

READERS' VIEWS

I think it is, doctor

To the Editor of The Star
SIR,—I read with surprise the letter written by "Physician" on alcoholics.

He says he cannot agree with the idea that alcoholics are to be pitied, or that they are "ill" people who need help.

He tells of the many tragedies and accidents that are caused through "drunkards" and drunken driving.

He goes so far as to say that such people should be punished severely, imprisoned, locked up. He seems to think there is no difference between alcoholics and drunkards. I beg to differ.

Many alcoholics are cultured people, who, through force of circumstances, have become what they are, and through kindness, understanding and help are completely rehabilitated.

They, in their turn, rehabilitate others. There is no end to the good that has been done by them, which could never have been done if, as "Physician" suggests, they had been "locked up."

Nor would there be "Alcoholics Anonymous," without which the world would be a sorry place.

It is true that accidents are often caused by drinking, but there are other causes, too—too much talking and gesticulating; absentmindedness; lack of road sense; speeding; neglecting to see that brakes are working; many other factors.

Should I not all these people be locked up, too?

If "Physician" would present himself at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, I feel sure, he would emerge a very humble person indeed.

Physician heal thyself.

B. L.

You should have heard them hoot



To the Editor of The Star

SIR,—I was caught in a speed trap on a recent Thursday afternoon at 3.15. Speed registered was 48.8 miles an hour.

The traffic inspector duly presented me with his little pink slip, which will be paid by a very understanding husband.

I then decided to test the general public at the required speed of 35 miles an hour down Oxford Road at 3.15 on Friday afternoon.

It was really hilarious to hear the hooting of the cars at the back of me, the cars passing without any warning sign, but even the dirty looks from the drivers did not tickle me as much as one man shouting to me: "You road-hogs should drive in the country."

Maybe I looked as if I needed the good old country air. It was so very hot that Friday afternoon.

ONCE BITTEN—TWICE SHY.

CHEERS FOR PHYSICIAN

To the Editor of The Star

SIR,—Three cheers for "Physician" (The Star, Saturday, November 16) for having the courage to speak out on "drunks." For years I have

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- (3) LADY BOOKKEEPER

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