

dying state frequently answer without reference to the question merely to avoid importunity. Again, another witness said that deceased died in anger with her husband on account of his bad treatment, which is thus satisfactorily explained to an unprejudiced mind. Witness in French told prisoner that his wife was going to die, and he replied in bad French, "Où de femme mourie—ban fâché,"—meaning that he knew she was dying and he was very sorry for it, instead of angry; whereas the charitable construction and interpretation of witness was, that she was dying "in anger" with prisoner.

As the medical opinions were founded on, and a verdict given according to the evidence, we have nothing to do with the statements of the prisoner either before or since the trial on that behalf, but I desire to draw attention to the statement of one of the non-medical witnesses, for reasons that will appear hereafter, who testified that, going into prisoner's house on the morning of the death of his wife, prisoner said to him among other things,—*Un petit enfant venu*.

Several persons of the best moral and social standing, merchants and others, gave prisoner a most excellent character for mildness, humanity, kindness, and strict integrity. As I cannot conclude this paper in the present number, I will in the next, by reviewing the testimony of Drs. Sewell and Marsden, when I will endeavour to produce authorities in support of their opinions and conclusions.

(To be concluded in our next.)

## REVIEWS AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

XXIX.—*On the Use and Abuse of Alcoholic Liquors in Health and Disease.* By William B. Carpenter, M.D., F.R.S., Examiner in Physiology in the University of London, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in University College, and author of "The Principles of Physiology," etc., etc. With a Preface by D. F. Condie, M.D., Secretary of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, etc., etc. Pp. 178. Philadelphia: Blanchard & Lea. Montreal: John Armour.

To the medical man, who calmly reflects on the vast amount of disease and misery which he daily meets with, directly traceable to the abuse of alcoholic liquors, the question of "total abstinence" assumes an importance commensurate with the philanthropy of his feelings. If he be one who cares only for self—one who can look unmoved on his