

the work in China itself can be carried on with more success. We would add to this that there are others than the Chinese, in some of our great cities, who could come under this rule. We doubt if there is any portion of uncivilized territory that contain as many heathen as certain districts in San Francisco, Chicago or New York. It would seem that the missionaries after they get through with the heathen in foreign lands, could return home and begin again, in their own country.

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THE recent Sullivan-Corbett fight about which so much has been said has furnished almost as much material to the newspapers as the labor riots at Homestead. We consider such proceedings are a disgrace to any civilized country, while the spectacle of two men pounding one another into a jelly, and fighting like a couple of dumb brutes, must be a gratifying one, to those whose minds are unable to rise above the same level. The question often asked "is the world any better?" seems to present not a very encouraging reply, when viewed through the incidents of the past six months. We trust Canada may long be spared such a sight as the prize ring, which savours of the early Spanish and Roman days. We are progressing in civilization, at least we believe we are, and should leave all such brutal exhibitions to the dark ages and not poison the minds of the coming generations with any thing which is calculated to lower and degrade mankind. To the press which is delegated to a great

extent, the task of educating the public mind, we would say, keep your columns free from such news, and with one united voice condemn that which has been applauded, and the world will be the better.

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Now that the cholera is making such sad havoc in Europe, and the great danger to which our own country is exposed, furnishes us with food for serious reflection, it would be well for us to stop and consider what drink has to do with it. Looking back to the time when cholera was epidemic in New York in 1832, it will be interesting to note the physical conditions and habits of its victims. Of the 204 cases in Park hospital, only six cases were temperate, all of whom recovered, while of the others 122 died. In Great Britain in the same year, five-sixths of all who perished were addicted to drink, and in one or two villages every drunkard died while not a single temperance man lost his life. In Paisley in 1848, out of 337 cases of cholera, only one was temperate. Among the inhabitants the cases of cholera were one for every 181 inhabitants, but among the temperate portion there was only one case to each 2000. In New Orleans during the last epidemic, a committee was appointed by the "Sons of Temperance" to ascertain the number of deaths from cholera among their members, and found that out of 1243 cases only three were fatal. They also found that out of 1343 cases only three were fatal, and they also found that the proportion of deaths was 15 per thousand of the population, while