

"The Signers of the Declaration of Independence," by Harvey Thomas, published by the Prudential Press, Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A., has been sent to us by Dr. F. L. Hoffman, Third Vice-President and Statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company of America. It contains portraits and bibliographical sketches of the fifty-six patriots who gave to America its great Charter of Freedom.

"The Report of the Homes for Inebriates Association, together with the Thirty-Sixth Annual Report of the Dalrymple Home at Rickmansworth," published by H. K. Lewis and Co., Ltd., 136, Gower Street, W.C., contains particulars and illustrations of the "Retreat," of which Dr. F. S. D. Hogg is Medical Superintendent.

"Temperance and the Law," by Ernest E. Williams, is No. 11 of the "True Temperance Monographs" issued by the True Temperance Association, Donington House, Norfolk Street, W.C. 2 (price 3d.).

MEMORANDA.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society for the Study of Inebriety will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 1920, at 4 p.m., immediately before the Ordinary Meeting, to consider and, if thought desirable, to approve the revised Rules and By-Laws submitted by the Council. These provide for the increase of the existing minimum annual subscription of five shillings to a minimum of half a guinea. In view of this important change in the affairs of the Society, the President has thought it well to address the following letter to all those whose names appear on the roll of the Society:

TO THE MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INEBRIETY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The Council, after long and serious consideration, have decided that it is necessary to recommend that the annual subscription to the Society should be raised to a minimum of half a guinea. This step has been rendered inevitable by the very considerable rise in the cost of printing the official journal, the doubling in the postage of letters, and the heavy outlay entailed in procuring necessary stationery, etc. Indeed, a marked increase has occurred in the cost of practically everything relating to the work of the Society. Since the initiation of our work in 1884 the minimum subscription has remained at five shillings. It has only been possible to continue for so long at this low rate through the generosity of those who have been ready to subscribe at a higher figure and willing also to provide special donations from time to time as

required. The work of the Society has been maintained and the official journal regularly issued each quarter by much valuable service freely given. The Society has accomplished considerable educational work during the past thirty-six years, and we believe that we are able to carry on and to extend the work that has been built up on such firm foundations. I have no hesitation, therefore, in appealing to all Members and Associates to continue their sympathy and support. There are now over eight hundred names on the roll of the Society, and the Council are particularly desirous that there shall be no withdrawals. I sincerely hope that during the present year there will be no resignations. Indeed, I venture to suggest that each Member and Associate might make a special point of securing at least one new name for our roll. If this can be secured our financial difficulty will be met, and the Society will be in a position to take up at the earliest opportunity the educational and research work which the Council are desirous of furthering. As President of the Society I venture to place the situation clearly before my colleagues and friends, saying in the name of the Council that we rely on the continued co-operation and practical assistance of all desirous of maintaining and extending the work of the Society during this difficult period of readjustment.

Faithfully yours,

ALFRED PEARCE GOULD.

We are glad to be able to announce that Sir Arthur Newsholme, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., has accepted the invitation of the Council to deliver the next Norman Kerr Memorial Lecture. The subject will be—"Some International and Racial Aspects of Alcoholism." It is hoped that it may be possible to arrange for the delivery of the Lecture in the early autumn of 1921, but the exact date will be announced in due course.

It will be of much assistance to the Hon. Treasurer if Members and Associates who pay their subscriptions by bankers' orders will be good enough to arrange for the transfer of their bankers' orders, which are now made payable at Lloyds Bank, Hampstead, to *Barclays Bank, Limited, Marylebone Branch, 5a, High Street, W. 1.*

The Hon. Secretary of the Society for the Study of Inebriety and Editor of the "British Journal of Inebriety" will be greatly obliged if in future all communications relating to the work of the Society, the conduct of the journal, and books for review, etc., be forwarded to him, addressed: Dr. T. N. Kelynaek, 19, Park Crescent, Portland Place, London, W. 1.