

## A NOBLE EXAMPLE.

A writer in the *National Temperance Advocate*, says of Mrs. Hayes, the wife of the outgoing President of the United States: "She has done more to bring the wine-drinking habit into disfavour in the circles of fashion than any other woman in America. Her education, culture, and womanly graces have enthroned her in the hearts of the best citizens. At State dinners at the White House she had the courage to refuse wine to her guests, and she did her duty in that respect with such blended courtesy and sweet dignity, no offence was taken. The influence of this brave woman had a marvellous effect upon high life and fashionable society at the Capital. Her example was copied by other noble ladies, and to this day all kinds of intoxicating drinks are excluded from parties in the best and most refined society in the city of Washington. We cannot overestimate the worth of a true woman who 'dares to do right' in the face of the world, for she put her precepts into practice in the presence of representatives of all the first-class nations on the globe."

## WHAT IS THE BIBLE LIKE?

It is like a large, beautiful tree, which bears sweet fruit for those who are hungry, and affords shelter and shade to pilgrims on their way to the kingdom of heaven.

It is like a cabinet of jewels and precious stones, which are not only to be looked at and admired, but used and worn.

It is like a telescope, that brings distant objects and far off things of the world very near, so that we can see something of their beauty and importance.

It is like a treasure-house, a store-house for all sorts of valuable and useful things, and which are to be had without money and without price.

It is like a deep, broad, calm-flowing river, the banks of which are green and flowery, where birds sing and lambs play, and dear little children are loving and happy.

## HUME'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIBLE.

It is related of David Hume, the historian, who was a very learned man, but an unbeliever, that on one occasion he challenged the Gaelic poet, Dugald Buchanan, to quote any language equal in sublimity to Shakespeare's well-known lines in *The Tempest*, beginning, "The cloud-capt towers, the gorgeous palaces," etc., when Buchanan—who has been described as a "sort of Highland John Bunyan"—gravely recited the passage in Revelation xx. which opens, "I saw a great white throne," etc. The sceptic at once admitted the superiority of the Scotchman's quotation, but inquired eagerly who was its author; thus showing, however much Hume might know of books, and the writings of celebrated men, he had but little acquaintance with the most important book of all—the Bible.—*From the "Life of Dr. Duff."*