

er at St. Helena, estranged from wife and child, and raving of the dreadful circumstances of the battle.

Many, no doubt, make desperate exertions to get amid the mountain peaks of existence, forgetting that they compose the regions of snows and volcanoes,—and that the humble vale frequently, has much more valuable attractions.

The great matter to be desired is, a position in this life, for which the individual is adapted, where he feels he can walk honourably, and which he can make the pathway to another and a better existence.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.—English news has been brought to Dec. 10th, by an arrival at St. John, N. B.

The Queen announced her resolution of entering into the marriage state, at the special meeting of the Privy Council held in November. Her Majesty stated to her Council, that she had not come to the conclusion without mature consideration, and that she trusted, with the divine blessing, the important step would conduce to her own domestic felicity and the interests of the country. Her Majesty's message concluded by saying that she was persuaded her resolution would be most acceptable "to all her loving subjects"—She might have excepted those of her *loving* subjects, who loved not "wisely but too well," and who, from aspiring indecorously to her hand and her palace, became acquainted with the grasp of the police officer, and the walls of a prison. The Royal Marriage, which was expected to take place in April next, will, it is hoped, put an end to this mania.—Sir John Colborne had been elevated to the peerage.

Much suffering is said to exist among the poor of Paris.

From the United States we have the President's Message. It is pacific, but not very particular, on every topic: the Boundary and the Canadas receive the President's attention,—on the first he anticipates an early and amicable adjustment of the controversy; on the second, the aggressions are strongly condemned, and their renewal is considered improbable. Resolutions had been introduced into the Senate for the peremptory settlement of the question between Great Britain and the United States, respecting the claims of the former on the territory of Oregon. Disputes between Georgia and Maine, respecting the surrender of some fugitives from the former, had led to an enactment, by which the vessels of Maine are subjected to 100 days quarantine, and other restrictions, on entering the ports of Georgia.

The U. Canada Council and Assembly had passed the resolutions recommended by the Governor General's Message, respecting the Union of the two Provinces.

LEGISLATURE.—The Nova Scotia Legislative Session commenced on Dec. 30. His Excellency opened the proceedings by a speech, in which the following were the chief topics: the passing of a Grand Jury law to remedy neglects in choosing Grand Jurors during the past year. The despatches from the Colonial Secretary in reply to the applications of the delegations. The Atlantic Steam Packets, and the improved modes of internal communication, which the new arrangements rendered desirable. The Militia, Education, Fisheries,—and Provincial Penitentiary, Orphan House, and House of Industry.

The business hitherto transacted in the House of Assembly can be very briefly detailed.

On Dec. 30, various Committees were appointed. Jan. 1, no business was transacted. Jan. 2. The Answer to His Excellency's speech was passed. The Grand Jury Bill was forwarded, and a Committee was appointed to enquire into the causes of the neglect of the law of 1838. Jan. 3. Some routine business was attended to. Bills introduced, petitions presented, and Chairmen of Committees of the whole House appointed. Jan. 4. The Jury Bill passed through a Committee of the whole. Copies of Despatches were laid before the House; and correspondence connected with them. These were read, and ordered to be printed. Jan. 5. Sunday. Jan. 6. The report of the Assembly's Delegates was read, and the thanks of the House were voted, without division, to the delegates. Jan. 7. The House met and adjourned. Jan. 8. A resolution in favor of Assessment for purposes of Education, introduced a conversation, in which opinions seemed generally in favor of the mode. Notice of Bills was given, and some Petitions presented. The House has been chiefly occupied in routine business; Committees are making progress in matters before them; some days generally elapse at the commencement of Sessions, before the main subjects are taken up.

TEMPERANCE.—Extracts from the Prize Essay will be continued in our next. We are pleased to see indications of the growth of Temperance principles, altho' they may not be exhibited, as was the custom some months ago, by large assemblages at Temperance Meetings. Those who do attend, should not be disheartened at apparent neglect, but should recollect that the continuous, unobtrusive, but deep stream, does more to fructify the land, than the cataract which thunders in the wet season, and deserts its bed in times of drought.

The last received Montreal Courier thus prefaces extracts from the Judge's charge, which was recently noticed in the Pearl:

"Brandy, Gin, Rum—Scotch Whiskey—Cordials.—The following sentence was pronounced on an unfortunate wretch, convicted of the murder of his wife, by Judge EDWARDS, at New York. The gentlemen who daily drink until they feel mellow, jovial, and all that; and those bipeds, who are not gentlemen, but who practice

in the same way, diurnally, will not injure themselves by its perusal. We don't give the whole of the sentence, but just so much as is likely to prove instructive and serviceable, to the worshippers of JUGGERNAUT."

A Temperance Meeting will be held at the Old Baptist Meeting House next Monday evening, at half past 7 o'clock.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—Mr. A. McKinlay, President of the Institute, delivered a very interesting lecture, illustrated by beautiful and very successful experiments, last evening, on Heat; the room was crowded. Geo. R. Young, Esq. will lecture next Wednesday evening, on Ancient and Modern Public Speaking.

LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.—Joseph Howe, Esq. delivered an interesting lecture, last Monday evening, on the Map of Nova Scotia,—pointing out the peculiarities and resources of the Province. Next Monday evening the debate, adjourned from Monday week, is to be resumed.

Halifax, 9th January, 1840.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor was pleased to give his assent to a bill entitled, "An Act to continue and amend the act for the regulation of Juries and to render valid the proceedings of certain Grand Juries."

TRURO TEMPERANCE MEETING,

A Meeting of the inhabitants of Truro and the neighbourhood, having been convened for the purpose of forming a Temperance Society, George R. Grassie, Esq. was called to the Chair.

The Chairman having explained the object of the meeting, and Mr. Wm. Dill being appointed Secretary, several Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1. Moved by E. S. Blanchard, Esq. and seconded by A. G. Archibald, Esq.

2. Moved by Doctor Lynds, and seconded by Doctor Carritt.

3. Moved by the Rev. William McCulloch, and seconded by the Rev. Daniel McCurdy.

4. Moved by Alexander Bent, Esq. and seconded by Mr. John S. Archibald.

The three first of these resolutions went to express strongly the feelings of the meeting, as to the benefits to be derived from the forming of Temperance Societies, and the fourth expressed the duty of the Meeting to unite for the formation of a Society in that place.

Rules were then framed for the government of the Society, to which upwards of Fifty of the most respectable inhabitants of the County subscribed their names. And the following gentlemen were unanimously elected as office-bearers of the Colchester Temperance Society.

President—George R. Grassie, Esq.
Vice Presidents—Dr. Lynds, and Mr. Robert C. Blair.
Committee of Management—Dr. Carritt, A. G. Archibald, Esq., Mr. John Dunlap, Mr. R. O. Christie, Mr. Charles Tucker, Mr. John D. Christie, Mr. Charles Blanchard.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Wm. Dill.
Truro, Dec. 20, 1839.

CHINA.—The very unfortunate state of affairs between the British and the Chinese, seems far from being adjusted. Smuggling had recommenced, and more vigorous measures for the suppression of the outrage, were expected to be put in force.

The French papers state, that Lord Palmerston had signified the intention of the British Government, to cause a blockade of the ports of the Chinese Empire.

UNITED STATES.—In Congress, on Dec. 30, several ineffectual attempts were made to suspend the rules of the House of Representatives with the view of offering resolutions restrictive of petitions for the abolition of slavery.

The Michigan Gazette says, that a wild youth, about four feet high, is running at large in the vicinity of Fish Lake. It is supposed to be a child which strayed from some emigrating party, and has grown up in the wilderness. It is said to be covered with a coat of chestnut coloured hair, to run with great velocity, to swim rapidly, and to yell frightfully when pursued.

The coroner of New York, held 633 inquests, from the 1st January, 1838, to the 1st January, 1839; since which latter date, he has held 682.

The new York Express says, that within three weeks over 1,500,000 dollars worth of woollen goods had been re-shipped back to England.

Last Miramichi Gleaner gives an account of the destruction by Fire, on Christmas morning, of a Brewery, Distillery, Oat and Flour Steam Mill, Drying Kiln, &c. the property of Mr. G. Rennie. Two small dwelling Houses were also destroyed, but the flames were confined to these premises by great exertion of the inhabitants.

STORM AND SHIPWRECK.

On Friday the 29th Nov. the east coast of Scotland experienced a severe storm. On Friday afternoon about five o'clock, a vessel was observed, at a considerable distance from the coast, apparently labouring under great distress and in vain attempting to round Fifeness. The raging of the storm, and the darkness of the night, prevented the Coast Guard on shore from keeping the vessel in sight; but the only survivor of the crew gives a sufficient account of the deplorable catastrophe. The vessel was the Petrel, of Stockton-Tees, bound from Dalhousie to Stockton with timber. She was a new brig of about 200 tons burden. After night closed in, the captain and crew did every thing in their power to keep the vessel at sea, but in vain. She was gradually driven by the force of the gale towards the shore. At about 1 o'clock they let go both anchors, which were immediately dragged, and shortly afterwards the vessel was thrown with tremendous force on the rocks. The crew took to the rigging, but in a moment a resistless sea broke over the Petrel, and with awful violence split her in two, fair along the deck. In the dreadful confusion of that terrible crisis the survivor dropped from his place on the rigging upon a log floating upon the surface

of the water. On it, however, his life was exposed to dreadful hazard. The cargo was tossed about by the waves as if the immense logs of wood were light as straws, and the risk of being crushed to death in their collision was described as ten times greater than that of drowning. The poor fellow, however, clung to his last hope, and was at length thrown, in an exceedingly exhausted state upon the beach. With the greatest exertion he managed to crawl a short distance from the sea; and, exposed to the bitter blast of that dreadful night, almost dead with fatigue, cold and hunger, he awaited the dawn of morning. It displayed a fearful prospect to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood. The vessel was literally dashed to pieces, and the shore, to a great extent, was strewn with fragments of the wreck, and portions of the cargo.

The bodies of six of the crew, and that of a lady, were found on the beach, and the poor fellow, the sole survivor of the merciless havoc of the storm—was discovered, almost insensible, crouching behind a dyke near the shore. His name was found to be Henry Thomas, a native of Wales. The vessel in her homeward voyage, touched at Stromness, being wind bound, and the lady whose body was found, had embarked at that port. Her trunk was cast on shore, and on being opened, there were found inside, a valuable gold watch, £400 in bills, and a quantity of wearing apparel. The six cast on shore were fine stout fellows about thirty years of age. Altogether there were nine of the crew, with one passenger. A black man and a boy are still missing. The officer of the Coast Guard states that he never saw such a shipwreck in his experience—the vessel being literally shivered to atoms. The surviving seaman has met with the most kind attention, and no doubt, will be enabled to proceed to his native place by means of a subscription among the benevolent inhabitants of the district, whose sympathies are powerfully excited in his behalf. The dead bodies will be decently interred. Great exertions are being made to secure as much of the cargo as possible.—Dundee Courier.

MARRIED.

On Sunday, Dec. 22nd, by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, Mr. John Harris, to Miss Elizabeth Vinecove, both of this place.
At Hammond Plains, on Thursday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Gray, Mr. James Melvin, to Miss Susan L. Johnson, both of that place.
At Rawdon, on the 24th December, by the Rev. George W. Morris, Mr. Thomas Moxon, junr. to Miss Lucy L. second daughter of Benjamin Smith, Esq.
On Wednesday evening, January 1st, by the Rev. Mr. Cogswell, Mr. Wm. Polute, of Windsor, to Miss Cecilia M. Bowll, of Halifax.
On Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Loughnan, Mr. Andrew Murphy, to Miss Margaret Ann, only daughter of the late Lieutenant Ridgway, R. N.
On November 22nd, by the Rev. Mr. Buxter, Mr. Alexander Currie of Tatanouche, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. Solomon Jude, of Onslow.—December 15th, by the same, Mr. Daniel McCallum, to Miss Margaret Irving, both of Onslow.—December 31st, by the same, Mr. Alexander McNutt, merchant, of Onslow, to Esther, eldest daughter of Mr. James Barnhill, of same place.
On Tuesday evening, by the Rev. John Martin, Mr. William Scott, to Susan, second daughter, of the late Mr. Matthew Mitchell of this town.
At the parish of Sussex, New Brunswick, 5th Dec. last, by the Rev. Nelson Armstrong, Mr. Alexander Teacles, to Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas McLellan.

DIED.

At Dartmouth, on Friday evening last, in the 86th year of age, Mrs. Mary Hatfield.
At New Orleans, of yellow fever, on the 20th of August, Mr. Henry A. Campbell, a native of Halifax.
On Wednesday, January 1st, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with fortitude and resignation to the divine will, aged 60 years, Mrs. Mary Kennedy a native of the County of Waterford, Ireland. She has left a numerous family to lament the loss of a kind and indulgent parent.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF HALIFAX.

ARRIVED.

FRIDAY—Brig Isabella, Moser, St Kitts, 38 days—ballast, bound to Liverpool, N S; schr Hiram, Donne, Martinique, 57 days, via Barrington—molasses; Am brig Pandora, Elliot, Philadelphia, 15, and Holmes' Holte, 6 days—flour, meal, bread, &c. to Robert Noble; schr Lark, Vanhorn, Yarmouth, 4 days—beef and pork; brig Argus, Walmsey, St. Domingo 26 days—coffee, logwood, &c. to Fairbanks & Allison.
SATURDAY—Schr. Thistle, Port Medway—lumber; Rival Packet, McLean, Liverpool, N S.
SUNDAY—Am schr. Caroline, Baxter, New York, 7 days—flour, beef, &c. to D & E Starr & Co. and J. H. Braice.
Monday—Millboat brig Roseway, Burney, Boston, 55 hours—has 5 of the crew of brig. Shelburne, of Liverpool, N S; Am packet brig Acadian, Jones, Boston, 55 hours—pork, flour, &c. to D & E Starr & Co. R. Noble, and others; lugt brig. Portree, Simpson, to sail in 8 days; schr. John Thomas, Brookman, for Halifax next day.
TUESDAY—Brig. Chalcedony, Durkee, Barbice, 53 and Barbadoes, 40 days to D & E Starr & Co, spoke, 25th ult. brig. Paragon, Lovett, Dominica, 26 days, in lat 35 50, lon 62 1/2 who reported brig. Commerce, Hemcon, sailed 9 days previous, and schr Adelaide, Hilton, in company for Yarmouth; also brig Leander, Cann, from Barbadoes, for Yarmouth, had been in company and bore up for Bermuda. Spake, 1st. inst. lat. 41 32, lon 61 21, barque Ann, of Plymouth, 5 days from St. Andrews, bound to London, had lost maintop-sail and gibs, bulwarks and water casks stove.

CLEARED.

FRIDAY, 3d—Brig Reindeer, McCott, B W Indies—dry and pickled fish by G P Lawson; Atlantic, Chase, Province Town, U S—cordwood by S Binney; brig Starr, Cocken, Jamaica—assorted cargo by D & E Starr & Co.; brig. Inverness, McDonald, Cork—lumber, staves and oil by W. F. Reid and W. Lawson, junr. 4th—Victor, Hurd, Boston—cordwood and coals by G. P. Lawson.

MEMORANDA.

PORT MEDWAY, Dec. 18—Sailed, brig Queen Victoria, Phillips, B W Indies; barque Wanderer, Robson, for Newcastle.
AT YARMOUTH, 27th ult.—Barque Tory's Wife, Bichean, hence, 15 days.
FAIRMOUTH, Dec 2—Off the port, the Lalg from Halifax, with the loss of foremast, bowsprit &c.
SALEM Dec. 26—Sailed brig. Rob Roy, Frith, for Barbadoes.
SAVANNAH Dec. 8—Sailed brig. Belle, Hall, Demerara.
AT ST. VINCENT Nov. 16—Brig. Pearl, West, hence in 21 days.
AT MATANZAS 10th ult.—Brig Humming Bird, Godfrey, for Halifax, waiting cargo.
Schr. Eclipse, Marshall, at Antigua hence, about the 17th Nov.
AT LIVERPOOL G B. Nov. 6—Rowena, Cape Breton, eid. 16th brig Pilot Roberts, Demerara.

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