

new coming out upon the New Drop, Jack Ketch alertly tucking up his greasy sleeves to do the last office of mortality, yet cannot I elicit a groan or a moral reflection. If you told me the world will be at an end to-morrow, I should just say, "Will it?" I have not volition enough left to dot my i's, much less to comb my eyebrows; my eyes are set in my head; my brains are gone out to see a poor relation in Moorfields, and they did not say when they would come back again, my skull is a Grub street attic to let—not so much as a joint stool left in it; my hand writes, not I; *just as chickens run about a little, when their heads are off.* O for a vigorous fit of gout, of colic, toothache!—an earwig in my auditory, a fly in my visual organs; pain is life—the sharper, the more evidence of life; but this apathy, this death! Did you ever have an obstinate cold—a six or seven weeks' unintermitting chill and suspension of hope, fear, conscience, and everything? Yet do I try all I can to cure it; I try wine, and spirits, and smoking, and snuff, in unsparing quantities, but they all only seem to make me worse instead of better. *I sleep in a damp room, but it does me no good; I come home late o'nights, but do not find any visible amendment!*—Chas. Lamb.

### Progress of the Cause.

#### UNITED STATES.

##### TEMPERANCE IN TEXAS.

(From the Journal of American Temperance Union.)

Galveston, June 10, 1848.

Mr. Editor:—I enclose you a \$2.50 gold piece for which please send me your Journals for the coming year, and one of Marsh's Temperance Anecdotes.

The Galveston Temperance Society has been from the first gradually increasing in numbers and respectability. More or less signers have been added at every meeting. For about two years, the very worthy and public-spirited Mayor of the city was president, and was very active and zealous in promoting the cause. We have regular monthly meetings which are well attended generally, and have proved interesting and profitable. One hundred and sixty gentlemen and ladies belong to the society, which includes many professional and literary characters. All our protestant ministers, and nearly all our church members are warm friends to the cause, but we regret to say our Episcopalian friends will not co-operate with us in any evangelical enterprise. Our Society is doing in a mild, quiet, unostentatious manner, much good. Four of our most talented lawyers signed the pledge at the last meeting, and eloquently advocated total abstinence principles. Our pledge is the same as the American Temperance Union's, only to guard against a misrepresentation, cider is added to ours, which this society has decided as belonging to intoxicating beverages, and should be entirely prohibited, as the excitement occasioned even by a moderate use of cider is as likely to lead on to intemperance and drunkenness, as diluted wine or spirits.

If you have any old Journals and temperance documents, that you have no better use for than to distribute them here gratuitously, send a lot to me by vessel (or

mail if not too expensive), and I will circulate them to the best advantage, and in return act as the agent for your Journal, or serve you in any way you may direct.

Wishing you may meet with that success and happiness which your very laudable and efficient efforts in behalf of "teetotalism," so richly merit,

I remain respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

B. J. PARSONS.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—A gentleman writing from Concord, the capital of the State, says:—"Concord at the present time is undergoing quite a purifying process. For two or three years past, men have sold rum with 'perfect impunity and great boldness.' But thanks to the new Attorney General, they have been cut short in their mad career. At the last Court, a large number were taken up on quite a number of indictments each, and some of them had to pay several hundred dollars. Two of them three hundred each. Since that time a town meeting has been called, and the citizens of Concord voted to raise a committee of five, to prosecute, and voted to appropriate five hundred dollars to carry on the war. The people here are determined to put a stop to the nefarious business. God speed the right."—*Ibid.*

#### TURKEY.

(From the same.)

GRATEFUL RETURN.—Last year we sent out to Constantinople a parcel of Temperance tracts and papers. To day we have a return which richly rewards us, and we realise the precious declaration, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." Will not the liberal aid us more in such useful deeds?

Constantinople, April 13, 1848.

Rev. John Marsh, Secretary of American Temperance Union.

My dear Sir:—Your very welcome supply of Temperance publications was duly received, and have been distributed; but they have only made us feel the want of more. They have been very gladly received by those for whom they were designed. Two thorough reformations have occurred among foreign residents in consequence of reading your publications, and I trust we shall be able in future to "report progress" on a larger scale. The Temperance manuals, and the twenty-four temperance tracts in packages are eagerly inquired for, and those who have obtained them have cheerfully paid a nominal price for them. I shall forward to the Tract Society what I have collected, and I hope to obtain a large supply for distribution both among residents and seamen.

Mohammedanism has hitherto exerted a mighty influence in repressing intemperance in this great city; but this barrier is rapidly giving way. The Mohammedans themselves are falling into the very worst and most destructive kinds of intemperance, in the use of rum and brandy.

I hope you will be able to send us another package of your excellent publications. The Youths' Temperance Advocate is eagerly received by the young, as also Sar-