

first of a sea tale next month, a monthly called Valentine Vox narrates the tricks of a Ventriloquist, another is announced founded on the tithe system, to be called the Rector's Progress, beside several others of less fame.

The sale of Nicholas Nickleby has been stated at above 50,000, which would leave, it appears, above £850 per month, as the profit to author and publisher. No wonder such a prize should cause dabblers in the lottery, yet what a vast number of blanks is sure to turn up, and how much misery is occasioned by such a game of chance.

A new play by Bulwer, entitled the Birth Right, is announced. Grattan, the author of High Ways and Bye Ways is residing at Boston as British Consul. He is said to be engaged on a new novel.

A novel by Major Richardson of Montreal, entitled The Brothers, is announced. It is founded in the history of Canada.

Mr. Hawkins, author of the Picture of Quebec, has issued a Prospectus of an engraved plan of the military and naval operations before Quebec, under General Wolfe. It is to be accompanied by a miniature of West's picture of the death of Wolfe, some emblematic devices, a compendium, key, and list of subscribers.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE, &c.—Ductor Teulon lectured last evening on Saline substances, to a large audience. The Lecturer described the various salts, their peculiarities, importance &c. A very interesting discourse followed, in which much additional information was elicited. The Doctor exhibited his usual readiness and fulness of information in answering the questions proposed.

Doctor Teulon will continue, on General Knowledge, next Wednesday evening.

The Mechanic's 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 13th 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.

In this place, connected with Literary and Scientific efforts, may be mentioned a matter which was omitted last week. The Rev. Mr. O'Brien is making preparations for an Academical institution in connection with the Roman Catholic Church, in Halifax. In furtherance of this work, the Hon. Michael Tobin has set an excellent example; he presented the Rev. Gentleman with £150 towards the purchase of a philosophical apparatus. Mr. O'Brien, we understand intends, beside the other scholastic labours of his establishment, to deliver a course of lectures to his classes, on Natural Philosophy.

TEMPERANCE.—We have commenced making extracts from a Prize Essay, on Temperance—in accordance with the wishes of some of our friends. This little work contains much interesting information, as will appear by the extract in this number.

The Rev. T. Matthew, R. Catholic Clergyman, is a most successful apostle of Temperance in Ireland. Vast numbers flock to hear his orations on the subject. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kennedy, Catholic Bishop of Kildare, is President of a Temperance Society. The cause prospers in Ireland much more than was generally anticipated. A Catholic society in Liverpool has a large number of members.

A Temperance Tea party was recently held at Pugwash, 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 trilling. 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. £163 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 last. 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.

MARRIED.

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

On Monday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Uniacke, John G. Muligh, 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.

DIED.

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 Hague, 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 Wilnot, on 12th inst. after a tedious illness, which she 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.

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

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVED.

Saturday, Nov. 23d—Schr. Mary, Boudroit, Montreal, 17 days—830 bbls flour to A. Murison; Irene and Lord Lovat, Sydney—coal; Re-

form, Howard, P. E. Island—produce; Dartford, Wooden, Pictou—coal; Mary, Two Brothers, and Swallow, Arichat, dry and pickled fish, etc.; Ruth, Maubou, beef, pork, etc.; Margaret Ann, and Reward, Pictou, coal; Susan, Sydney, coal.

Sunday, 24th—Schr. Dove, Marmad; Nancy, Fougere; Richmond, Gerroir; Mary Ann, Nancy, Ann, Agnes, Great Britain, Sarah Wier, Milly, Angelique, Mary, Eliza, William, Trial, Cruiser, Esplanade, Ellen, Nancy, Margaret, Sydney and Bridgeport, coal fish and butter; Malony and Susan Ann, Pictou, coal; Sable, Kennedy, La-Poile, and Dove, Butler, do, fish, oil, etc. to W. & J. McNeil; Queen Charlotte, Leblanc, and Elizabeth, Harding, P. E. Island, 7 days, produce; Sarah, Larkin, Cocaigne, 8 days, lumber; Ruth, Cahoon, Whitehead, bound to Liverpool; Eliza Bunting, Lucas, St. John's N. F. 12 days, fish, to W. Lawson, junr. and J. Allen & Co., Velocity sailed 8 days previous for Jamaica; Eliza, Morrison, New York, via Guysborough, 9 days, flour, to Fairbanks and Allison; Active Kendrick, Montreal, 25 days, and Quebec 15 days, flour, beef, and seeds, to do; Nine Sons, Drew, St. John's, N. F. 10 days, fish oil, and tea to S. Binney; Am. brig Grecian, LaBere, Baltimore, 20 days, wheat, to W. A. Black & Son, Rambler, P. E. Island, 3 days; Nightingale, do. 9 days.

Monday, 25th—Schr. Arctic, More, Liverpool, N. S. 1 day lumber, bound to St. John's, N. F. Mailboat Velocity, Barss, put back to Liverpool 21st inst. and sailed same evening for Boston.

Wednesday, 27th—Schr. Murdoch, Guysborough, dry & pickled fish, beef, pork, etc.

Thursday, 28th. brig Star, Cocken, Montego, Bay, 22 days, ballast to D & E Starr & Co; brig Laura, Hoyle, St. Vincent, 19 days, to D & E Starr & Co; schr Nile, Vaughan, St. John, NB. 8 days, fish.

AUCTION.

Glassware, Nets, Lines, Twines, Paints, &c. Per Thalia from London.

BY DEBLOIS & MERREL,

At their Rooms, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

30 PACKAGES GLASSWARE, among which are, Tumblers and Wines, in small casks, Tumblers, Wines, and Decanters, in do Cylinder and best Tumblers, ground, Best Tumblers and Wines, fluted and ground, Best Exmouth Wines, do do Ditto Champagnes and Barrel W I N E S, do. Quart and Pint Decanters, broad flutes and splits, Cut Cartridges and Tumblers.

Cut dishes, Cut Sugar Basins, Cream Jugs, and Butter Boxes, Cruet and Spirit Frames, Custards, Jellies Finger Bowls, Cut Salts, French Chimney and Lamp Shades; ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 oz. V I A L S.—

ALSO, Some Plated and Silver edged

Tea and Coffee Sets, &c.

Nov 29

Sale of Teas.

A PUBLIC SALE OF TEAS will take place at the Warehouses of the Agents of the Honorable East India Company, on FRIDAY, the 13th day of December at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Catalogues will be prepared, and the Teas may be examined three days previous to the sale.

Nov. 29.

S. CUNARD & CO. Agents to the Hon. E. I. Company.

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The Library comprises a selection of nearly 2,000 volumes; among which are to be found some of the most approved standard works, recent publications, and periodical literature.

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In appealing to the public of Halifax, in behalf of this undertaking, the subscriber begs to state his determination to add to his Library, the principal popular works as they appear; and otherwise to increase the variety in the Reading and News department to the fullest extent that the amount of subscriptions will warrant. He also adds the assurance, that while he presumes to hope for a liberal support, no exertion on his part shall be wanting to deserve it.

While Halifax is rapidly advancing in prosperity and enterprise, while a taste for Literature is diffusing itself among all classes, and when an extensive system of Steam Navigation is about to be established, which will connect Halifax, by a constant and rapid communication, with the principal ports of the Old and New World, it is hoped that a comfortable Reading Room, connected with a carefully assorted Library, and enriched with the latest intelligence from all quarters, will not be deemed unworthy of support by the members of an enlightened commercial community.

R. M. BARRATT.

Halifax, Nov. 27, 1839.

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Oct. 18.—2w

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