

along which we have passed, and the reflecting and the serious part of mankind may frequently be observed availing themselves of its advantages. The trifler passes heedlessly on, but the thoughtful and the pious sit down in serious mood to retrace their steps and estimate their moral progress. At the commencement of the year 1833 we possessed a specific moral character. Has that improved or has it deteriorated? Have we been brought nearer to the Bible standard, or, are we farther from it than we were then? Reader, what was your moral condition at the beginning of the last year? Does conscience tell you that it was one of impenitence and unbelief? One of estrangement from God, and enmity towards him? Oh it was most criminal in you so to commence a new period of time; ungrateful to your Benefactor, an enemy to your best and only Friend, alienating your affections from him who endowed you with them, and sacrificing your soul to present and sinful ease. But what is your state now? Has it undergone an important modification, an essential change. Look back on the events of the year that has closed. Are they uniform in their character, though deepening in their guilt. Has this portion of your life been terminated in the same spirit with which it was commenced; or are you gratefully conscious of that transition from darkness to light, from enmity to love, from unbelief to faith, of which the scriptures speak in such glowing and impassioned terms. Remember that life and death, yea heaven and hell are connected with a reply to these queries.

The christian reader may profitably pursue a similar course of enquiry. It is natural for him to ask, as he reviews the past, whether it has been a time of progress. What says your conscience, christian reader? Are you more humble, more penitent, more believing, more diligent and zealous than you were? Does your improvement bear a proper relation to your privileges, or your gratitude abound in proportion to the mercies bestowed? Much self scrutiny is requisite to secure all the benefits of such a review. We must especially be on our guard against the delusive influences to which our judgments are exposed. We shall inevitably err if we do not exercise much caution here, and our error is productive of fearful consequences.

We must not rest in the facts of our moral history. Curiosity might thus be gratified, but religious improvement would not be advanced. We must, therefore, use them as the philosopher does the phenomena he observes. We must combine, and arrange, and pronounce judgments on them, upon scripture principles, that we may be prepared to correct what is evil, and to promote the development and maturity of every christian grace.—*Christian Almanack.*

Among the list of passengers in the packet ship *St. James*, from London, at New York, we notice the name of the Rev. J. P. Hetherington, lady, and family; we suppose, on their way to Canada.

NEWS BY THE PACKET.

The English Packet which arrived yesterday has brought but little additional news. A Falmouth paper of the 10th of November contains the following items.

We understand that the running of Steam Packets to Halifax is to commence with the January Mail. London November 8.—The breach between Lord Durham and his Colleagues was deemed irreconcilable. The Treasury prints had opened on his Lordship. The Mayor of Dieppe had appointed a commission to enquire the best means of improving the Steam Navigation between that port and England. The Yellow Fever had made ravages on board the French blockading squadron, Gulf of Mexico.—Portugal, at latest dates was in a miserably unsettled state. A conspiracy had been discovered at Madrid, the object of which is said to have been the destruction of Carlists and moderate politicians.—A steam communication is proposed from Bristol to India through Egypt.—Queen Adelaide attended the consecration of a new Protestant church at Gibraltar. Prince George of Cambridge will

remain at Gibraltar 3 months, and will be absent from England two years.—Prince Louis Napoleon Bonaparte has established himself in England, and been visiting the Bank and other public places. The Duke de Tromoulle, after many years of childless marriage, has in his 70th year been presented by his lady at Paris with a son. A mass of letters and other documents written by Napoleon between the ages of 15 and 21, have been discovered in Corsica. Two Mandarins of high rank are on their way to England, with a pagoda, as a present from the emperor of China to Queen Victoria. Mr. Gahan has been appointed Judge at the Bahamas.—Lord Brougham has been often perambulating the neighborhood of Dover in the company of the Duke of Wellington.

A letter was received yesterday by a house in the city, from Constantinople, which came by an extraordinarily quick conveyance, stating that Lord Ponsonby had written to the British admiral to enter the Dardanelles without delay, to proceed to Constantinople and the Russians had collected a very large naval force in the Black Sea, and, from all appearances, meditated entering the Bosphorus.

The specific information as to the actual order given to the British admiral to enter the Dardanelles rests on no official authority; the intelligence previously received certainly lends a countenance to it.—*Morning Chronicle Nov. 7.*

CANADA.

A large meeting has been held at Buffalo in favour of the Canadian Rebels, and against the Neutrality Law of the United States. As a specimen of the wicked spirit which pervaded the meeting we copy the following: Resolved "That we recommend to our fellow citizens in every county on the northern frontier, to call public meetings on the 29th December, the anniversary of the BURNING OF THE CAROLINE, to remind our Government that that bloody outrage upon the lives and property of our fellow citizens has neither been atoned for, revenged, nor forgotten." This is the accursed war-spirit all over—but how different is the spirit of christianity. "Avenge not yourselves. Lay aside all malice. Put off anger, wrath and malice. See that none render evil for evil."

Some of the prisoners taken at Prescott have been executed. Among others Von Schoultz the leader of the shameful expedition.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, HALIFAX.—Mr. W. M. Hoffman delivered a very interesting lecture on Biography, last Wednesday evening. The President, Mr. A. McKimlay, will lecture next Wednesday evening on Electricity, should the weather be sufficiently dry for experiments.—*Ibid.*

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, N. B.—St. John evinces the spirit for which it has become noted, in this matter. A subscription list was opened, and £308 subscribed in one day.

The members amounted to 240, and 92 others were in nomination! Well done;—in the race of knowledge and public spirit, they who are left in the rear, triumph, by witnessing the success of those who 'go ahead.'—*Ibid.*

***'s MSS. is received.

MARRIED.

On Friday evening last, by the Rev John Marshall, Mr James Hay, sculptor, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Hugh Bell, Esq. M.P.
On Thursday evening last, by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. John Hawkins, of Jedore, to Miss Charlotte Nichols of Halifax.

DIED.

Wednesday morning, Mrs. Lanigan, relict of the late Mr. John Lanigan, in the 61st year of her age.

At Westchester on Monday the 17th inst. Mr. Henry Stonehouse, native of Whitley, Yorkshire, after a few days illness, in the 47th year of his age.

At River Philip, on the 19th inst, of the measles, Matilla, wife of Mr. Asa Fillmore, leaving an affectionate husband and eight children, together with a large circle of friends to lament her loss.

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