

A man's own good breeding is the best security against other people's ill manners.

Nine ounces, says the *Scientific American*, of pure fresh lime, dissolved in forty gallons of water, will purify five hundred and sixty gallons of hard water—the precipitate is chalk. It takes sixteen hours for the water to settle and all the impurities to fall to the bottom of the vessel which contains the water. This is a useful fact in chemistry, and is not very extensively known.

There is lying at Glasson Dock, Liverpool, the identical vessel that conveyed General Wolfe from England to Quebec, where that heroic soldier died in the hour of victory. Amongst the flags displayed at the railway station on Wednesday week, were two belonging to this vessel, each a hundred years old.

Hasty words often rankle the wound which injury gives; but soft words assuage it, forgiving cures it, and forgetting takes away the scar.

"CANADA"—A correspondent of the *Quebec Gazette* very learnedly explains the origin of the name of Canada as follows:—

"An English ship driven by stress of weather, had previously been ice-locked in the mighty river, and the Captain, finding the weather was far too cold, increased the allowance of grog to a CAN A DAY. On their return to the old country and beating up for volunteers, all the seamen at the port at once rushed to be shipped to the CAN A DAY country."

He further says—"As I have not entered it at Stationer's Hall, nor secured the copyright, this most true and learned derivation, may be inserted in the next edition of Webster's Dictionary."

**MARRIAGE GOOD FOR HEALTH**—Dr. Casper of Berlin, has calculated that the mortality among bachelors from the age of 30 to 45 years, is 27 per cent.; whilst among married men of the same age it is only 18 per cent. For 41 bachelors who attain the age of forty years, there are 78 married men who attain the same age. The advantage in favor of married life is still more striking in persons of advanced age. At 60 years there remain but 22 bachelors for 48 married men; and at 70 years 11 bachelors for 27 married; and at 80 years, 3 bachelors against 9 married men.

### Trans-Atlantic Retrospect.

The receipt of our files of temperance periodicals for December again enables us to present, in an abbreviated form, the chief items of intelligence from abroad. We shall hereafter give the news in the alphabetical order of places.

#### ENGLAND.

**Alton, Hants.**—Here, a crowded and very attentive meeting was held on the 29th of October, in connexion with a festival; and Rev. T. Spencer, delivered a lecture.

**Birkenhead, Nov. 11.**—A public meeting was held in the school Room, Argyle Street,—Smith Harrison, Esq., in the chair. An address was delivered by Mr. Cooper, of Liverpool. By means of a magic lantern, instructive views, were given of the "Soldier's progress," "Sailor's progress," "Cruikshanks' bottle." The Oxy-hydrogen light was used. The cause is gaining ground; weekly meetings are to be held, and the town systematically visited.

**Blackburn.**—Four or five meetings are held here every week, and the attendance is on the increase. Joseph Donnelly, a back-ding teetotaler, has been reclaimed, and desires it may be known, that he may receive forgiveness for his errors, and pray for his future steadfastness. The temperance cause is rapidly gaining ground.

**Birkenshaw.**—Near Leeds, Nov. 5, a festival was held, at which 200 sat down to tea. At a public meeting addresses were given by the Rev. J. Tunnicliffe, of Leeds, and by Messrs. New and Holmes.

**Brighton.**—The annual report from this place congratulates subscribers on the growing prosperity of the temperance movement, and on the dying away of prejudices,—350 families have been supplied weekly with tracts, and 4000 tracts have

been given away. There are on the books 800 pledged abstainers, 50 of whom are reclaimed drunkards.

**Cornwall.**—In this county, Mr. Addleshaw is laboring with great acceptance. He has visited the principal societies in East Cornwall, and without an exception, is requested to return. Among the miners there is a great deal of drunkenness. The report says "the platform speaks a little," but we regret to find added, "but the pulpit is a dumb-dog."

**Feltwell, Norfolk.**—On the 28th of Nov., the Rev. J. Matthews, Baptist Minister, lectured on Temperance, in the Independent Chapel. He urged the abandonment of strong drink and tobacco, that more means might be available for the spread of the Gospel.

**Leicester.**—On the 22nd of October the annual meeting was held.—The report states that the society was never in a better state. Mr. Faire, one of the agents, has visited 3,030 houses, conversed with 345 religious professors, investigated 57 police cases, which had their origin in drink, and taken 276 pledges. He has distributed 3,878 tracts. A Temperance Hall is soon to be built.

**Leek.**—The annual festival was held on the 20th of Oct. There has been a meeting held in this place, every week for the last 16 years. During the last year 200 persons signed the pledge.

**Lewes.**—This place has a flourishing juvenile society. Thirty meetings have been held, two of them composed exclusively of females. Each minister of the town has received a copy of Professor Finney's sermon, entitled, "Total Abstinence a Christian duty." During the year, 6,235 periodicals have been distributed.

**London.**—In the great metropolis numerous meetings were held during the autumn. The League is prospering, and great exertions are made to promote total abstinence. Exeter Hall has frequently been crowded with attentive listeners, and much good is done.

**Manchester.**—The Committee of the Manchester and Salford Temperance Society continue to push on the work in that vast community. Previous to the municipal election an address was issued, urging the rate-payers not to vote for publicans, brewers, and spirit merchants, on the ground that they ought not to be entrusted with the economical, social, and moral interests of the people.

**Pontefract.**—The annual soiree on the 20th of Oct., was a pleasant and profitable meeting. Several interesting meetings have been held subsequently, and various methods adopted to promote the edification of the people.

**Whitestable.**—The cause here and in this vicinity, appears to be only in its infancy, but the lectures delivered by the Rev. R. G. Mason, are producing a good effect.

#### SCOTLAND.

**Aberdeen.**—The annual meeting of this Temperance Society was held in the Hall, 56, Union Street, on the 16th of Oct. last. Meetings had been held every Monday evening throughout the year, and the employment of a Temperance Missionary contemplated. Mr. Forsyth, an active member, died suddenly on the 16th August last.

**Braehead, Carnwath.**—A Total Abstinence Society was organized here in the month of May last, and is progressing favorably. It has 77 members, of whom 55 are adults.

**Castle Douglas.**—A society was organized here in February last, by the Rev. James Jenkins, which has since rapidly gained strength. Public meetings are held monthly.