

their faces from heaven, and ran toward an abyss of woe, while they warned others of their great danger! They fought against God, and said in themselves, "Who is the Lord, that we should obey his voice?" while they cried unto their fellow men, apparently with much zeal, "Be ye reconciled to God!" Yea, there are some sinking in the bottomless pit, who have ascended my stairs and polluted my carpets with their unclean feet! I have heard some inviting others to the water of life, who are now pleading in vain for a drop of water to cool their own tongues! The leaves of my Bible have been soiled by the fingers of many whose hands are now bound in everlasting chains! Yes, alas! there are many crying aloud, "We are tormented in this flame,"—the echo of whose sermons is at this moment ringing in my ear! My hearers ought not to blame *me* for this; the shame is theirs. It is the world that furnishes the pulpit and the church with hypocrites. As soon as they are known, they are rejected. The wolves which come to the fold in sheep-skins are to be blamed, and not the innocent flock. The church militant never said, neither did I—the Pulpit—pretend that our walls are too high for hypocrites to climb over." This vividly presents the absolute necessity of consistent lives on the part of those who enter on this solemn work. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.' Can anything prevail like prayer in securing all needful grace to those who minister in holy things? The manner of life that is in keeping with the doctrine preached commands respect and confidence, and thus good ministers spread an influence for good in their churches and neighbourhood. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

A FEW THOUGHTS ON PASSING EVENTS.

The GOVERNOR GENERAL'S visit to Upper Canada, has afforded opportunity for the expression of much good feeling cherished by a people truly loyal and patriotic. The representative of our beloved Sovereign has been hailed, if not with a wild enthusiasm, with a strong and genial sentiment of devotion to British connection, and unmistakeable attachment to the throne of our gracious Queen. Such occasions suggest thoughts of our indebtedness to Him by whom kings reign and princes decree justice, through whose gracious providence our land enjoys peace and prosperity. "Happy are the people that are in such a case." We notice with regret that the practice of after dinner drinking, and of evening balls still maintain their old established sway, and earnestly desire the inauguration of a more excellent way.

The PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION has this year been held under circumstances of the most favourable character. A bright and serene sky, the presence of vice-royalty, the increased facilities of travel by the converging lines of railroads and steamboats, secured an unusually large number of visitors. The show itself denoted progress in the great secular interests of the country. "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." The friends of temperance and morality would observe with grief, outside of the Exhibition grounds, the large assemblage of drinking-booths, low shows, and all the accompaniments of an old country fair. Abundant evidence was given of the need of labour to elevate the masses of the community.