

answer to the beggar is, "I am able to drink my money myself." Dr. Adams, of Dublin, on questioning the first twenty applicants for soup in the parish of St. Peter, found that eighteen of them had that morning paid for spirits to a greater amount than the value of the soup which they came to beg. Another gentleman of the same city, during the evening of a day on which one hundred and sixty beds had been distributed to the poor, in the prospect of cholera, found that in one lane forty of them had been sold, and their price converted into whisky !

WHY SHOULD ANY MAN SWEAR.

I can conceive of no reason why he should, but of ten reasons why he should not.

1. It is mean. A man of high moral standing would almost as soon steal a sheep as to swear.

2. It is vulgar ; altogether too mean for a decent man.

3. It is cowardly ; implying a fear either of not being believed or obeyed.

4. It is ungentlemanly. A gentleman, according to Webster, is a genteel man, well bred—refined. Such a one will no more swear than go into the streets, to throw mud with a clod-hopper.

5. It is indecent ; offensive to delicacy, and extremely unfit for human ears.

6. It is foolish. "Want of decency is want of sense."—*Pope*.

7. It is abusive. To the mind which conceives the oath, to the tongue which utters it, and to the person at whom it is aimed.

8. It is venomous ; showing a man's heart to be a nest of vipers, and every time he swears, one of them sticks out of his head.

9. It is contemptible ; forfeiting the respect of all the wise and good.

10. It is wicked ; violating the divine law, and provoking the displeasure of Him who will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

VISIT TO KEW PALACE.—ANECDOTES OF GEORGE III.

"Here", said Betty, when I paid a visit to the palace at Kew, "is His Majesty's walking-stick ; this is the chair he sat upon ; and in that small room he every morning and evening said his prayers. I used to hear him when I was in the next room, and he prayed very earnestly. Do you know, Sir," said she, "that in his own private prayer-book he had scratched out 'our most religious and gracious King,' and had written instead, 'a miserable sinner.'" The old house-