

then we will most gladly sing, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and all Cambria's children are brought to forsake the cursed cup of desolation, crime, and wo."

For Britain there is hope. Accustomed to its eight and ten millions sterling of revenue from the spirit trade, the government may do nothing. But there is an annual waste to the nation, from intemperance, of two hundred millions; and it is constantly increasing by the fires it kindles. Under such a drain no nation can stand; and because the people have begun to look at the scourge and to meet it with the all-conquering weapon "TOTAL ABSTINENCE," for Britain there is hope.

ASIA.

From Bombay we have a subscription for 200 copies, monthly, of the Journal. The publications and labours of Arch-deacon Jeffries, have there been greatly blessed to the extension of the cause.

A second report from the Prince Wales Society, of Dec. 1836, and a letter from the secretary, dated April, 1837, have been received. This society, though small, has effected many changes, and added greatly to the good order, health and life of the British soldiers.

In New Zealand, once noted for cannibalism, the Temperance tree has taken root. At a public meeting, the principal merchants, chiefs, and Europeans united in banishing ardent spirits. "Let wine and porter," said Aohu, a chief, "be also prohibited, because if those be allowed, the white people will give the names of wine and porter to all the rum casks, and therefore be induced to smuggle spirits on shore." So well did a Pagan reason on a point in which many Christians are strangely blinded.

From the Sandwich Islands an interesting communication has been received by the chairman; from which it appears that while great efforts are made to keep ardent spirits from the islands, it still finds its way there through unprincipled Americans; and that wherever the fiery scourge comes, there are its usual accompaniments, drinking, lying, fighting, and murder. At Honolulu only is it legally admitted, and such is its influence there on foreign seamen, that whalers shun it, as a place infected by the plague. Surely the whole Christian world should blush, and be fired with indignation at the conduct of men, who, for gain, will thus destroy innocent nations and throw an insuperable obstacle in the way of their salvation.

AFRICA.

A recent communication has also been received from Port Natal, expressive of the deepest interest in the cause of Temperance. Professed friends drinking moderately of the intoxicating cup under a pretended Bible right, are a great hinderance. The missionaries cry for help, "Send out," they say, "your papers. The people here read all they can get. It would cheer your hearts, could you hear the pleasure expressed by Europeans who read these things from America. Could you send to Dr. Philip, at Cape Town, ten bushels of reports, pamphlets, and papers, to be distributed at his station, vast good would be done." The American colonies on Western Africa are based on Temperance principles.

AMERICAN CONTINENT.

In South America we know of but one bright spot for Temperance; Menahem, in Brazil, where a flourishing society exists, and a Temperance paper is published.

On several plantations in the West Indies, Temperance principles prevail with good effect.

TEMPERANCE ITS OWN REWARD.—If every virtue, in its consequences, is its own reward, temperance is eminently so, and every one immediately feels its good effects. The maxims of temperance, however paradoxical they may appear, are not the less just. Among these it may be stated, that the smallest are the best; and there never was a good bowl of punch, nor a good bottle of champagne, burgundy, nor claret; that the best dinner is one dish; that our entertainment grows worse in proportion as the number of dishes increases; that a fast is better than a lord mayor's feast; that no connoisseur ever understood good eating; that no minister of state or ambassador ever gave a good entertainment; no king ever sat down to a good table; and that the peasant fares better than the prince. Temperance is the patroness of health; the protector of beauty; the prolonger of life; the ensurer of pleasure; the preserver of the understanding; the promoter of every intellectual improvement, and of every moral virtue.—*Sir J. Sinclair's Code of Health.*

Poetry.

TO WATER.

Oh cool, and health inspiring flood!
I hail thee, source of life to man!
Thou promptest not to deeds of blood,
Nor dost the fires of passion fan;
Good nature marches in thy van,
And in thy train a host appear,
Of sober pleasures, which proceed
From many a kind and generous deed,
And more than these, a conscience clear.
Thou dost our fiery passions calm,
While wine to deeds of madness leads.
Thou art to us a healing balm;
While foul intonation breeds
Disease that on our vitals feeds.
Then let us seize thy proffered boon
Of life and hope, and health and joy,
Nor let the blasting bowl destroy
Our energies in manhood's noon.

PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.

THE Subscribers would respectfully offer their thanks to their many friends for the very flattering encouragement with which they have been favoured since engaging in business, and take this occasion to state, that they have just received by Bark Samuel from London, a supply of new and beautiful TYPE, from the well known Foundry of Messrs. WILSON & SONS; their Printing Office being considerably enlarged since the first May, likewise affords much additional convenience. They are now prepared to execute orders in every department of the business with despatch and superior neatness, and beg to solicit a continuance of support.

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