

LADY SOMERSET'S VISIT.

Famous Reformer Tells of Her Work—Progress Made at the Duxhurst Home—Courtesy, Love and Occupation.

Lady Henry Somerset, of England, President of the World's W.C.T.U., is in this country, and will attend the 25th convention of the Ontario W. C. T. U. in Toronto, before going home about the middle of November.

Women interested in social purity work and the reformation of women from drink will be interested in the reports which Lady Henry brings with her of the success of her Industrial Farm Colony at Duxhurst, Reigate.

This colony founded by Lady Henry is maintained in connection with the National British Women's Temperance Association, and its purpose is to deal with the problem of inebriety among women, which has been so rapidly increasing in England. The idea of the colony was first suggested by some investigations which she made years ago in New England as to how tempted women were treated there.

Lady Henry found that the authorities were treating women inebriates with kindness; that instead of punishing them, they were being met with mercy and charity; that the law of love and not that of force was being used in their cases, and that the reformations secured were more lasting than any under the old system. She was so impressed with the results of the New England work brought to her attention that she believed she had found in it a partial solution at least of the women's drink problem in England. On her return to England the first steps were taken toward the founding of the Industrial Farm Colony, which now is an accomplished fact.

As to this colony, in her last report Lady Henry says:

"During the past year some progress has undoubtedly been made toward solving the great question which stands prominently before us as to how to deal with inebriety among women, which is so rapidly increasing in our nation. The amendments to the inebriate act, enabling magistrates to deal with cases of habitual inebriety, by sending the offenders to a reformatory instead of to prison, is an advance in the right direction."

A little further on in her report Lady Henry says of one of the difficulties confronting the reformatory or colony:

"We have proved beyond a doubt that there are many consigned to reformatories under the supposition that they are habitual inebriates who are distinctly criminals to whom drunkenness is a natural part of existence, whereas there are some who, under the influence of drink, have committed offences which, if it had not been for this failing, they would probably never have dreamed of."

"The patients whom we receive at Duxhurst are of another caliber; they are the people who have not been habitual criminals, but whose drunkenness is desolating their homes."

At Duxhurst the woman who has stooped to toy with gin, small beers, whiskey and wine, is given courtesy first, love second and occupation third. Preferably, where occupation is provided, outdoor work is selected.

"Our medical officer's report," writes Lady Henry, "gives us the best encouragement as to the way in which the work has prospered, and the method by which we divide our colony into small homes has each year proved its value more fully, while the occupation in the gardens, the wholesomeness of outdoor work and the invigorating effects of fresh air are demonstrated by the improvement in the patient's health and morals, and confirm us in our belief that our theory of outdoor occupation is based upon sound principle."

"The very nature of the employment in the forcing-houses, the garden frames, the fruit picking, is necessarily foreign to the women who come to us, and consequently it has the desirable effect of breaking all continuity of thought with the past by giving them an extremely new outlook in their daily work. I believe that the possibilities of outdoor employment for women have not yet been developed, and that in many of our reformatories these methods will be adopted in lieu of the more remunerative laundry work or plain sewing. Last winter we started the industry of seed sorting, and we have found this meets with a measure of success. We have also introduced basketmaking, which has proved useful during bad weather in the winter months."

In the garden work to which the inebriate women are put extracted honey is produced, wax, fruits and vegetables. All the fruit is picked and packed by women. In the workroom there is embroidery, weaving, carpet-making and the like. Linen dresses in large quantities are woven by women who previous to their entering the colony had never had any experience in this class of work. As to whether these women like this work, as to whether they are happy in the thought of freeing themselves from the influence of drink, some letters published may show:

"We are happier together now, my dear husband and myself, than we have been for many a long year."

"I shall ever wish to keep Duxhurst green in my memory, as I feel it has been the means of restoring happiness to me."

"I am full of thankfulness for all this place has done for me."

"I owe you a debt of gratitude."

"I feel stronger in both mind and body."

Henry S. Sanders, warden of the colony, in writing of his knowledge of its work says:

"I have been able during the year to pay several visits to the colony, and rejoiced to see how the work grows and prospers, and I cannot forbear further to mention that I have also in various parts of the country been brought into contact with not a few past patients, whose converted, sober lives have been a source of deep thankfulness to me, as they must be to all who love Duxhurst."

The medical officer's report shows that in the five years existence of Duxhurst 241 cases of women's inebriety have been treated; that 110 have been successfully treated, and that in the case of 76 there was failure. Of the others, 11 died, 8 went insane, 17 were considered doubtful of recovery, 7 absconded, 5 were incorrigible and 5 were removed on account of ill health. Taking the successful and failed cases together 59.13 per cent. were successful and 40.87 per cent. failed.

Of the whole number of women received 167 were married, 60 single and 14 widows. All of the 84 had an inebriate family history, 16 had insanity in their family, 5 head epilepsy in the family and 12 were engaged in the licensing trade. There were 135 habitual drunkards, 81 periodic drunkards, 23 secret drunkards and 1 opium eaters.

Duxhurst, aside from caring for the inebriate mother, reaches out for the children of vicious homes and intemperance. The first consignment of little ones received consisted of six small, ill-used children, varying in age from 4 to 9, and one girl of 12. One little tot had chilblains which left her heel covered with hard, dry skin. She was told this was "dead" skin, but that did not satisfy her.

"What is the matter with my heel?" she asked. "You don't know, Sister Edith doesn't. Peebe doesn't—only God knows. It's very awkward, isn't it?"

Several of the children playing decided to have a Punch and Judy show and one of the youngsters was selected to be Punch and to suffer his fate of hanging. Just when the string was round her small neck for the final punishment, she exclaimed, entreatingly: "Amy, I have never been hanged before; don't hurt me much." All these little children have developed into bright and happy beings under the softening influences of the colony, or as their quarter is called, "the Nest."

Duxhurst is patronized by the Duchess of St. Albans, the Duchess of Bedford, the Countess Somers, the Countess of Dudley, Lady Arthur Butler and others of the nobility and clergy. The Earl of Stamford is a member of the advisory boards, also Lord Kinnaird and Lord Roberts. It has this prayer:

"That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand, to comfort and help the weak-hearted, and to raise up them that fall, and finally to beat down Satan under our feet. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord."

It is an experiment put forth by one of the most noble-hearted women in the world in a nation whose besetting sin is liquor-drinking. In England, as in no other country in the world is the liquor habit fastened on the women of all classes, and it has been one of the chief aims of Lady Henry Somerset to break this fastening, to turn the womanhood of England to a better life. Duxhurst cannot accomplish everything, but it is a beginning along the line of treating the tempted woman with kindness and love and of giving her occupation along common-sense lines.

STOLEN BY THE SEA.

England Loses Many Acres Each Year in This Way.

The Strand Magazine describes the steady and disastrous eating away of the coast line of England by the encroaching sea, and it is stated that the annual loss of area by coast erosion in England alone is probably not less than 2,000 acres. On the other hand, marsh lands have been reclaimed, but these areas are insignificant as compared with those which have been lost.

Parts of the lost lands were low lying, protected by dikes or levees, which were eventually breached; other parts were washed away by floods and storms, but in many cases the sea is eating its way into tall cliffs, demolishing numerous towns and villages.

The line of anchorage for ships off Selsey, in Sussex, is still called "the park," having been a royal deer park in the reign of Henry VIII., while the treacherous shoals known as the Goodwin sands formed in early days the estate of Earl Goodwin.

On the Yorkshire coast there are twelve buried towns and villages, and in Suffolk there are five. Sub-

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merged forests may be seen at low tide off Bexhill and Worrall, and their remains have been found at numerous points along the coast.

Southwest from Land's End, to ward the Scilly Islands, a peninsula of about 227 square miles has been carried away, and below the sand beach is a deposit of black mold containing indications of trees and deer.

At Worrall is Leasowes Castle, now on the edge of the cliff, but fifty years ago it was half a mile from the sea. Many historical towns, such as Ravensburg (mentioned in Shakespeare), where Henry IV. landed in 1399 and Edward IV. in 1471, have now entirely disappeared.

At Reculver the cliffs were gradually eroded until a church originally two miles inland was partly wrecked. This church, however, had two spires, forming a striking landmark for sailors, and a trinity board, in charge of the lighthouse work, therefore had a sea wall built to prevent the destruction of the towers.

Salvation Army Devices.

The Salvation Army in New York City, has resorted to a curious trick to entrap the unregenerate into ways of righteousness. At many points in the city in the lowlier quarters the Army has established stands where books are sold for two cents apiece or three for a nickel. The books are bound in flaming colors of red, yellow, and green, and bear the most alluring titles. The books prove a distinct disappointment when opened. Instead of impassioned love scenes the reader find long homilies on the dangers that lurk in the society of gilded youths and the glories that cluster around the brow of virtue. The army appears to be working on the theory that the devil's own weapons are the best to fight him with.

Milk as a Food.

Milk as a food is a perfect one for the very young infant only. In adult life it is often of service and may save life, but it does not afford all the materials required for nutrition. Moreover, it yields what is not required—a large percentage of lime. The latest researches show that this is not so greatly on account of the quantity of lime contained in the milk as because the salts are in a form peculiarly adapted for retention in the system.

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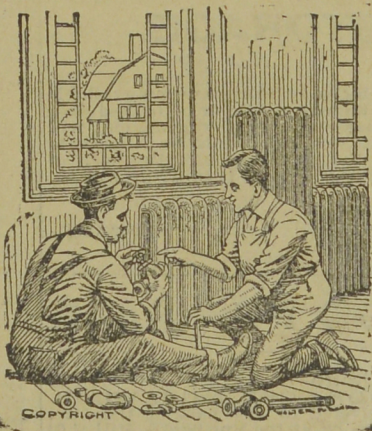
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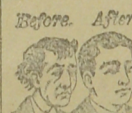
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