

Newport.

MR. GIFFORD'S FATAL MISHAP.—It is reported here that the bridge over Crab Pond in Fall River has been undergoing repairs, and that some of the planking was removed, and that it was imperfectly lighted, and its approaches were not barricaded on the evening on which Mr. Gifford probably lost his life. It was at first thought he had been robbed and foully dealt with, but as his watch and about one hundred dollars in money were found upon his person, it is supposed that he, not knowing the condition of the bridge, in attempting to cross it in the evening, stumbled and fell through the opening head first, the condition in which his body was found sustaining this view of the case. It is not unlikely that an action for damages will be brought against the city of Fall River for reasons above recited. Mr. Gifford leaves a widow in a condition to require the tender solicitude of a husband, and, we believe, three children.

MILITARY.—Second Lieutenant Michael McCormick has been promoted to the First Lieutenantcy of the Aquidneck Rifles, in place of William Farrell, resigned.

THE LADIES OF EMMANUEL CHURCH, propose giving a turkey supper in the chapel in the rear of the church on Thursday afternoon and evening of the present week. A fair will be held in connection, with music by Prof. J. F. O. Smith's orchestra.

SUNDAY was a most charming winter day, with but little air stirring, and that little by no means cold, and as a consequence, the various places of worship in our city were well attended. At the United Congregational Church the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Mr. Williams, of Boston. In the evening a most interesting Sabbath-school concert was given at the Unitarian Chapel by the school connected with that church, and the praise meeting at the Thames Street M. E. Church attracted a full house. In connection, we would say that "Mrs. Susan Briggs, of this city, is to give a reading" at the last named church one week from this evening, for the benefit of the new Sabbath-school building now in the course of construction.

THIS MORNING the United States steamer Nina took the old Cornfield Point light vessel in tow and proceeded to the outer harbor with her, for torpedo practice, returning with her at noon, uninjured.

CHARLES WATERS, of Boston, has sold three adjoining lots of land, with buildings, on Long Wharf, to Henry W. Dodd, for \$2,000.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Gardner Cottrell, recently of the firm of C. V. A. Schuyler & Son, of New York, died at the residence of his father, Elias H. Cottrell, Esq., in this city on Saturday evening last, in the thirty-first year of his age. Mr. Cottrell won for himself a glorious record during the late rebellion, and was one of the fourteen saved from the monitor Tecumseh at the time she was sunk off Mobile, and was afterward executive officer on board the United States steamer Frolic. Consumption was the cause of his death. His parents have the sympathy of our citizens in their hour of affliction and bereavement.

Mr Samuel Pratt, of this city, leaves here, to-night, for Florida, where he purposes spending the winter in gunning and fishing, and keep "out of the cold" at the same time.