

OUR CHANCES OF DEATH.

MATTERS ON WHICH THEY DEPEND REVEALED IN A BLUE BOOK.

Five Leading Causes of Death in England—The Peculiar Advantages and Perils of Different Pursuits—Fascinating Records of Suicides—Alcoholism's Many Victims.

Cleveland Moffett has been studying a British blue book which presents statistics of death in England in the years 1890, 1891 and 1892. In this book he says, the dead are classified according to ages, occupations, disease, districts, etc., until there is not the poorest chimney-sweep or loftiest cabinet minister who may not find, if he looks carefully, some precise statement as to how and why and when he is apt to die. And it is easy to see that these death discoveries made in London and England must apply in the main to other capitals and other countries where similar conditions exist. All conclusions in this blue book are based upon the deaths of men, for it appears that women make trouble even in the mortality statistics.

One of the first tables shows that men who have some regular occupation may face death more serenely than those who have none. This is especially true between the ages of 20 and 35, when the death rate for "unoccupied males" is from three to six times greater than for those with occupations, six times greater at 20, and three times greater at 35. It must be borne in mind, however, that among the unoccupied are included not only persons retired from business or living on private means, but

LUNATICS AND PRISONERS

The tables show that this excessive death rate among the unoccupied is due mainly to diseases of the nervous system and to phthisis, the death rate from the former being seven times and from the latter nearly three times higher than for men with occupations.

We next see the advantage of living in agricultural districts away from large cities. Comparing the death rate of "occupied males" (whom Mr. Moffett considers exclusively now) we find that the mortality in London, taking the period in life from 25 to 65, is 20 per cent. above the average, while in the agricultural districts it is 28 per cent. below the average. And still less favorable is the lot of those who live in the industrial regions, the great manufacturing centres like Sheffield and Birmingham since for them the death rate rises to 31 per cent. above the average. The chief causes of these higher death rates, both in London and the industrial districts, are phthisis and diseases of the respiratory system.

Statistics are given of twenty-four diseases or causes of death, and five of these, viz: phthisis, diseases of the nervous system, diseases of the circulatory system, bronchitis, and pneumonia, causes more than half of the entire mortality. Cancer kills more than influenza, while suicide is directly responsible for more deaths than alcoholism. It is, however, pointed out expressly that alcoholism contributes to many deaths that are put down to other causes. In verifying the cause of death of inebriates it is the habit of some medical men to state only the pathological condition of the organs or organs chiefly affected. The experience of the General Registry office shows that

CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER

for instance, (the liver is the organ which, more than any other is affected by intemperance), is frequently referred as the sole cause of death in such circumstances, the fact that abuse of alcohol had induced the cirrhosis or other morbid condition being directly responsible for more deaths than alcoholism. There is a special table given for alcoholism showing comparative mortality figures, and social philosophers will shake their heads wisely when they see, at the very head of the list, the keepers of inns and hotels, their servants, and the whole tribe of brewers and distillers. Men of these classes, that is, the drinkers of alcohol, die of its effects and three to ten times faster than the average of "occupied males." Three times faster for the brewer, ten times faster for the London hotel servant. On the other hand, the mortality from alcoholism among agricultural laborers, railway men, iron and tin and coal miners, clergymen, fishermen and others is far below the average, only one-third or one-fourth of it, while in the case of soap manufacturers, lead workers, copper miners, and carpet makers, no deaths whatever are recorded for knowledge. It would be of interest to know if there is some subtle relation between soapmaking and total abstinence.

THE NORMAL AVERAGE

requires that there be one suicide in every 100 deaths, but inkworkers, teachers, artists, musicians, hair dressers, and commercial travellers kill themselves much oftener than this, while boiler-makers, bricklayers, clergymen, and coal miners, keep their self-destruction well below the average. Farmers, gardeners, etc., in the matter of suicide are above the average, while their servants are below it. Physicians kill themselves three times as often as ordinary men, and in that difficult period of their lives between the ages of 25 and 35 their mortality from suicide is even greater. Publishers are singularly free from a tendency to suicide.

AN AUTHORITY SPEAKS

Citizen—Mr. Greatman, I heard a curious debate the other evening. The subject was: Can a politician be a Christian? What's your opinion?

Mr. Greatman, local statesman—He kin but he'll git killed.

FROGS IN BELGRADE

In the chief square of Belgrade, Serbia, innumerable little frogs hop about as unconcernedly as if they were far away in the country. How they came there and how they survive, no one seems to know.

WELL, WHY IS IT?

Is this where you answer questions? Is it where you answer some questions connected with the guarded reply for a man who undertakes to answer questions soon learns to be cautious.

Well, I have one that really ought to be answered, he asserted.

I shall be glad to have a chance at it, returned the young man in charge. Well, why is it that the only match you have always goes out?

Fortunately the young man in charge had expressly stated that it was the place where some questions were answered. Otherwise he would have been in a tight place.

A DOG'S BARK.

The barking of a dog on the earth can be heard by a balloonist at an elevation of four miles.

A Hopeless Invalid.

SUCH WAS THE CONDITION OF MISS RODD, OF BROOKLIN.

An Editor Relates the Story of Her Illness and How a Remarkable Change in Her Condition Was Brought About.

From the Gazette, Whitby, Ont.

For some five years the editor of this journal has made weekly visits to Brooklin in search of news. One of his earliest recollections of the village was in noting that Miss Rodd was very ill. Miss Rodd was well known, and as week after week rolled round, it was natural to ask how she was getting on, and the reply always came that she was no better. Time went on and it became a settled fact that Miss Rodd was a confirmed invalid and that such she would continue until a kind Providence took mercy on her by allowing death to end her sufferings. None of the villagers anticipated any other ending. Our astonishment can better be imagined than described, therefore, when Mrs. Bert Wells hailed us one morning with "Well, editor, we have some news for you to-day." "What is it?" "Why, Miss Rodd has gone on a visit to Columbus friends." "Why, I thought she was a confirmed invalid?" "So she was, but she has been improving so much lately that she is able to help herself a good deal, and it was thought a change of scene would do her good."

"That is certainly news," replied the quill-pusher, "and good news too; but what cured her?" "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," replied Mrs. Wells. "I decided to ask Miss Rodd upon her return for an interview, but it was some time before it took place, owing to the limited time at our disposal between trains, and partly owing to a desire to wait and see if the improvement was likely to prove permanent. However, after many put-offs, we finally called at the home of Mrs. Doolittle, a sister of Miss Rodd's, who has carefully cared for her during the long illness. At the request of the editor Miss Rodd made the following statement:—I am fifty years of age, but have lived in Brooklin ten years. Five years ago I was taken ill with acute rheumatism, and have not done a day's work since. The trouble began with my feet and the swelling extended to my arms, wrists and shoulders, and finally settled in my neck. I had a walking stick to ease me in moving about, and two and a half years ago the stick had to make way for a crutch. At this time I used to get up a little each day, but it was not long before I was unable to do this, and the next six months I was perfectly helpless and bed-ridden. I could not even turn my head or put a cup of tea to my mouth. I got completely discouraged after ineffectual being treated by two physicians and trying the different medicines used after my ailment. While I was in this helpless condition my niece came in one day and prevailed upon me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After taking two boxes I felt a slight change for the better so continued to take them with the effect that I continued to improve slowly ever since. I now sleep well, have a good appetite and have gained in flesh. I can stand now, walk about and even get in and out of the buggy upon the occasion of my late visit to Columbus, and my reason for still using a crutch is on account of my knees being weak and a desire to not over-tax my strength. Jubilee Day was the first time in twenty-one months that I was able to put my foot outside the door and I am satisfied had I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the first place instead of the other medicines used, I would have been spared much suffering. I am sure I owe my improvement to these Pills alone."

MAGNANIMITY IN WAR.

An Incident of the Battle on the Plains of Abraham.

An elderly lady, now living in the vicinity of Boston, relates what she heard from her grandfather, who was a soldier in the English army which captured Quebec in 1759. The hostile armies were drawn up in battle order on the plains of Abraham, before the city.

In the open space between them, and in full view of both ranks, the opposing generals, Wolfe and Montcalm, rode toward each other, saluted by raising their hats, drew alongside, and silently clasped hands like friends and brothers; then wheeled, rode back to the head of their respective forces and gave orders to open fire. A few hours later, both lay mortally wounded.

The men were loyal to their sovereigns and acting under orders. They followed the military profession as gallant and chivalrous gentlemen. Toward each other they were incapable of ill will, and at heart they were not enemies but comrades. It may seem almost shocking to add that in creed and profession both were Christians.

Are not international courtesy and magnanimity possible, even in time of war? So long as nations, for any reason or for lack of reason, will still resort to arms for the settlement of disputes, may not the dreadful duel go on without setting on fire the ugly passions of hatred, cruelty and revenge?

"In the midst of arms, the laws are silent," says the old Roman maxim. But are the laws of God ever suspended? If fight we must, let us fight only for justice, freedom, human welfare and lasting peace. With these motives dominant, though we strike at human forms, we shall aim our blows only at real wrongs; we shall pity those whom we slay, and shall regret the injuries we are obliged to inflict as well as those we are obliged to suffer.

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FRESH OYSTERS.

Eastern Man in Western restaurant—I see you have oysters on the bill of fare. Are they fresh?

Waiter—Yes, sah, jus' out of de can, sah.

A QUERY ANSWERED.

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