

truth, benevolence, justice, are not with him words without meaning; he knows and feels their sacred import, and aims in the tenor of his life, to exemplify the virtues they express.—Such a man has decision of character; he knows what is right; and is firm in doing it.—Such a man has independence of character; he thinks and acts for himself, and is not to be made a tool of to serve the purposes of party.—Such a man has true worth of character; and his life is a blessing to himself, to his family, to society, and to the world.

Aim then, my friends, to attain this character, aim at virtue and moral excellence. This is the first, the indispensable qualification of a good citizen, it imparts life and character to all institutions and interests in society. It is, indeed, 'the dew and rain that nourisheth; the fig tree by which we are shaded and refreshed.'—*Hawes.*

EFFECTS OF A NEWSPAPER ON INDIANS.—The following extract is from Mr. Catlin's recent work on the American Indians:

"The sensation I produced amongst the Minatarees, while at Upper Missouri, by taking from amongst my paint a picture of an old number of the New York Commercial Advertiser, edited by my kind and tried friend, Col. Stone, was extraordinary. The Minataress thought that I was mad, when they saw me for hours together with my eyes fixed upon its pages. They had different and various conjectures about it, the most current of which was, that I was looking at it to cure my sore eyes, and they called it the "medicine cloth for sore eyes." I at length put an end to this and several equally ignorant conjectures, by reading passages in it, which were interpreted to them, and the object of the paper, fully explained after which it was looked upon as a much greater mystery than before, and several liberal offers were made me for it, which I was obliged to refuse, having already a beautifully garnished robe from the hands of a young son of Esculapius, who told me that if he could employ a good interpreter to explain every thing in it, he could travel about amongst the Minatarees, Mandans, and Sioux, exhibit it after I was gone getting rich with presents, and adding greatly to his list of medicines, as it would make him a great Medicine Man. I left with the poor fellow his painted robe and the newspaper; and just before I departed I saw him unfold it to show some of his friends, when he took from around it eight or ten folds of birch bark and deer skins, all of which was carefully enclosed in a sack made of the skin of a pole-cat, and undoubtedly destined to become, and to be called, his mystery or medicine bag."

DUKE OF ATHOL.—The estate of the present Duke of Athol, Mr Colton informs us, 'is immense, running in one direction more than seventy miles. On his estate there are more than thirty-six miles of private road for a carriage, and more than sixty miles of well made walks, which are being extended every year. These roads and paths being made for pleasure, are laid through the most picturesque and romantic scenery; along the river's bank, up the glen, cut in the steep sides of the mountains and over their tops, and along the margin of the precipitous cliffs—now into the forest gloom—now opening on a boundless prospect, or

some sweet vale—now bursting on a waterfall, and next along the side of a murmuring brook. The father of the present Duke began in his lifetime one of the most magnificent palaces in the kingdom. It is said that in the estimates of the cost of the edifice, the single item of raising the walls and putting on the roof, together with the materials, would have been one hundred thousand pounds about five hundred thousand dollars.'—*For more than thirty years he has been in a lunatic asylum of London.*

THE FAMILY OF SIR WALTER SCOTT.—How vain are often our most cherished hopes and ambition! Sir Walter Scott expected and toiled to have found a family which he hoped would rival any of those of the border chiefs in the olden times. It seems now certain that the direct succession will not continue beyond the present generation. His eldest son has no family, the second has died in a foreign country without issue, and both his daughters are dead. Misfortune and death have lowered the crest of Aboltsford, and the halls which Sir Walter took such pride in rearing will scarcely ever again be trod by one of his children. The only survivor is now in India.

THE COURTESIES OF WAR.—In the midst of the firing a white flag being seen hoisted in the town, hostile proceedings were immediately suspended, and on a boat proceeding to the shore, the Indian mail, which had arrived by way of Bagdad, was handed to the officer with Suleiman Pacha's compliments to the Admiral. The latter, on his part, immediately forwarded a warm letter of thanks to the Pacha and accompanied it with a packet, which had been seized in an Egyptian vessel directed to Suleiman. Fire was then at once resumed.—(*Hunter's Expedition to Syria.*)

DERISION.—Insult not misery, neither deride infirmity, nor ridicule deformity; the first shows humanity; the second folly; and the third, pride. He that made him miserable, made thee happy to lament him; He that made him weak, made thee strong to support him: He that made him deformed if he has made thee otherwise, do not show thy ingratitude to thy great Creator by despising any of His creatures.

TEMPERANCE.—Near Jonesborough, Tenn., a few days since, a Total Abstinence Society was formed, and 331 persons, male and female, signed the pledge—among whom were some of the most intemperate citizens of the place, and one of them a dealer in ardent spirits; he signed the pledge—gave up his stock of liquors to the citizens for a fair value and set fire to the whole on the public square.

It was a good reply of Plato, to one who murmured at his reproving him for a small matter: Custom, says he is small matter. A custom or habit of life does frequently alter the natural inclination either to good or evil.

Vicious habits are so great a stain to human nature, and so odious in themselves, that every person, actuated by right reason, would avoid them, though he was sure they would be always concealed both from God and man, and had no future punishment entailed upon them.

If you will have a constant vigorous health, a perpetual spring of youth, use temperance.