

The Mechanics' Institute of St. John, N. B. have had the benefit of Doctor Gesner's services as lecturer, recently. The members of this infant establishment number 500.

The Pictou and Truro Societies are in useful operation, and we see that a Society for Literary and Scientific purposes at Tatmagouche, commenced a session on the 18th of this month.

Beside the Mechanics' Institute of Halifax, a society somewhat similar in character exists—it is called the Literary and Scientific Society, and meets once a week in a room in Dalhousie College for the discussion of subjects of History, Literature, &c. Another advance in the Literary line, is, Mr. Barratt's rooms, which he advertises this week, and which he is well calculated for superintending.

A Temperance Tea party was recently held at Pagwash, N. S., at which 103 persons sat down. The company resolved to erect a Temperance hall.

This is a subject in which all are interested, and which should be wished abundant success by every lover of propriety.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.—The intelligence this week, in addition to that already before our readers, is but trifling. Under the head news, however, may be comprised some matters of general interest, not previously noticed, although not exactly new.

The only additional light on China affairs, is that a fast sailing vessel, with orders to the British superintendent, had been despatched by the British Government. It is understood, as might be expected, that no improper interference will be made with the Chinese government, and that the British in the Celestial empire will be left to submit to political regulations there, as Chinese should in Britain.

The East India Company are about employing Steamers for the protection of their Commerce against pirates in the Chinese seas. Some Slave trade factories at Onin, Coast of Africa, had been destroyed by the natives. A great traffic, chiefly under the *American flag*, it is said, had been carried on from these nests of iniquity.

Papers from the United States inform us that the yellow fever had spread southwardly to St. Augustine, East Florida. The Indian war was still a matter of deep interest in that direction. An overwhelming force, it is said, is still wanted to conquer the remnant of the red men.

An Anti-slavery Fair, or Bazar, held recently at Boston, yielded above \$1500.

A volume, on medical matters, which strongly opposes the common use of tea and coffee, has excited much attention in the United States. 15,000,000 lbs. of tea are used annually in the Republic.

The Philadelphia Banks are expected to resume specie payments on the 1st of January next.

An unexpected rise in western flour had occurred.

A fire in Chicago on Oct. 27, destroyed property to the amount of \$100,000.

From Canada we hear, that the House of Assembly of Upper Canada will not be dissolved before the stated time of expiration. It is called to meet for despatch of business on Dec. 3.—A Special Council was called at Quebec, by the Governor General. They passed ordinances relating to seizure of gunpowder, &c.—persons charged with treason,—Seignories, &c.; and recommended, by resolution, the union of the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada.

No outbreak seems anticipated in Lower Canada, during the winter. Brigand incursions in the upper Province were supposed probable. General Scott, of the United States Army, had gone to the frontier, and troops about to be removed, had been ordered to continue. A company of the 11th,

amounting to 100 men, have marched from Quebec, to occupy some barracks on the Madawaska, in the disputed territory.

The inhabitants of Crapaud, P. E. Island, presented an Address to the Countess of Westmoreland on the 6th of Nov. They prayed a reduction of rents and assistance in School exertions. The inhabitants of the back settlement of Crapaud, also addressed her Ladyship, praying for assistance in erecting a place of Worship. Her Ladyship answered the addresses graciously, appropriating \$300 for the Schools and Chapel,—and informing her tenants that, as a married woman, she was not empowered to act respecting the reduction of rents, &c.

A coloured woman entered the dwelling of Mr. J. L. Wilson, Barrington N. S. some nights ago, and stole about £175 in cash, besides some articles of dress. £168 were subsequently recovered. Mr. Bazalgette was in Yarmouth procuring subscriptions towards the establishment of a Western Steamer.

The Yarmouth Packet from St. John, N. B. was lost on Saturday night week. Crew and passengers saved. No insurance on the packet.

During a recent storm, a vessel on the stocks, near Yarmouth, was struck by lightning and riven to fragments. A house was also struck and injured, but no lives lost.

The Legislative Session of Jamaica was opened on Oct. 22, by a speech from the Governor, in which the House of Assembly are strongly appealed to, in behalf of wise, temperate measures, in accordance with the views of the British Parliament and the spirit of the age.

MARRIAGES.

On Friday 22 Nov by the Rev C Churchill, Mr W Roche, merchant, to Miss Susan Manning both of this town.

On Monday Evening last, by the Rev R Breare, Mr Joseph Taylor, to Miss Susannah Jane Hill, both of this town.

At Crow Harbour Guysboro, on the 10th Nov by the Rev A W McLeod, Mr Jasper Grover, of Country Harbour, to Miss Susannah Hendersbury of Cole Harbour.

On Saturday evening, by the Ven. Archdeacon Willis, Mr. Edward Goudge, to Mary Ann Baker, youngest daughter of the late Richard Stayner, junr.

On Monday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, John G. Mullig, to Hannah, daughter of George Hashman.

At Yarmouth, on the 13th inst. by the Rev. William T. Wishart, the Rev. John Ross, Minister of the Presbyterian Church, Chebogue, to Miss Mary R. fourth daughter of Robert Kelly Esq.

At Miramichi, by the Rev. J. Souter, A. M. on the 22d October, Mr. Peter Carlyle, to Miss Ann, fourth daughter of Mr. Charles Campbell, of the Parish of Blackville. Mr. Stephen Mitchell, to Miss Margaret Urquhart, both of the Parish of Blissville. Mr. Arthur McLean, to Miss Elizabeth Scott, both of the Parish of Northesk.

DEATHS.

On Saturday last, Mrs. Mary Ann Ashton, aged 52 years.

On Sunday, the 24th inst. Mr. William Eager, Artist, in the 44th year of his age, leaving a wife and nine children, to lament their sad bereavement.

Sunday morning, in the 46th year of her age, Mrs. Catherine Powell, a native of Ireland, she has left 7 children to lament her loss.

Suddenly on Tuesday evening, of Apoplexy, Mr. John Hager, aged 32 years.

In the Poor's Asylum, Walter Bill, aged 49 years, a native of England.

At Spring Vale, East River, Pictou, of consumption, on the 31st of October, John Holmes, eldest son of John Holmes, Esq. M. P.

At Big Brook, Upper Settlement of West Branch, Pictou, on Monday the 11th inst. William Fraser. His death was occasioned by contusions on the head, from the breaking of a scaffold at a Saw Mill belonging to the deceased. He survived the melancholy event 48 hours.

At Wilmot, on 12th inst. after a tedious illness, which he bore with patience and resignation, to the Divine will, Hannah, widow of the late John Ruggles, Esq. in the 76th year of her age.

At Boston, on 15th Sept. aged 12 weeks, Charlotte Wells, daughter of Mr. J. S. Cunnebell, of Halifax.

At Lynn, Mass, on 14th September last. Ewd. Dyer, aged 5 months, only child of Mr. Wm. H. P. Smith, late of Halifax.

On Friday morning, George, son of Qr. Master Sergeant Shean, of the Royal Sappers and Miners, aged one month.