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Editorial Jottings.



IN drawing to the close of another year, it is good for us to look back thankfully, and to look forward hopefully. Are we wiser than we were? Are we holier? stronger in righteous principles? Have we sympath-

ized with the young—borne with the weak—cheered the faint—or ministered to the distressed? Can we, in reviewing the imperfect performances of our plans for this year, do better for next year. William Penn said, "We pass through this life but once." And Joshua, when the people were going through the Jordan, told them "they had not passed that way heretofore"—just as we may say of the year now closing. Let each reader strengthen himself for the Lord's work: perfectly convinced that the Lord *has* some work for him to do!

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be put to any inconvenience. Subscribers in the United States, Britain and Newfoundland, will please remit before January.

GOOD ADVICE.—Dr. Chalmers says, "Do not wait till you be holy ere you cast your confidence on the Saviour, but cast your confidence on Him now, and you shall be made holy."

THE ship channel between Montreal and Quebec has, within the last month, been completed to the depth of 27½ feet. Six years ago it was deepened to 25 feet.

THE Pope has sent \$60,000 to aid Cardinal Lavignerie in his crusade against African slavery. We wish more of the Romish funds were equally well spent.

IT is said the reason why so many colored people of the South support the saloon by their votes, is that the saloon is the only place where black and white fraternize on equal terms.

REV. ROBERT MCKAY, Evangelist, formerly of Kingston, now a pastor in London, England, is in Canada, in connection with the work of the "Self-help Emigration Society," of which he is secretary.

A NEW LAKE in Africa, N.W. of the others, and 250 miles long, has been discovered. It is named Bassanarok. What a magnificently-watered country, most of the interior of Africa is! All these discoveries are pioneering the way for the gospel.

Rev. James Mountain, who supplied the London, Ont., church, during the absence of the pastor in Great Britain, has returned, with his wife, to England, after an absence of nearly