

munty well qualified to instruct the public through the medium of the press we well know; and it is matter of regret to us, that talents so fitted to be useful, are allowed to remain unemployed. For the honour of our provincial literature we do hope to see a revolution of feeling on this point.

A small portion of the 7th page of the Pearl will for the future be appropriated to advertisements. Any favors in that way will be thankfully received and duly attended to. Our circulation of late has very considerably extended, thereby rendering the Pearl a very suitable medium for the insertion of Auction Sales, etc. For particulars as to price, etc. reference may be had to our publisher, to whom this department of our paper is committed.

Our exchange list has become so numerous that in justice to ourselves we shall be compelled very considerably to reduce it with the commencement of the new year. We tender our thanks to all our exchanges for the regularity with which they have been forwarded.

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 accused 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. Von Schoultz the leader of the shameful expedition, has left the following document. No one will read it without feeling deeply grieved that such a man should have ever engaged in the diabolical work of invading Upper Canada. We are grieved on other accounts, but few can appreciate the nature of our feelings and we refrain from their utterance. No advocate for death punishments can entertain so high a sense of the enormity of the guilt of this Pole as we do; let a man firmly believe in the strict inviolability of human life, and then he will think as we do of the exceeding great wickedness of this Pole in entering upon the murderous work of death. But the rack has gone—the pillory is no more—and the gallows will soon meet the same fate. Punishments in christian lands will, some time or other, have more relation to the security of society, and the reformation of the offender, than to the supposed principle of "not letting vice go unpunished." But here is the knell of the murderer: we hope its publication will produce a salutary effect—

Kingston Jail, December 7th, 1838.

When you get this letter, I am no more. I have been informed, that my execution will take place to-morrow. May God forgive them who brought me to this untimely death. I have made up my mind, and I forgive them. To day I have been promised a Lawyer, to draw up my Will. I have appointed you my Executor of said Will. I wrote to you in my former letter about my body. If the British Government permit it, I wish it may be delivered to you to be buried on your farm. I have no time to write long to you, because I have great need of communicating with my Creator, and prepare for his presence. The time has been very short that has been allowed. My last wish to the Americans is, that they will not think of revenging my death. Let no further blood be shed; and, believe me for what I have seen, that all the stories that were told about the sufferings of the Canadian people, were untrue. Give my love to your sister, and tell her I think on her as on my mother. God reward her for all her kindness. I further beg you to take care of W. Johnston, so that he may find an honourable bread. Farewell, my dear friend; God bless and protect you.

S. VON SCHOULTZ.

(Signed)
To Warren Green, Esq., Salina,
State of New York, U. S.

CANADIAN SUBSCRIPTION.—A public meeting was held this morning, for the purpose of considering the best means of affording assistance to the families who have been deprived of their natural protectors, or of their property, during the troubles in Canada. We are sorry that we cannot give the results of the benevolent meeting, as we were unavoidably compelled to be absent.

A number of accidents have lately occurred at St. Andrews, N. B. A boat was upset in a violent squall and three persons drowned. Also a Robert McWhinnie met with a watery grave owing to one of the thole pins of the boat giving way. Mr. Cline the pilot on board the Colonist has likewise perished by the equal swamping his boat. The Colonist when struck by the equal squall dragged her anchors, and drove on shore at McMaster's Island and is a perfect wreck.

The three Judges who have lately pronounced the acts of the Governor and Council of Lower Canada to be illegal, are it is said, suspended from their office until the pleasure of the Queen is known.

A meeting was held in Quebec on Dec. 14th,—in consequence of the Collector of Customs demanding specie in payments of duties, and the impossibility of doing this, in many instances, on account of the suspension of specie payments by the Banks. Resolutions passed, stating that the notes of the Banks which had suspended, were made a legal tender by the Ordinance 2d Victoria;—that the refusal of the Collector to receive chartered Bank notes had excited surprise and alarm; that the Legislature could not have intended to oblige Merchants to receive debts due to them in paper, and to pay in specie their debts to Government;—that an Address should be presented to the Administrator of the Government on the subject, and that the Collector be requested to suspend legal proceedings on bonds till his Excellency's decision be known.

COMMERCIAL SOCIETY.—A public meeting is to take place at the Exchange Coffee House at 12 o'clock to-morrow for the purpose of forming a Commercial Society to embrace the merchant, the manufacturer, and others. On the importance of such a society, an excellent appeal has been circulated during the week. We have not sufficient space to insert the whole of this spirited document.—The three last paragraphs are as below.—

There never was a period, perhaps, in Colonial history, when such combination was more essential than the present. Recent occurrences have rendered it extremely probable that the commercial relations of the neighboring Colonies, together with the Packet communication with the Mother Country, will undergo important revisions, and it is therefore at this time particularly desirable that Halifax should have some channel of correspondence with those whom upon these topics it may be necessary to address.

But many other advantages may be expected to flow from such an institution. The promotion of Steam Navigation with the Mother Country—the United States—the adjoining Colonies—and our flourishing Seaports, east and west, will afford a wide field for combined exertion; and projects for the improvement and prosperity of the Metropolis and its neighbourhood, will probably command, as they certainly deserve, a share of attention and effort—indeed it is wished and intended that this Society should form, upon these, as upon all other subjects in which they have a common interest, a medium of communication not only between persons engaged in kindred pursuits, but between different ranks and classes desirous of contributing to the advancement and prosperity of the town.

The absence of disinterested unanimity—the want of success in public enterprises—charged upon Halifax with some show of reason, those who make this appeal feel to be a stain, which they are anxious to see the community wipe off. They believe that occasional meetings for the friendly discussion of common objects would elicit information and encourage feelings from which public improvements, in the highest degree useful and honorable, would spring—and that an intelligent committee, surveying throughout the year the aspect of affairs, and promptly acting for the good of all, in the spirit of these suggestions, might materially aid in their advancement. They therefore respectfully request all those who are friendly to the formation of such a Society, to meet at the Exchange Coffee House on Saturday, the 29th inst. at 12 o'clock.

H. Bell,
W. A. Black,
Wm. B. Fairbanks,
Stephen Binney,
David Allison,
Joseph Howe,
Halifax, December 24.

Michael Tobin, jun.
J. Loander Starr,
George R. Young,
George P. Lawson,
M. B. Almon,
J. E. Starr,

INDIA.—The U. Service Gazette has some items (received by way of New York) said to be of the highest importance. The U. S. Gazette received the intelligence "exclusively," that 30,000 men had taken the field against the Russians,—25,000 from Bengal and 5,000 from Bombay. The British forces were to take possession of Herat, Cabool, and Candahar,—near the frontiers of the Indian Empire,—the Russians were marching against Cabool. A treaty had been arranged between the British and Runjeet Sing. The British force was to have assembled at Kirnaul on October 30th, thence to proceed to the parts mentioned.—*Novascotian*.

NOTICE.—A considerable quantity of Bank notes, in blank, of the Bank of British North America, were in the Colborne which was wrecked some weeks ago in the St. Lawrence. These, it is known, fell into the hands of persons who recovered articles from the wreck, were sold as waste paper, and have been filled up and put into circulation to some extent. Persons should be careful accordingly.—*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 £303 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*.

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

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 Tromouille, 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 age 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, as 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.

MARRIED,

On Thursday evening last, by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Esq. John Hawkins, of Jeldore, to Miss Charlotte Nichols of Halifax.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED,

Saturday Dec. 22.—Schr. Louisa, Sydney—coals and butter; Mahone Bay Packet, Cronan, Tatmagouche, 10 days—ballast—reports a schooner belonging to Canso, McMullen, Master, from Newfoundland, bound to Canso, was totally lost near Louisburg, about 11th inst.

Sunday, 23.—Brig Granville, Lyle, Kingston, Jan. 30 days—ballast. to H. Lyle.—left barques John Porter, Crowder, from Barbadoes, just arrived; Georgian, Marshall, hence discharging; brig. Taber, from St. Johns, N. F. Spoke 29th ult. Barque Hector, 18 days from Bay of Honduras, bound to London, left brig Abell, to sail following day, (saw her on the 25th off Grand Caymanas.)

Monday, 24.—Schr. Lark, Guysborough—fish, butter, etc.; Schr. Leopard, Ragged Islands—dry fish; Rival Packet, McLean, Liverpool. N. S., 8 hours—flour.

Tuesday, 25.—H. M. Steamer Medea, Capt. Nott, St. John, 3 days—passenger, Hon. J. Cunard; schr. Mary Ann Starr, Cook, do. 10 days—fish, to J. L. Starr; brig. Reindeer, Morrison, Jamaica, 23 days—ballast, to W. B. Hamilton.

Wednesday, 26.—Brig. Margaret, Conrad, (late Darrell) Savannah La Mar, 26 days—logwood, etc. to J. L. Starr; H. M. Brig Pilot, Captain Ramsay, Portsmouth 63 and Bermuda 14 days—experienced severe gales in October, was obliged to throw some guns overboard; brig. Atlantic, Lewis, Trinidad, 28 days—sugar, etc. to W. H. Neal; barque Norman, Kinney, do. do.—do. to D. & E. Starr & Co.

Thursday, 27.—H. M. Packet Reindeer, Lieut. Dicken, Falmouth, G. B. 47 days—encountered very severe weather on the passage.—Passenger, Mr. Grassie; schr Victoria, New York, 11 days—2 passengers, schr Congress, Cameron, Pictou.