rocky shore, and though there was no visible cause, you knew of the tempest far out on the ocean. So we influence and are influenced.

Fou have taken in your hand an opal—the sympathetic stone. It was dull and coloriese until the warmth of your hand. Caused it to glow with radiance of color. So there are lives about us; dull and uninteresting they seem, but the stimulus of human sympathy will make them shine as with God's own glory.

You are stirring folks up—to what?

Horace R. Goodchild,

Pastor Baptist Church, Clarion, Penn.

ORDINARY PEOPLE.

TEXT: "Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, Phllologus and Julia."—Romans xvi., 14-15.

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Mathew Henry, Albert Barnes, Adam Clark, Thomas Scott, and all the commentators pass by these verses without any especial remark. The other twenty people mentioned in the chapter were distinguished for something and were therefore discussed by the illustrious expositors; but nothing is said about Asyncritus, Phiegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, Philologus and Julia. Where were they born? No one knows? When did they die? There is no record of their decease. For what were they distinguished? Absolutely nothing, or the trait of character would have been brought out by the Apostle. But they were good people, because Paul sends to them his high Christian regards. They were ordinary people moving in ordinary sphere, attending to ordinary duty, and meeting ordinary people. If there be in the United States? (0.00,000 people, there are certainly not mere than 1.000.000 extraordinary; and then there are 69,000,000 ordinary, and we do well to turn our backs for a little while upon the distinguished and conspicuous people of the Bible and consider in our text the seven ordinary. We spend too much of our time in twisting garlands for remark.

SERMONS OF THE DAY.

RELICIOUS TOPICS DISCUSSED BY PROMINENT AMERICAN MINISTERS.

"Stirring Folks Up"—Fourteenth Sermon in the New York Herald's Competitive Series is by a Pennsylvania Minister—Dr. Talmage On Ordinary People. "Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up."—I. Kings, xxi., 25.

A large part of the evil and a larger part of the good in the world would never be done but for the doers being stirred up to it.

Life is much like the sea; there seems always some wind to smite the surface or some steatthy undercurrent to send its restlessness up from the depths.

The lesson is many sided; if fully considered it covers the whole complex question of life's relationships. It is not one part of the world against the other; part of the world giving, the other ever receiving impressions, for one who is stirred up by evil may be a constant impulse to another's good.

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They who provide the food of the world decide the health of the world. You have only to go on some errand amid the tav-erns and hotels of the United States and

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Across the centuries Asyncritus, Phiegon, Hermas, Patribas, Hermes, Philologus and Julia.

First of all, if you feel that you are ordinary, thank God that you are not extraordinary. I am tired and sick, and bored almost to death with extraordinary people. You know as well as I do, my brother and sister, that the most of the useful work of the world is done by unpretentious people who toil right on—by people who do not get much approval, and no one seems to say, "That is well done."

The weather of life is not so severe on the plain as it is on the high peaks. The world never forgives a man who knows or gains or does more than it can know or gain or do. If, therefore, you feel that you are ordinary, thank God for the defenses and tranquility of your position.

Then remember, if you have only what is called an ordinary home, that the great deliverers of the world have all come from such a home. And there may be seated, reading at your evening stand, a child who shall be potent for the ages. Just unroll the scroll of men mighty in church and Stite, and you will find they nearly all came from log cabin or poor homes. Genius almost always runs out in the third or fourth generation. You can not find in all history an instance where the fourth generation of extraordinary people amount to anything.

Let us all be content with such things as we have. God is just as good in what He keeps away from us as in what He gives us.

A Sensitive Pensioner.

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Pension Commissioner Evans recently received from a pensioner in San Antonio, Texas, an express order for \$879. It was money which the sender believed he had not properly received. Mr. Evans had an investigation made of the case, and ascertained that the pensioner was honestly entitled to the money he was receiving, viz., \$12 per month for deafness, and directed the entire amount be returned to him.

Pauper Descendants of Columbus. A Spanish newspaper announces that the last two descendants of 'Christopher Columbus are now occupants of a poor house of Cadiz.

A TEMPERANCE COLUMN

THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST

How the Nations Drink—A Report Show-ing the Amount of Alcoholic Drinks Produced and Consumed in Europe Produced States—Germany Ahead

Produced and Consumed in Europe and the United States—Germany Ahead
A very interesting report, says the Atlanta Journal, has been submitted by the British Board of Trade to the House of Commons showing the production and consumption of wine, beer and spirits in the various countries of Europe and in the United States.

The statistics thus supplied cover the period from 1885 to 1896, inclusive. The most interesting part of the report is that which refers to the comparative consumption of alcoholic drinks in Great Britain, Germany, France and the United States.

In France, where the production of wine is larger than in any other country in the world, the consumption increased from 21.3 gallons per head in 1885 to 29.5 gallons in 1896, and has since probably undergone on decline. In Germany the consumption of wine is 1.06 gallons per head; in the United Kingdom, 4, and in the United States, 22 per head—a slight decrease in both countries since 1885. The whole of the wine consumed in the United Kingdom is imported, and of the consumption in the United States 78 per cent. is produced at home.

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But in beer, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States make up for their small consumption of wine. Germany, the greatest beer producing country, consumes 25.5 gallons per head of the population, against 19.8 gallons in 1885. The United Kingdom, next in production, consumes 20.7 gallons per head—a small increase—and the United States, third in production, consume 12.7 gallons per head of population, against 8.8 gallons in 1885—an increase of nearly 50 per cent, per head of population, against 8.8 gallons in 1885—an increase of nearly 50 per cent, per head of population, against 8.8 gallons in 1885—an increase of nearly 50 per cent, per head of population of consume 5 gallons of beep per head besides. But Belgium has a beer consumption of more than 43 gallons per head; and Bavaria makes up for some other portions of the German Empire with a per head consumption of 50 gallons.

Germany leads all the great nations in the consumption of spirituous drinks, the total quantity amounting to 100,760,000 gallons, or 1.94 gallons per head of the population—a small decline since 1890. France has a consumption of 40,760,000 gallons, or 1.01 per head, and the consumption in the United States, as well as for all other countries in this report, the measure is in imperial gallons, five of which are equal to six of our gallons.

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A significant indication of the intolerance employers are now evidencing to drunken employers is shown in the headlines of an advertisement for the care of inebriates. "No drunkards need apply." The advertisement then goes on to stind the door of employment closed against that the institution will cure such as "find the door of employment closed against them" as drunkards. Even army officers now find themselves debarred from promotion by drunkenness. It was once an almost accepted belief that every railroad employe was a drinking man, but it is not now so. He can not hold his place on many railroads and be seen in a saloon. May it indeed become a bar to position, to decent society, and to any place of responsibility or confidence to be known as a drinking man. The man who drinks is a menace to society and to public safety as well as to himself. It is no longer a question of personal right. It is a question of public welfare. Mr. Depew, in an address at the anniversary of the New York Railroad Association, said:

The railroads twenty-two years ago were not well organized; then there were 15,000 men in our service, and now there 30,000. It is a fact that twenty-two years ago went of the force was discharged within a given time for drunkenness. In those days the saloon was always very much in svidence along our lines and at our terminals. Now not one per cent. of our men disappear from drunkenness, and the force is twice as large as it was in the old days. We have a higher grade of men, men with a greater force of character, and this has been brought about in large measure by organizations of this kind.—Men.

A Child's Hand.

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One has said there is a child's hand on the door of the millennium. If that be so, let us give the child power to open the door and enjoy the bliss of a regained paradise by removing the saloon, which is to millions the gateway to the city of destruction. And while we thus teach the youth the principles of total abstinence from all that can intoxicate, let us as true patriots remember that as the liquor traffic came by law it must go by law. We may sing "Rescue the Perishing" ever so sweetly, and "Work for the Night is Coming" ever so often, but the traffic will still flourish and fatten upon our dear ones. We may pray ever so fervently that God will remove the stumbling block, but the walls of this modern Jericho will remain as solid as **Ver.**

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When Orsini was staying at Stella Hall, England, with Mr. Joseph Cowen, he complained of headache. Going to his bedroom, they asked him what he did about the gas before he retired. Orsinisaid, "I blew it out."

Dear readers, moral suasion without legal suasion is blowing out the gas. If we want to save the children we must turn off the tap.—National Temperance Advocate.

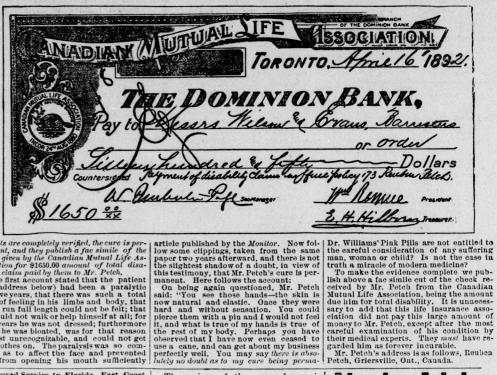
Tearing Down and Building Up.
Two men had a sharp discussion. One
was an abstainer; the other was not. Said
the latter. "Depend upon it, there is nothing like beer. Why, when I get home at
night, and have drunk a quart or two, I
feel as if I could knock a house down." "Ah,"
replied the other quietly, "but since I have
been a teetotaler, I have put two houses
up, and that suits me better."

Cemmendable.

Most commendable is the decision of the Century Wheelmen's Club, of Philadelphia, by an almost unanimous vote, not to permit the sale of liquor at either its town or its country club house. This club, said to be the largest single social organization of bleyclists in the country, sets an example that invites imitation and at the same time widely advertises the fact that bicycling is a strong deterrent to drinking intoxicants. This sound form of exercise contributes, when properly employed, to strength, health and happiness, all of which are natural promoters of morality and temperance.

A Total Disability Claim of \$1,650 Paid to a Man who was Afterward Cured.

The L'onitor, a newspaper published at Meaford, Ont., Canada, first discovered this case two years ago, and published it at length, which now seems, owing to the cure of it, to be a miracle. The facts were so remarkable that many people doubted the truth of them. They said: "It is too remarkable; it cannot possibly be true; the paper is mistaken, and the man, although he may think himself cured, will soon relages into his former condition," etc., etc. The accuracy of its report called in question, the Monitor determined to find out definitely whether the facts were as stated and whether the man would really stay cured. They accordingly kept a close watch on the case for two years after the first article appeared, and have just now published another article about it in which the original



reports are completely verified, the cure is permanent, and they publish a fac simile of the check given by the Canadian Mutual Life Association for \$1650.00 amount of total disability claim paid by them to Mr. Petch.

The first account stated that the patient (see address below) had been a paralytic for five years, that there was such a total lack of feeling in his limbs and body, that a pin run full length could not be felt; that he could not walk or help himself at all; for two years he was not dressed; furthermore that he was bloated, was for that reason almost unrecognizable, and could not get his clothes on. The paralysis was so complete as to affect the face and prevented him from opening his mouth sufficiently

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