

of many a young man. He lost the confidence of his employers—lost credit—lost his character—lost every particle of self-respect—lost hope—lost everything but a craving desire for intoxicating liquors.

“And now he is degraded to the last degree. He earns no money except in the most menial occupations when he is sober enough, and as soon as the means are within his reach, he drinks and makes himself—what you have seen him.”

Now, boys, I don't preach sermons myself. I leave that vocation to the ministers. But I can't help saying that there is a lesson in this story which you will all do well to learn.

News of the Week.

The Annual Prize Rifle Match came off at Truro last week. Firing commenced on Tuesday and concluded on Thursday. The Reporter says—His Excellency Major Genl. Doyle, after a short and stirring speech, presented the various prizes. The match was conducted with the greatest order and regularity, and no disturbance of any kind marred the harmony of this pacific contest. The volunteers and militia from all sections of the Province fraternised in the most friendly manner. The hotels were crowded, and landlords reaped golden harvests.

The scores being told off, were as follows: four of 33, two of 31, several of 30, and a large number from 30 upwards. The four 33's were: T. McKay, Truro; D. McKenzie, Pictou; J. Smith, Windsor; and Dr. L. Johnson, Pictou Greys. In firing off McKay won the medal of the British Rifle Association and ten pounds, 1st prize, and Dr. Johnson 2d prize of ten pounds. The ten prizes of £5 each, were won by the following:

Joshua Smith, Windsor; D. McKenzie, Pictou Greys; — Proctor, Windsor; B. Smith, Halifax Queens; M. Neville, Halifax; C. A. Stayner, Halifax; J. W. Fraser, New Glasgow; Jas. W. Jackson, Pictou; Corporal Heustis, Wallace; Albert Doggett, Truro.

The winners of the ten prizes of £5 each were:—J. H. Chisholm, River John; Corp. Sheppard, Halifax Mayflower Co.; J. Publicover, Dartmouth; W. E. Logan, Truro; Brenton Harrington, Halifax Chebucto Greys; Sergt. W. D. Harrington, Halifax Scotch Rifles; G. W. Wier, Clyde Rifles; Murdock Munro, Wallace Greys; Corporal McKay, Pictou; Lieut. Curry, Windsor.

This match differed from the one of last year in being confined strictly to the Nova Scotian Volunteers and Militia.

The steamer Alpha, Capt. Hunter, ar-

rived here on Thursday morning, from Newfoundland, with the Africa's passengers, and sailed again the same morning for Boston. The Merlin, with goods for Halifax, arrived from the same place on Friday.

SUPREME COURT.—The October term of the Supreme Court commenced its sittings at the County Court House on Tuesday last, His Lordship the Chief Justice presiding on the civil side, and Mr. Justice Wilkins on the criminal. There are several causes on the docket, and the alleged crimes include embezzlement, store breaking, robbery, assault, stabbing, and attempts to commit rape.—*Chron.*

A St. John paper reports a fire occurred a few days ago in the premises of A. Seaman & Co., Minudie, which consumed their house, barn and store, with a large stock of valuable goods. The loss is estimated at \$16,000. There was no insurance.

We learn from the Free Press that the Bridgewater Agricultural Society's Exhibition came off on Thursday last. It is stated that there was a magnificent show of apples, and a good assortment of domestic made cloth, yet most of the best farms and orchards of the county were unrepresented.

H. M. steamer Vesuvius, Capt. Hamilton, arrived at Boston on Wednesday evening from St. John's, Nfld., via Halifax, with the mails of the steamer Africa. The Capt. of the Vesuvius reports, on the 19th inst., at midnight, while on the northern part of Georges Bank, during a thick fog, came into collision with the ship Joseph Holmes, Capt. Crosby, from Boston 17th for Rio Janeiro, striking her on the starboard side and cutting her down to the water's edge. The Vesuvius took her in tow and brought her to Boston. Although the ship received a pretty hard blow she leaks but slightly. The steamer only lost bowsprit.

At the recent session of the Grand Division, held in this city, the following gentlemen were elected office bearers for the ensuing year:—G. W. P., Rev. I. J. Skinner, Chester; G. W. A., Edward Morrison, Halifax; G. S., Patrick Monaghan, Halifax, re-elected; G. Treas., H. A. Taylor, Halifax; G. Chap., Rev. John Lythern, Halifax; G. Con., Charles E. Church, Chester; G. Sen., Francis Beattie, Pictou. The following list shows the time and places of meeting for the ensuing year:—January, at Canning, Kings County; April, at Avondale, Hants County; July, at Parrsborough, Cumberland County; Annual in October, City of Halifax.

A respectable citizen while proceeding quietly to his home in Gottingen Street, on Tuesday evening, about 9 o'clock, was attacked near his residence by a soldier of the 16th Regt., and received a severe wound in the head from the belt of the

latter. A complaint was made to the Barracks and every satisfaction has been given. The military authorities intend investigating the case, and will, we understand, hand him over to the civic authorities to be dealt with according to law.

The ship Timor, of and for Hull, England, from Bathurst, dead laden, was totally lost in Bay St. George, Nfld, on the night of the 14th inst., in a heavy gale of wind. The captain and three of the crew were drowned. The remainder of the crew arrived at Halifax on Friday, in the schr. Clara from Bay St. George.

The new and powerful steamboat Alexandria, recently constructed for the use of the General Mining Association, made a short trial trip in Pictou harbor last week. The trial was most satisfactory, a speed of ten knots an hour having been obtained.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

By the arrival of the steamers City of New York and Scotia, at New York, we have late news from Europe.

The directors of the Great Ship Company have taken formal proceedings in bankruptcy to wind up the Company, to stay various actions, and insure equal distribution of assets.

England was startled by an earthquake early on the morning of the 6th. It was felt in all directions, but no damage was done.

La France announces that most of the Powers had declared their intention of recognizing the new Mexican empire.

A Corfu telegram of the 25th, announces that the Ionian Parliament, in its sitting of that day, accepted the proposed annexation with Greece, and expressed its thanks to England for the proposition.

The Government, on the 9th, formally seized one of the suspected rams built by Laird in the Mersey. Another authority says both have been seized. It is not known what additional evidence had been presented to induce this step.

The Times thinks the details from Chickamauga establish a total defeat for Rosecranz, and charges the Federal government with keeping back news.

The Archbishop of Dublin, and Mrs. Trollope, the novelist, are dead. Lord Lyndhurst continues in a precarious condition.

Liverpool, Oct. 10—P. M. A Constantinople telegram says that the Porte offers to buy the steam rams building in the Mersey. Earl Russell is said to favor this solution of the difficulty.

London, Sunday, P. M.—The Globe states that the seizures of the rams will bring the whole subject forward for judgment. It will be intolerable that countries without a port should possess fleets.