

SOLDIER'S FUNERAL.—That most impressive ceremony, a soldier's funeral, occurred yesterday, 13th. The remains of Colour Sergeant Percy were conveyed to their final resting-place, the march of life over, with the usual solemnities. The mild beams of a spring sun rested on the clay which no seasons shall revivify, until the eternal spring shall be ushered in by a more than mortal trumpet. Several civilians, in procession, followed the coffin; a long train of military succeeded, and a large body of non-commissioned officers brought up the rear. In garrison towns such obsequies excite less attention than elsewhere, from their comparative frequency; but those who attend to the formalities must acknowledge their deeply impressive nature. The firing party lead the procession with their arms reversed, as if to intimate that the grave ends all earthly professions; the continued rolling of the muffled drums, broken by the occasional note of the large drum, imitate the distant musketry of battle varied by the thunder of artillery; and, blending all, the wailing of flutes and clarionettes, tells of suffering, and lamentation and death. Arrived at the grave yard, the firing party and musicians form open files, at the entrance, and the line moves between. The music remains outside, as if depicting of the final adieu between life's vanities and the deceased; the notes become more gentle by distance; and the minister takes up the strain, as it were, with the beautiful service for the dead, and precedes the coffin alone. Dust rendered to dust, and ashes to ashes,—the exciting music of the firing party, the pealing volleys, conclude the ceremony; the last tribute to a comrades memory is paid, except the simple slab which records his worth and years, and expresses the hope and belief, that the immortal soul is "resting in peace."—*1b.*

Mr Valentine has been practising the Daugerotype Art, with much success in Halifax. Mr Valentine's talent and assiduity in improvement, are sufficient warrant that he will make the best of anything he undertakes. He has taken some excellent specimens, and is making arrangements by which greater excellence will be obtained. The weather is coming for sun-painting,—the clear, temperate days of May and June should be harvest time in the art.

George R. Young, Esquire, has announced a series of volumes on Educational subjects. The programme is rich in promise, and we doubt not the works will exhibit Mr. Young's talent and research, in a manner creditable to himself and Province.

On Tuesday last three splendid steamers arrived. The Britannia, from Boston, for England; the Medway, from New York, one of the West India line;—and the Caledonia, from Liverpool. This was a great exhibition of the triumph of art and science, within a few years. The practicability of crossing the Atlantic, at all, by means of steam, was doubted a few years ago,—now three Atlantic Steamers enter Halifax Harbor in one day.

An Income Tax, introduced by Sir Robert Peel, was making progress through Parliament.

The Halifax Mechanics' Institute closed its Session on the

last Wednesday of April, with a Lecture on Laws by Rev. Mr. O'Brien, and appropriate remarks by the President Alderman M'Kinlay.

The Very Rev. John Loughnan administered the Total Abstinence Pledge on Sunday last, to 68 persons, 22 of whom were military men. Among the latter were several Sergeants of the 30th Regt.: the acting Sergeant Major was among the number. Total number of the Saint Mary's Total Abstinence Society, 4,339.—*Register.*

The Halifax Temperance Society has during the last month, held two meetings—one in the old Baptist Chapel on Monday evening, 18th April, when nine persons took the pledge; and the other in the Garrison Chapel, Brunswick Street, on Monday evening last, which was well attended, notwithstanding the very unfavorable state of the weather and the roads. This was the Annual Meeting, for choice of Officers, and immediately after the prayer, reading of the pledge, and the performance of the national anthem, the President, B. Murdoch, Esq. received the report of the Committee and handed it to the Secretary, who read it to the audience.—Whereupon it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Dewolfe, seconded by Mr C. B. Naylor, and unanimously resolved,—“That the report of the Committee be received by the Society and be published.”

The President then informed the members present that all offices in the Society were vacant, and called upon them to nominate persons to fill them, commencing with that office which they had allowed him to hold for several years past, and in the duties of which he found much pleasure. The following persons were proposed and the several proposals seconded, the unanimous assenting voice of the members present, confirmed the nominations, as follow:

Beamish Murdoch, *President.*

John M'Neil,
Richard Creed, } *Vice Presidents.*

Edward Young, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Charles B. Naylor, *Treasurer.*

W. H. Roach, Thomas Hutchison, John M'Intosh, Alex. J. Ritchie, Thomas Wilson, John S. Thompson, John Uhlman, J. H. Dunn, Charles Robson, Francis Johnston, John M'Donald, John Forbes, Michael Herbert, Daniel Gallagher, W. Brown, Sen. John R. Boyer, Neil M'Quarrie, Colin M'Kenzie, W. Boak, Joshua Jones, Sergt. R. A., John M'Kane, Corpl. Sappers, H. Earp, Sergt. 30th Regt. John M'Bride, Sergeant Major 64th Regt., Geo. S. Hill, 64th Regt., Henry Malone, Sergeant 76th Regt. and Jas. Sheeky, 76th Regt. were respectfully desired to accept office as members of Committee for the ensuing year.

The business of the meeting being finished, the President called the attention of the audience to the circumstance of the death of a young lady, who, with a few others, joined in the performance