take a drink," he smilingly declines, and offers in return a bottle of acid drops, from which the visitor may take what he wants to satisfy thirst. It should be well-known, moreover, that General Stoessel thought it well to prohibit the use of all intoxicating liquors during the siege at Port Arthur. In their place it is said he provided his troops with two concerts each day.—English *White Ribbon*.

Philadelphia's "Lighthouse."

Philadelphia was a city of special interest to the W.C.T.U. women of the United States during the month of November, as the *locale* of the U.S.A. National Convention.

In connection with Temperance work in that civic hive the "Lighthouse" and its allied forces is perhaps the most noteworthy feature.

The "Lighthouse" has open doors from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m., and at any time during these hours patrons are supplied with wholesome drinks and food at reasonable prices. It is situated in the near neighbourhood of mills and factories, and is the centre of a large and growing Christian temperance social settlement.

The restaurant is not only self-supporting, but now contributes 500 dollars annually towards the expense of carrying on the general work. This general work includes men's athletic and study clubs; outing and literary societies; labour unions' conferences; the men's gospel temperance union, whose weekly meetings are conducted by reclaimed men; a boys' club of 850 members; the woman's building, in which are housed a day nursery, classes for sewing, millinery, arts and crafts, stenography, book-keeping, literary study, etc.; a choral union, and the gospel temperance society of women.

The restaurant building for men has a splendid library of 6000 volumes, besides magazines and papers; assembly and games rooms; shower baths, and a roof garden where summer evening assemblies may be held high up above the din and dirt of the city streets.

The "Lighthouse" work really owes its inception to Miss Esther Warner Kelly who, with three or four other women workers, has now taken up her residence in a house adjoining the restaurant, and gives her unreserved energies and means to the neighbourhood work.

Women and Public Work.

Dr. Callaway, F.G.S., speaking at a Suffrage Meeting in England the other day, remarked that the Linnæan Society had obtained a new charter, under which women could be admitted to membership, and some had been proposed for fellowship. He had approached the Geological Society on the same subject, but meantime unsuccessfully. He (Dr Callaway) contended that some of the best scientific work during the last twenty years had been done by women. So far as they had gone, the part taken by them in public work had been an unmitigated advantage, and if this had been so in educational and social matters, the inference was that it would be also so in the wider sphere of political work.

To educate a man is to form an individual who leaves nothing behind him; to educate a woman is to form future generations.—Laboulaye.

Keep ever in mind that each living soul in all God's universe is a radiating centre of the Perfect One - some radiating more and some less, according to the awakened consciousness of the individual.—H. Emile Cady.



THE HOME.

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A TALK WITH MOTHERS.

BY EULALIA SISLEY-RICHARDS, M.D.

"Surely those things must be the cause of half the children's troubles," recently ventured a member of the staff of London's busiest hospital for sick children, sternly holding at arm's length a so called baby "comforter."

He caught it just in the nick of time on its way from the hospital floor to the mouth of a helpless infant in arms.