

There is no mercy in the silent tomb;
Then O, be merciful to those that sue!
While God his mercy still extends to you.

WATER THE BEST LIQUID.

A POET who sang in the olden time,
And lived in a classic quarter,
Declares, in his beautiful flowing rhyme
That the best of liquids is WATER!

He honor'd the land where he loved to dwell
And many fine things he taught her;
But he did the most good when he wrote to
tell

That the best of liquids is WATER!

It keeps the head clear, and it keeps it cool,
It is good for both son and daughter;
Of health and of strength 'tis the golden rule,
That the best of liquids is WATER!

Then, Christians, hold fast to the temper-
ance cause;

Stick to it like "bricks and mortar;"
And say without doubting, or fear, or pause,
The best of liquids is WATER!

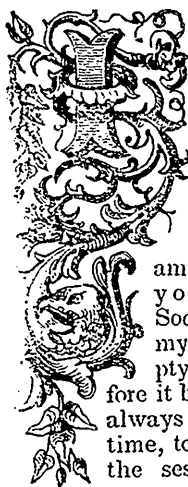
But seek to win others by love's mild tone;
Don't hang them, or draw, or quarter;
For none by abuse will be brought to own,
That the best of liquids is WATER!

"THE DRUNKARD AND MORAL SUASION."

AN ass that was being driven
along the road by his master,
started on ahead, and, leaving the
beaten track, made as fast as he
could for the edge of a precipice.
When he was just on the point of
falling over, his master ran up,
and seizing him by the tail endeav-
ored to pull him back; but the
ass resisting and pulling the con-
trary way, the man let go his hold,
saying, "Well, Jack, if you will
be master, I cannot help it."

A wilful beast must go his own
way; and so must a wilful child,
if he does not mend his manners.
The only remedy is in the one case
to fence in the road, and in the
other, to break the child's will in
time.

AFFECTING INCIDENT



RECOLLECT
one member of
Congress who
was always
rallying me
about our Con-
gressional Tem-
perance Society.

"Briggs," he
used to say, "I
am going to join
your Temperance
Society as soon as
my demijohn is em-
pty." But just be-
fore it became empty, he
always filled it. At one
time, toward the close of
the session, he said to
me:

"I am going to sign the pledge
when I get home. I am in ear-
nest," continued he; "my demijohn
is nearly empty, and I am not go-
ing to fill it again." He spoke
with such an air of seriousness as I
had not before observed, and it im-
pressed me; and I asked him what
it meant—what had changed his
feelings.

"Why," said he, "I had a short
time since a visit from my brother,
who stated to me a fact that more
deeply impressed and affected me
than any thing I recollect to have
heard upon the subject, in any
temperance speech I have heard or
read.

"In my neighborhood is a gentle-
man of my acquaintance, well ed-
ucated, who once had some prop-
erty, but is now reduced—poor!
He has a beautiful and lovely wife,
a lady of cultivation and refinement,
and a most charming daughter.

"This gentleman had become
decidedly intemperate in his habits,
and had fully alarmed his friends
in regard to him. At one time,
when a number of his former as-
sociates were together, they coun-