

Verbal Vices.—Indulgence in verbal vice soon encourages corresponding vices in conduct. Let any one of you come to talk about any mean or vile practice with a familiar tone, and do you suppose, when the opportunity occurs for committing the mean or vile act, he will be as strong against it as before? It is by no means an unknown thing that men of correct lives talk themselves into sensuality, crime and perdition. Bad language easily runs into bad deeds. Select any iniquity you please; suffer yourself to converse in its dialect, to use its slang, to speak in the character of one who relishes it, and I need not tell how soon your moral sense will lower down to its level. Becoming intimate with it, you lose your horror of it. To be too much with bad men and in bad places, is not only unwholesome to a man's morality, but unfavorable to his faith and trust in God. It is not every man who could live as Lot did in Sodom, and then be fit to go out of it under God's convoy. This obvious principal of itself, furnishes a reason not only for watching the tongue, but for keeping ourselves as much as possible out of the company of bad associates.—*Indian Arcana.*

—A schoolboy being asked by the teacher how he should flog him, replied: "If you please, sir, I should like to have it on the Italian system—the heavy strokes upwards, and the down ones light."

Habit.—"I trust everything under God," said Lord Brougham, "to habit, upon which, in all ages, the lawgiver, as well as the schoolmaster, has mainly placed his reliance; habit, which makes everything easy, and casts all difficulties upon the deviation from a wonted course. Make sobriety a habit, and intemperance will be hateful; make prudence a habit, and reckless profligacy will be as contrary to the nature of the child, grown or adult, as the most atrocious crimes are to any of your lordships. Give a child the habit of sacredly regarding the truth; of carefully respecting the property of others; of scrupulously abstaining from all acts of improvidence which can involve him in distress, and he will just as likely think of rushing into an element in which he cannot breathe, as of lying or cheating, or swearing."

Profanity—We are emphatically in the age of profanity, and it seems to us that we are on the topmost current. One cannot go on the streets anywhere without having his ears offended with the vilest words, and his reverence shocked by the most profane use of sacred names. Nor does it come from the old or middle-aged alone, for it is a fact, as alarming as true, that the younger portion of the community are most proficient in degrading language. Boys have an idea it is smart to swear; that it makes them manly; but there never was a greater mistake in the world. Men, even those who swear themselves, are disgusted with profanity in a young man, because they know how, of all bad habits, this clings the most closely, and increases with years. It is the most insidious of habits, growing on so invisibly that almost before one is aware he becomes an accomplished curser.

—All gentleman from Canada who may be staying in London, or passing through it, should understand that a room has been specially fitted up for their convenience in the Canada Government-offices, King-street, Westminster. They may have their letters addressed to them there, and make such temporary use of the library—which is supplied with directories, the Canadian papers, and the London daily journals, which are duly filed—as could only be enjoyed at a well regulated club. No fees are charged; it is enough that the person desirous of such accommodation as is here provided be a Canadian to ensure a cordial reception. A visitor's book is kept for names and addresses, and friends from the Dominion may thus always be able to trace or communicate with each other when they come to the old country or visit the metropolis.

The following names were added this week to the visitor's book:—John L. Stewart, B. A., Toronto; George R. Rowley, St. John, N. B.; Hon. J. J. C. Abbott; Harry Abbott; H. M. Blain, Québec; Frédéric Gautier, Québec; Thomas Ballantyne, M. P. P. for South Perth; J. L. Grant, Ingersoll, Ont.; Henry Adams, Whitby, Ont.; John L. Ritchie, Halifax, N. S.; E. G. Henderson, M. D., Belleville, Ont.—(*Canadian News*).

Books received.

We acknowledge receipt with thanks of the following:
PUBLIC HEALTH.—A new magazine edited by Geo. A. Baynes, Esq., M. D., Montreal, and issued monthly: will be very valuable in a hygienic point of view if properly supported as it deserves to be.
TWENTY SEVENTH REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—Washington, D. C.
TWENTY FIRST REPORT ON COMMON SCHOOLS.—State of Ohio.
ANNUAL REPORT OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.—State of Mississippi.
BOSTON UNIVERSITY.—School of Law Catalogue and Circular.

Meteorology.

Observations taken at Halifax, Nova Scotia, during the month of May, 1875; Lat: 44° 39' North; Long. 63° 36' West; height above the Sea, 130 feet, by 2nd Corporal J. T. Thompson, A. H. Corps.
 Barometer, Highest reading, on the 18th..... 30.334 inches.
 Lowest " 20th..... 29.564
 Range of pressure..... .770
 Mean for month (reduced to 32 F)..... 29.915
 Thermometer, Highest reading on the 24th..... 76.6 degrees.
 Lowest " 21st..... 23.1
 Range in month..... 53.5
 Mean of all highest..... 60.8
 " lowest..... 34.4
 " daily range..... 26.4
 " for month..... 47.6
 Highest reading in sun's rays..... 123.6
 Lowest reading on the grass..... 20.0
 Hygrometer, Mean of dry bulb..... 52.0
 " wet "..... 46.9
 " dew point..... 41.9
 Elastic force of vapour..... .266 grains.
 Vapour in a cubic foot of air..... 3.0
 " required to saturate air..... 1.4
 The figure of humidity (Sat. 100)..... .68
 Average weight of a cubic foot of air..... 541.4
 Wind, Mean direction of North..... 3.0 days.
 " North East..... 4.5
 " East..... 1.5
 " South East..... 4.0
 " South..... 3.0
 " South West..... 4.0
 " West..... 3.5
 " North West..... 7.5
 " Calm..... 0.0
 Daily force..... 3.0
 " horizontal movement..... Out of repair miles.
 Cloud, Mean amount of (0 to 10)..... 6.1
 Rain, Number of days it fell..... .13
 Snow, " "..... .0
 Amount collected on ground..... 3.72 inches.
 Fog, Number of days..... 2

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