never to be recalled, and has borne
ony to the throne of the Eternal.
inscribing characters on the tablet
nity. These records of our daily
ill stand when the brief and feverish
f life is over, and meet our gaze in
when an irresistible judgment will
onnected in the past. No obliterations
ffected except through the precious
atonement. That can wash out the
stains of guilt. Through it alone
sin of the past be forgiven—the
e rectified—other principles be su-
ced into the heart—another charac-
fired. Thus we, who, through the
nce of God, have escaped the thick-
rats of death, and are alive at this
y review the past to profit, and learn
of practical wisdom to guide us in the
ath of life.

nsibility becomes us not. An un-
ble adventure is as to the future
be guarded against with care. Ex-
lifts high its voice in warnings
the folly and danger of recklessness
sumption. During the year past we
en many, whose pulses, at its com-
ment, beat vigorously with the career-
ams of life, smitten by the hand of
ed from our side fell into the gaping
They have passed away—

"leaves in autumn blow,
ns under the sway
From stronger power."

ny of us to be called away from the
circle or the busy scenes of life during
ronching year, the probability is that
asions would not come to us more un-
dly than it did in the year now has-
to a close to many who are now num-
with the dead. That many during the
ear will finish their dwelling on earth
ain; and some whose eyes now scan
ines may be of this number. Death
respector of persons. There is no se-
against his advances. As he passes
h the earth, viewing with relentless
e wrecks of his power, he sings,—

"I scare not the son
Of the widow'd care,
Nor the [illegible] tears,
[illegible]
[illegible]
And the strong in the manhood's prime."

close of the year should then remind
he end of life, and of the high neces-
securing in the method of God's ap-
tment timely preparation for the future.
y ambition, undue desire for worldly
should be checked. Eternity, with its
realities, and unchanging character,
control and modify our present pur-
Union with Christ, an interest in the
favour, a meetness for the inheri-
of the saints in light, should be valued
l all price, and industriously sought.
s the testimony of God—such our im-
e duty—such our highest interest.
is wise, and he shall understand these
? Prudent, and he shall know them?
ways of the Lord are right, and the
ell walk in them: but the transgres-
ail fall therein." Attaining to this
us knowledge, a pure conscience, a
ed and sanctified heart, through him
is the way, the truth, and the life."—
present duties will be performed in
der, weight, and measure; preparation
future events of Providence will be
sed,—at once a source of tranquil-
a guard against terrorizing fear—
life will close in peace and scar-
d the disembodied spirit [illegible] take a
from its [illegible] with unclouded [illegible]

[illegible] accompanied by a [illegible] escort,
[illegible] way.

[illegible]

[illegible]

A CALL TO BACKSLIDERS.

[illegible] the Lord

As [illegible] and affectionate advice to [illegible] backsliders! You have wandered from the [illegible] and fall in by your iniquity. Your [illegible] transgression of "A Methodist" to their [illegible] your sins and God [illegible] a who remem-[illegible] in your present state [illegible] we can give it, notwithstanding the [illegible] distance. You are on [illegible] side of a mountain, and are [illegible] fast down to the base, where "the ways of hell, darkness and the [illegible] pits of divine wrath burn. "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." HEB. x. 38. "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." 2 PETER ii. 20, 21. If then you persevere in your backsliding course, utter destruction will be your portion. You should take warning and not reach out inevitable ruin. God delights not your final misery. He would rather you would turn and live. He meets you in the way and urges you to stop. He sends an eager eye after you as you wander on, and lifts up a beseeching voice, and in tones of most tender compassion invites you to "return," promising you if you will return unto Him he will return unto you. "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings." JER. iii. 22. "Take with you words," saith the Prophet, "and turn to the Lord: say unto Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously; so will we render the calves of our lips." HOSEA xiv. 2. A grateful reply to God's earnest appeals and encouraging invitations, say in the sincerity of your hearts, "Behold we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel." JER. iii. 22, 23. Receive then the word of exhortation, and return to the Lord. Return consider of your backsliding state, your just desert of punishment. Return with penitence, contrite heart, abhorring yourself for having grieved your God, and grateful for His long suffering and forbearance. Return to the Lord—the Lord Christ, the Redeemer of your souls. Return with faith [illegible] strong [illegible] return quickly. [illegible] moment to lose. The [illegible] is behind you. He [illegible] you, [illegible] have chosen [illegible] your [illegible] God [illegible] passed [illegible]

As [illegible] Methodist [illegible] Church [illegible] Egypt, the [illegible] of the [illegible] Church [illegible] Egypt [illegible] "[illegible] unto God, [illegible] our lips." HOSEA xiv. 2. [illegible] grateful reply to God's earnest appeals and encouraging invitations, say in the sincerity of your hearts, "Behold we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God. Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills, and from the multitude of mountains: truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel." JER. iii. 22, 23. Receive then the word of exhortation, and return to the Lord. Return consider of your backsliding state, your just desert of punishment. Return with penitence, contrite heart, abhorring yourself for having grieved your God, and grateful for His long suffering and forbearance. Return to the Lord—the Lord Christ, the Redeemer of your souls. Return with faith [illegible] strong [illegible] return quickly. [illegible] moment to lose. The [illegible] is behind you. He [illegible] you, [illegible] have chosen [illegible] your [illegible] God [illegible] passed [illegible]

SCEMDEG.

We would direct attention to the [illegible] miracle in another page under the [illegible] signed "A MECHANIC." As to the [illegible] it treats is one of [illegible] and of practical importance, it is [illegible] the [illegible] of a [illegible] and, as he has [illegible] discovered, no rule has yet been discovered, or rediscovered, not yet made known, by which the absolute force of moving bodies can be [illegible] with any degree of certainty. His [illegible] may result either in falsifying [illegible] theory to prove false, or in securing the honour of the discovery for a [illegible] Mechanic. Our Contemporaries may count it a valuable service to the branch [illegible] by [illegible] of knowledge at present existing on the subject. By so doing they will confer a favour on the humble yet worthy individual who thus seeks to secure the just [illegible] and promote the honour of the country which has given him birth.

Temperance Hall.

We insert the following communication, to the [illegible] who are concerned in support [illegible] Temperance principles.

MR. EDITOR,

You will oblige by giving the following resolution a place in your [illegible] paper.

At a meeting of the Mines Div., No. [illegible] held on Friday evening November [illegible] it was unanimously resolved

That all friends of sobriety and Dodism do feel indebted to encourage Mr. Westcott, in his endeavours to establish a place of public resort, on the principles of temperance, at Avdos Hall, by giving him the preference over other places where intoxicating liquors are sold, on their journeyings to and from Halifax. Hoping that members of other Divisions will be actuated in the same manner.

GEO. W. EATON,
R. Scribe.

Hilton, Dec. 19th, 1849.

The Coptic Church.

[illegible] of the Mission [illegible] Church [illegible] Egypt, the [illegible] of the [illegible] Church [illegible] Egypt [illegible] and [illegible] Mission [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Coptic [illegible] most [illegible] cordiality [illegible] every conversation with a Copt leaves with the sad story of his misery. It is now for the first time for many centuries, an [illegible] for the Coptic [illegible] excellent, proceeding especially from the present Patriarch. The visit we paid him convinced us how deeply he was interested in the prosperity of the Church. That he is [illegible] of his [illegible] is evident from the fact of his being the first for many years, who, as head of the Abyssinian Church, has learned the Abyssinian language, in order to be able to exercise a shepherd's care over the hitherto forsaken Church without an interpreter.

The [illegible] of the Cross has deeply affected the English Church, which, with a spirit of Christian love, that has put all other churches to the blush, has sent two missionaries to Cairo, Dr. Lieder from Basel, and Kruse, from Leipsic. Lieder is at the head of a seminary in which young men are trained for the Coptic Church, and from our word of any previous instruction, it is certainly a very anxious undertaking. The Patriarch is present at the examinations, and has promised afterwards to provide separate for the youths, which would otherwise be a difficult matter. He particularly wishes that a thorough knowledge of the Coptic language should be imparted. Dr. Lieder has instituted close investigations as well into the language as into the history of the Coptic Church, and it is to be hoped that they may soon be made known to the public. There is also a boy's school under his superintendence, in which a hundred children are instructed by Coptic teachers, while Mrs. Lieder conducts a well-attended girl's school. All these children remain the whole day in the spacious school-house, and take their meals there; and the self-sacrificing love with which Lieder and his wife devote themselves to these various instructions, is much to be admired.

The medical duties are performed by the other missionary, Kruse, quite in the spirit of the Wuppertal. He distributes tracts and Bibles in the Arabic language, and accompanies these with exhortations. He has appropriated a room in his house to christian books for sale, and other Kruse by his assiduity, and [illegible] Copt, is always ready to explain them, or to converse with such as may desire it. A large number of Copts resort there, to receive religious instruction. In addition to this, Kruse undertakes mission journeys to various points of Egypt, where he distributes Bibles and Testaments, and works, by conversation, to arouse the minds of the clergy and people. A collection of sermons in the Arabic language has also been made, for the use of the clergy. These are about to be sent to the blessed results of such mission journeys. The Copts have [illegible] in which reading, writing, and [illegible] are taught, for they are the [illegible] Egypt, and even anything is required [illegible] in this way [illegible] series of power, not [illegible] of degradation. [illegible] from the Bible, [illegible] are from the Koran, al[illegible] have been often perused but a [illegible] of the Scriptures [illegible] every [illegible] has now [illegible] Bible, and every chief a part of the [illegible] Would to God will be a[illegible]

Dr. Strauss's Sermon and Geographer.

A Sign of the Times.

The dews have exhibited a fire at from the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Christian ought to [illegible] the [illegible] in [illegible] of the times.

Dr. Gutzlaff.

DR. GUTZLAFF is about to visit Europe, after an absence of twenty-three years. That long term has been passed in China, or among the Chinese. Perhaps no [illegible] of the age has so identified himself with the people, their nature, religion, government, history, and social and domestic [illegible] have been investigated by a mind which finds pleasure in such. Even in personal appearance that gentleman has in a degree become a Chinese. We have heard it asserted, in North America, that Europeans who live for years among the Indians acquire their expression of countenance, especially a peculiar cast of the eye, which no Indian is without. Sir Henry Pottinger went to the East when a mere lad; he resided for many years at Native courts, as a political Agent of the Government; and no person who has seen him will forget his Oriental countenance. Similar influences among a different people may have had the same effect on Dr. Gutzlaff.—*Friend of China.*

Monument to the Bishop of St. David's.

After the lapse of nearly three centuries, a mural monument has been erected in Abergwili Church, to the memory of Richard Davies, Bishop of St. David's, to whom the Welch are indebted for a translation of a large portion of the New Testament in the Welch language.

The Authority of the Canons Questioned by a Clergyman.

In the Court of Arches, on Friday (the first day of term), the Rev. Mr. Dodd appeared in person, to answer to a suit against him under the Church Discipline Act, grounded on the 68th Canon, for having refused to bury William Stutes on the 31st of December last, in the parish of St. Peter's, Cambridge. Mr. Dodd addressed the Court for nearly four hours. He denied the jurisdiction of the Court over him in this or any other case whatsoever; and contended that the 68th Canon was bad in law, and in religion; that the canons of 1608, having never received the concurrent assent of both provinces, are not legally binding; and that, if the specific Canon were binding, it would compel the clergy to grant Christian burial to the worst infidels that ever blasphemed God. The Court, though entertaining little doubt as to the decision, deferred judgment till next Court day.—*English paper.*

Cold Water Army.

A strong muster of the forces under General George Gray took place at the new Temperance Hall, on Monday evening last. Long previous to the time appointed for meeting, the room was crowded with a "youthful happy band" of boys, and a very large company of girls, whom it is the design of the general to train up as young Amazons for active service in the cause for which he is fighting. At 7 o'clock Mr. Gray, accompanied by several veteran aids, among whom we noticed the Rev. Messrs. McGregor, Miller and Hichborn, with a view of drilling and encouraging the army, appeared at the rendezvous, and very faithfully discharged their onerous duties. The young soldiers evinced their appreciation of the different addresses, not by the clashing of swords and shields, as did the German soldiers of old, but by equally as expressive and noisy acclamation—the clapping of hands and the rattling of feet.

After the speeches had been delivered, the army, at the command of their leader, made an onslaught upon a host of cakes, &c., prepared by some kind friends for the exercise of that, which as yet they have most frequently practised their warlike propensities upon—their appetite. It is needless to say that in the present instance they proved themselves as valiant and as skilful as on previous occasions, and that they actually demolished the eatables by manœuvres and tactics that would have put to shame an old soldier to the lash. During the evening, a squad which had been drilled for the purpose by Mr. Selden of the Royal Acadian School, added much to the hilarity of the meeting, by repeated bursts of melodious song, and the band of the 7th Regt. of H. M. army, discoursed with their usual ability a number of soul-stirring airs.—*Communicated to the Halifax Guardian.*

Provincial Secretary's Office, December 26, 1849.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments: Thomas Legge, Esquire, to be Custos Rotulorum of the County of Cumberland, vice the Hon. Daniel McFarlane, deceased.

Malcolm McKay, Esquire, to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Inverness.

Seizure.

The officers of the Excise made a seizure of forty casks of High Wines, on Thursday night, from Baurs' wharf. We have been informed another lot passed up the harbor while the officers were engaged in securing the above, and was deposited at the north end of the city.—*Colonist.*