

met with three or four myself, and these were persons of the lower ranks.

The occupations of the females are various and far less circumscribed than in any other part of the East. In fact, the women in Siam occupy a moral position many degrees superior to that of their sisters in neighboring countries. The wife of a Siamese has no unimportant voice in the domestic arrangements of the family. She is cash-keeper and seems to possess the right to claim all her husband's earnings. The women, as a race, are very intelligent and observant; those belonging to the higher classes seem to have pleasing and modest manners.

The Siamese women as well as men are terribly disfigured by the effects of constant and excessive betel chewing. It is carried to a disgusting extent amongst people of all ranks and ages. Even little children may be seen with their lips dyed red, and crimson juice running out of each side. Their mouths are never, by any chance empty, as soon as one quid is disposed of another takes its place, so that a Siamese always speaks as with a pebble in his mouth, and that no small one. The effect of the incessant chewing large quids is so as to enlarge the lips considerably, to dye them a sort of black red, and entirely to alter the shape of the lower part of the face. The Siamese say that the chewing of betel acts as a continual stimulant, and that they could not exist without it. It is highly injurious to the teeth, but I think it don't destroy health to any great extent. Smoking is another habit carried to an extreme in Siam; men, women and children seem to live upon cigarettes and tobacco rolled up in palm-leaf. I was told as a fact by a lady, that she had seen a nursing child of two years old taking whiffs of its mother's cigar, alternately with its own more natural nourishment. For this, however, I will not vouch. But I have frequently watched a very pretty little girl of five years old, smoking a cigarette, while she made mud pies. Most of these inveterate smokers carry a reserve cigar stuck behind each ear, as clerks carry pens.

We have all of us sufficient fortitude to bear the misfortunes of others.

The Halifax Directory.

A few copies of this useful publication for sale at a reduced price at the Weekly Miscellany, 105 Upper Water Street.

News of the Week.

Governor Dundas and Lady, from P. E. Island, are now on a visit to this city.

Letson's (formerly Calkin's) steam mill was burnt down about 11 o'clock on Monday night, 31st ult. The Reporter says, it was supposed the premises were set fire to, as the place has been unoccupied for more than a year.

On Wednesday morning, a man named William Moore, who, it is said, belongs to Windsor, was killed at Waverly, while in the act of endeavouring to start the fly-wheel of the steam engine which drives the Chebucto Mining Company's crusher. An inquest was held before Dr. Weeks, and the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.—Reporter.

A man named Murphy, belonging to Rawdon, foolishly got drunk, and lay down in the road near the coloured settlement beyond Richmond. When he got somewhat sobered he found his pocket minus £22. Two coloured men have been arrested for the theft, and part of the money found on one of them.—Sun.

Admiral Milne left here on Saturday afternoon for St. John, N. B., in the steamer Medea. It is said that His Excellency is about to visit some of the cities of the Northern States.—Express.

Sufficient evidence having been adduced against him, a Sapper by the name of James Baker has been committed to Jail for forging English shillings and half crowns, there to await his examination before the Grand Jury.—Id.

The Volunteer Firemen have been presented with £10 by Stephen Tobin, Esq. agent of the Queen's Fire Insurance Company.

A Review of the Volunteers took place on the Common, yesterday afternoon, in presence of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Governor Dundas, of P. E. Island, and the Adjutant General of Militia. The ranks were well filled and their appearance was very satisfactory. The review ended with the customary salute, and a sham fight, in which the Volunteers acquitted themselves in creditable style.

The Chronicle says—It appears that a man, whose name we have not learned, was run over by the cars, between Bedford and the Four Mile House, on Saturday evening, and killed. The body was not found until Sunday afternoon, nor does it appear that, until then, any person was aware of the accident.

Mr. Hutton, Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institute, has just returned from a visit, with some of his pupils, to the Counties of Guysborough, Sydney, and the Island of Cape Breton. During their tour they travelled between 600 and 700 miles, and visited about 22 localities. Their reception everywhere, as well as the pecuniary results of the mission, are

reported by Mr. Hutton as being of the most gratifying kind.

A fire broke out yesterday morning, between 2 and 5 o'clock, in a dwelling house near the Dartmouth Ferry Landing. The house was nearly destroyed.

The sum of \$660 was realized at the Bazaar held at Maitland, Nants, on Tuesday last, in aid of a new Episcopal Church at that place.

An explosion occurred, on Wednesday last, in Petrie's steam mill, on the Strait shore, Portland, St. John, N. B., by which five men were so badly scalded, that it is feared the injuries will prove fatal to all of them.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

From the Liverpool Mercury of August 22.

The Queen and the Royal Family arrived safely at Rosseau, the birth-place of the late Prince Consort, on Saturday evening.

The Queen will return to Windsor Castle, from Germany, on September 10, and on the following day take her departure for Scotland, accompanied by the Princess Louisa and other members of the royal family. Her Majesty will return to Windsor at the usual time in October. We perceive from several announcements in the Court Circular that her Majesty intends to emerge from the strict privacy she has observed since the death of the Prince Consort.

Prince Arthur is pursuing his studies at Bagshot.

Twenty-nine wrecks were reported last week, making a total for the present year of 1098.

Amongst all classes of the French people, the prevalence of contagious disease and the high rate of mortality in Paris are occasioning alarm.

The result of elections now proceeding in the several departments of France, to supply the places of members of the council who go out by rotation, has shown the hostility which continues to exist against the Government.

It is understood that the question of the recognition of the Confederate States of America was discussed at the Council of French Ministers held at St. Cloud on Monday. Several of the Ministers thought the time had arrived for such an act on the part of France, but the Council was dissolved without any determination being arrived at. It is generally thought in France that the recognition of the Southern States will take place immediately the favourable opportunity presents itself.

Cardinal Antonelli has now positively resigned, in opposition to the wishes of the Pope. Cardinal Alfieri will be his successor.

The official returns show that the horrors of the earthquake at Manila were not originally over-stated. 8000 persons