

**GIVE THE INFANTS COLD WATER.**—This has repeatedly been urged in this JOURNAL. In a communication to the *New York Medical Journal*, Dr. Remsen, of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, calls attention to the general ignorance which prevails as to the necessity of furnishing infants with a sufficient quantity of water, especially in hot weather. For want of this the fluid portion of any food introduced into the stomach is quickly taken up, leaving the solids too thick to be easily digested. They ferment and produce indigestion and colic, together with diarrhoea. As a consequence of the thickened state of the blood thus produced, excretion of sweat is arrested, and a state of collapse and hyperpyrexia is developed. In warm, dry weather, babies will drink cool water every hour, or oftener, if it is, as it should be, offered them. The earliest sign of the water in the system being below its normal standard is a slightly depressed condition of the anterior fontanelle. This may be present in children apparently in perfect health, yet in whom a slight increase of temperature or the deprivation of the breast for a few hours, may give rise to a sudden febrile condition. Attention is usually first aroused by the fretfulness of the child, a moderate rise of temperature and pulse, a hot, dry skin, and a constant desire to suck. If more care were taken to give children a proper amount of water, and restricting their hours of sucking or feeding, the mortality due to hot weather would decrease, and less would be heard about the troubles of teething.

EARLY COPY of Sir E. Beckett, Bart., Q.C.'s Address: "How did the World Revolve Itself?" A large, especially convened meeting was held by the Victoria (Philosophical) Institute of London—a Society consisting of American, English

and other members, founded to investigate all scientific questions, especially any said to militate against the truth of the Bible—on Monday, January 21, to hear the above named address. In it the speaker described, in popular language, the laws of nature, reviewing the steps in the progress of scientific research, and showing how they bore on the question,—Is all creation, in its perfection, its beauty and grandeur, self-evolved, as some assert; or are we not compelled, after patient investigation of its many departments, to confess that there is something beyond, which we are forced to recognize, evidence the existence of one of Great, all-controlling, wise Mind? "It is little short of lunacy to talk of intelligence being generating gravity—if such a force could be." One reason, we have sometimes thought, we may add, why man was not made perfect, but must wait for perfection, may be this, that man himself might have the privilege and honour of being a co-worker with the Deity in working out, as a free agent, his own perfection.

Work on the ice palace at Montreal was commenced about the beginning of the year. Its size is 100 feet by 150 feet. Cost, about \$3,000.

A REPORTER who attended a banquet concluded his description with the candid statement that "it is not distinctly remembered by anybody present who made the last speech."

VIDE'S FLORAL GUIDE for 1884 is handsome, interesting, and profitable to such as have a practical interest in the growth of flowers or vegetables. It contains one hundred and fifty pages—has three colored plates of flowers, and more than a thousand illustrations. James Vick, of Rochester, N.Y., will be glad to send it to those desiring it.