



No. 14.—OPIUM SMOKERS.

THESE faces need little comment. Their owners have far passed the limits of temperance which is possible in opium smoking as in everything else. The position is that invariably adopted for enjoying the pipe. The pipe itself, in its commonest form, is a wooden tube some twelve inches long, with a small earthenware bowl fastened into a hole at the side near the end opposite the mouth-piece. The smoker holds the bowl close to the flame of a small lamp, and a globule of extract of

opium about the size of a pea, is taken up on the point of a long needle, put into the bowl, and ignited at the lamp. All the vapour is inhaled at one prolonged whiff, and is retained for a considerable time in the lungs, being then discharged through the nose. The ordinary daily dose for a moderate smoker is from half a mace to one mace, or from six to twelve pipes.