

COLONEL PERCEVAL.

Dec. 9. At 28, Chester-street, aged 71, Alexander Perceval, Esq., of Temple-house, Serjeant-at-Arms of the House of Lords.

Colonel Perceval was the only surviving child of the Rev. Philip Perceval, of Temple-house, and Mary Carroll, a near relative of Sir W. F. Carroll, Lieut.-Governor of Greenwich Hospital. He was born Feb. 10, 1787, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated as A.M. On Feb. 11, 1808, having scarcely attained his majority, he married Jane Anne, daughter of Colonel L'Estrange, of Moystown. Residing on his ample estate, he entered into all the active duties of a country gentleman, served the office of a Justice of the Peace, and accepted a commission in the Sligo Militia, a regiment which in due time he rose to command. Descended of a noble family, and possessed of great influence, he naturally looked to enter Parliament, and was elected member for his native county in 1831, and continued to represent it during ten years; he was an earnest and zealous Conservative, and gave an honest vote and support to all the great measures of his party. On June 13, 1834, he had the honour of receiving the degree of D.C.L. at the installation of the Duke of Wellington as Chancellor of the University of Oxford. His important services were not overlooked, and in 1835 he was nominated Treasurer of the Ordnance. He also served some time the office of a Lord of the Treasury. He was Treasurer of the Orange Association of Ireland; and when the Government were anxious, for the sake of peace, that it should cease to exist, with sound good sense and feeling he furthered that object, and was successful in its attainment. In 1841 he vacated his seat for the appointment which he held up to the period of his decease, on the resignation of Admiral Sir George Seymour. He was a highly-educated gentleman, of courteous manners, full of Irish humour and well-told anecdote, having resided much on the Continent, as well as taking his part in stirring events of public life. His temper was one of deep unfeigned devotion, and under the deep affliction of the loss of his wife, Jan. 20, 1847, he displayed a humble patient resignation; the acute suffering consequent on two attacks of paralysis he bore with meekness; he sank gradually, without pain, however, for some months, peaceful and calm, endeared to a large circle of friends, and deeply lamented by his family.

THE VEN. ARCHDEACON WILLIAMS.

Dec. 27. At Bushey-heath, Herts., the Ven. John Williams, Archdeacon of Car-

digan, and late Rector of the Edinburgh Academy, Canon of St. David's, Prebend of Brecon.

The Archdeacon was born in 1792, at Ystradmeirig, in Cardiganshire, and educated in his boyhood by his father, the Rev. John Williams, vicar of that parish. He went for a few months to Ludlow School, where he obtained a scholarship, and entering Balliol College, Oxford, was placed, on taking his degree, in the first class with four others, of whom one was the celebrated Dr. Arnold. Like the latter, the Archdeacon chose the life of a public teacher as his sphere of usefulness—a sphere for which his great bodily strength, his energy, his wonderful faculty of imparting knowledge, and his unvarying equanimity of temper peculiarly fitted him. He was for two years a master in Winchester College under the well-known Dr. Gabell, and subsequently for four years with Dr. Richards at Hyde Abbey School. Recalled to his own country by the gift of the living of Lampeter, which was presented to him by Dr. Burgess, the Bishop of St. David's, he remained there until, by the advice of his friend, Sir Walter Scott, he became a candidate for the rectorship of the Edinburgh Academy, a new school about to be opened for high classical education in Edinburgh. To this honourable position he was elected unanimously, and for upwards of twenty years his success as a teacher was proved by the eminence of his pupils, who, commencing with his first Dux, the present Bishop of London, fill so many honoured places in Scotland and England. Living in Scotland in the palmiest days of Edinburgh society, he was one of a literary set in which, at various times among many names of note we find those of Sir Walter Scott, Maculloch, John Gibson Lockhart, Sir Thomas Dick Lauder, Lord Cockburn, Lord Jeffries, Professor Wilson, and Col. Mure. On Sir Walter Scott's death the Archdeacon read the burial service over his remains at Dryburgh Abbey. From Edinburgh he returned to his native land, and there saw formed under his eyes, and endowed by the munificence of a fellow-countryman, an institution for the classical education of those of his countrymen whose means would not permit them to enter one of the public schools of England. In the world of letters he was known as a Greek scholar of European reputation, and as the author of several works of deep research and sound scholarship, among which we may name "Homerus," "Gomer," "Life of Julius Cæsar," "Life of Alexander the Great," "Geography of Ancient Asia," and essays philosophical,