never to be recalled, and has borne
mony 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
ounced on the past. No obliterations
effected 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-
tired. Thus we, who, through the
nce of God, have escaped the thick-
hafts 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 sublime. An un-
ble adventurousness as to the future
be guarded against with care. Ex-
e lifts high its voice in warnings
the folly and danger of recklessness
sumption. During the year just we
en many, whose pulse beat as ours
ment, bearing merily with the cares
ams of life, smitten by the hand of
ed from our side—fell before the gaping
They have passed away—

"[illegible]
From sister or lover."

ay of us to be called away from the
circle or the busy scenes of life during
ronching year, the probability is that
mons would not come to us more un-
ddly 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
espector of persons. There is no se-
against his advances. As he passes
h thy earth, viewing with relentless
e wrecks of his power, he sings,—

"I spare not the son
Of the widow'd one,
Nor the tender [illegible]
[illegible]
And the strong in his noon'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-
ment 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.
is the testimony of God—such our im-
ve 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
all walk in them: but the transgres-
all fall therein." Attaining to this
ous 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-
l a guard against tormenting fear—
[illegible] will close in peace and scar-
d the disharged spirit [illegible]
from its [illegible] wall in [illegible]
[illegible] by the [illegible]

leaving a place accompanied by a [illegible] escort, wending its way

"[illegible]
Where [illegible]
[illegible]
And [illegible]

"Where [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]"

A CALL TO BACKSLIDERS.

[illegible] the Lord.

As [illegible] and [illegible] Ye have wandered from God [illegible] Your sins have [illegible] your iniquities [illegible] your present state [illegible] this broad distance. You are on the [illegible] side of a mountain, and [illegible] to the [illegible] where [illegible] darkness and [illegible] wretchedness. "If any man [illegible] back, my soul shall have no [illegible] 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 [illegible] your inevitable ruin. God does not want you to be miserable. He would rather you would turn and live. He invites you in the [illegible] and urges you to stop. He sends an [illegible] after you as you wander on, and lifts up a beseeching voice, and in tones of most tender compassion invites you to "[illegible] saying 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, says 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. In grateful reply to God's [illegible] 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 conscious of your backsliding and of your just desert of punishment. Return with penitent, contrite hearts—hearts crushed by having grieved your God and grated at His long suffering and forbearance. Return to the Lord—the Lord Christ, your Redeemer of your souls. Return with faith in the atoning blood, and God and he is ready with him even for you. But what you don't to do, do quickly. Return now. This is now a moment to be lost. The avenger is behind you. If he overtake you, ere you have obtained the blessings of the gospel, [illegible] Your [illegible] faith and acts of prayer? Speaking [illegible] of your character, God then [illegible] "All his backslidings that he hath done shall not be mentioned unto him: in his sin that he hath sinned, shall he die." Ezekiel [illegible] The [illegible]

SCIENTIFIC.

We would direct attention to the communication in another page and signed "A Mechanic." As the subject on which he treats is one of interest and of practical importance, it is deserving the consideration of scientific men: and, if as he has intimated, no rule has yet been discovered, or rediscovered, not yet made known, by which the absolute force of moving bodies can be calculated with any degree of certainty, his communication may result either in bringing this important discovery to public light, or in securing the honour of the discovery for a Nova Scotian Mechanic. Our Contemporaries may confer a valuable service on the branch of practical science by transferring the communication of "A Mechanic" to their columns, so that it may obtain a wide circulation of those who are qualified to deal with the question he proposes as a test of the amount 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 credit due to himself and promote the honour of the country which has given him birth.

TEMPERANCE HALL.

We insert the following communication, for the benefit of those who are concerned in support of Temperance principles.

Mr. Editor,

You will oblige by giving the following resolution a place in your valuable paper.

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

"That all members of said Division do feel indebted to Mr. Westcott, in his endeavours to secure a place of public resort, on the most [illegible] terms, at Annis Hall, by giving him the preference over other places, notwithstanding figures are sold on their conveyings to and from Halifax. Hoping that members of other Divisions will be actuated in the same manner.

GEO. W. EATON,
R. Secy.

Hilton, Dec. 17th, 1849.

The Coptic Church.

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[illegible] Mission [illegible] Church [illegible] Eastern Church. Being [illegible] the Patriarch of Abyssinia, they [illegible] hostility, fierce of the Mahometan [illegible] with the Mission [illegible] with Christian [illegible] protection of the [illegible] and [illegible] from all other [illegible] and the courage of the clergy and people [illegible] the Lord. [illegible] the Coptic Church [illegible] Mission [illegible] Patriarch [illegible] the Coptic