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MAY 4.—The engagement is announced of Miss Millicent Salter, youngest daughter of the late Mr. B. W. Salter, to Capt. Sherer, late of the Leicestershire regiment. The date of the wedding is not yet announced, but will probably not take place before the coming autumn.

The Emerald arrived on Tuesday morning from Bermuda, and will remain here for three or four weeks, after which she will go to Newfoundland. On the 26th, which will be up later on, are several men who are well known in Halifax, and who will be warmly welcomed on their return here after an absence of some seasons. J. Wilkinson (of whose death a false report was current some time ago), and Commander J. Montgomery are two very familiar names. The latter is a young man of the generation, indeed it is ten years since the former was in this station, which has changed not inconsiderably in many ways since that time.

Sir Baldwin and Lady Walker, and Miss Cooper Coles, the latter's sister, have arrived, and are staying for a month or so at Mrs. Mooney's comfortable home on Queen St.

The death of Miss Laleah Almon, eldest daughter of the Hon. W. I. Almon, which took place at Roseback on Monday last, will be a source of heart-felt sorrow to many people here and in England, where in addition to near relatives, Miss Almon had many intimate friends. It was in England indeed, that the first symptoms of the long illness, which ended in her death, made themselves felt, where a little more than a year ago she concluded a round of visits there and returned to Halifax in the care of her brother, who went from here (it will be remembered) to bring her home. Since that time Miss Almon has been a constant sufferer; she was for some months before her death confined to her bed. Mrs. Gravely, her sister, came down from Canada to nurse her, but so little was her death anticipated, notwithstanding the rheumatic affection to which she was a martyr, that she was on the point of returning to Almont, when Miss Almon grew suddenly worse. She had then been in Halifax, where her many friends will miss her indeed. Most active in all her out-door amusements, and a thorough housewife, the last year of her life was indeed a sad one; her once busy hands were unable to so much as turn the leaves of her book, and her days only varied by being moved from her bed to her sofa. A very great sympathy is extended to her family, in their sad loss.

Miss Almon leaves five sisters of whom only one lives in Halifax. Mrs. Edward Blaney and Miss Mary Almon reside in England, where the latter is in charge of the English sisterhood. Mrs. Gravely and Mrs. Brewster have homes in Canada and Philadelphia. Laura Almon is at present in the former place, where she is taking charge of the children of Mrs. Gravely in order that the latter might continue her education. Miss Almon had many friends in Ottawa and St. John who will hear of her death with regret.

The departure of Rev. W. B. King for Cambridge, Mass., where he has accepted the position of rector of Christ church, is at last definitely settled. Mr. King will enter on his new parish in September next. His nature and disposition are not of especially high church tendencies I hear, although their late rector went over to Rome, if the papers speak correctly. The congregation of Christ church is a well-to-do one, and the stipend which they have offered Mr. King is far in advance of his present one, which only amounts to \$1,400 a year. In Cambridge he will receive \$3,500 annually, which means an additional income worth considering. In justice to Mr. King, however, it is only fair to say that many of the parishes in Cambridge are in a measure only to a very small degree; some time ago he was offered by his present parishioners an increase in salary which he refused to accept, and which he has now accepted has been twice offered to him vainly. To a man of scholarly tastes there is no more pleasant abiding place than a University town. The library of Harvard college is celebrated; and among the professors, just now in residence, are some very clever and distinguished men. Mr. King, too, will have the great advantage of possessing friends at court, in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. de Sautchrest. I hear indeed that they have been largely instrumental in getting him to leave Halifax.

The sixth entertainment of the Church of England Institute course, took place on Tuesday evening in the Orpheum, and was a most successful, pleasant and successful, though not especially brilliant. There was a large audience containing a vast percentage of smart boys, who were anxious to procure everything. Miss Forbes deserves some credit for her training of the children, who were the chief performers of the evening. The audience was a very noisy one, and the violin solo, which was very kindly contributed by Miss Paynter, was almost entirely unheard on that account. But the entertainment was on the whole very pleasing, the marching especially being extremely creditable.

Mrs. Langtry's new play, 'The Fringe of Society,' has not turned out a complete success. Her dress is very beautiful, two being dove color, which seems rather monotonous, and one with a gold and a pink tinge. It will be remembered that when she was in Halifax her figure was really perfect, and I am sorry to learn from a confidential friend that she has lately fallen off in her looks, having become much thinner, and more hollow about the cheeks and collar bones than she was. It is not generally known, perhaps, that Mrs. Langtry has connections in Halifax, where she was entertained and made much of during her short visit some years ago.

Mrs. Osborne who is, I am glad to say, to be released today, has also relations here, which shows what a very small world we live in.

This season's salmon fishing has been so far extremely successful, several Halifax men having been lucky enough to kill some very fine fish. Major Brady heads the list at present with four, and Mr. McEwan has also been lucky.

Dr. Tobin and Dr. Fowler are at East River this week, but have had some cold rains to contend with which have militated against their success.

The tront which have been caught lately are particularly good, they have so far been plenty.

Mrs. James Morton is still confined to her bed by the accident to her knee cap, which is very serious.

The Wanders' theatricals will take place on the 26th of this month. Miss Roberts and Mrs. Morrow are particularly good in their roles, and every prospect of a success is assured. Among the men, one hears excellent accounts of Capt. Duffus and Mrs. Fuller, and of the latter especially much may be expected.

The rehearsal of the sixth concert of the Orpheum club went off very well. The Lady of Shalott being particularly well done. Mr. Porter has lately received an honorary degree in music, to which he is more than entitled. He has done Halifax a great deal of service in a musical way.

An unusually large number of passengers went in the Labrador on Thursday, among whom were Dr. and Mrs. Greiner, Mrs. Weatherbe, Miss W. B. King, Miss Uniacke. The Rev. W. B. King did not go as was expected, owing to the recent changes in his affairs.

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services in St. George's church on Sunday in Mr. Gibbon's absence. Dr. Babbit is here for a few days, and is looking fully returned to health. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aikman and their little son have returned home from Montreal. The dance at the Social club on Monday evening was very enjoyable. Quite a number were present. Mrs. Atkinson entertained a few friends very pleasantly, as she always does, one evening lately. Mrs. Norby gave a card party last Monday evening.

Mr. George McKee was here recently for a short time. Mr. Murdoch, of Montreal, is in town. The death of Mrs. Cannabell was very sad, and much sympathy is felt for her husband and two little daughters. Miss Page, who has been spending the winter in Bermuda, is back again. She arrived last Wednesday.

Mr. J. Hayes, of Wolfville, and Mr. N. Hayes, of Halifax, came to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Cannabell. Mr. F. Yorkie has returned from Boston. Mrs. Young was in Amherst last week for a day or two.

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KENTVILLE.

MAY 4.—Miss Shreve of Halifax, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Harris, Main street. Miss Evelyn Giffins was home for the Easter holidays as was also Miss Nellie Youlds.

Miss Maud Youlds spent the holidays with school friends in Moncton, and during her short married life spent here, she had made many friends.

Mr. John Masters is in Windsor doing duty as station master of the W. and A. R. R. Mrs. Wiltshire and children moved to Halifax last week. Mr. Wiltshire had been engaged in business in Montreal, and during the last week.

The oddfellows were most pleasantly entertained by the Canning lodge on Monday of last week. A special train was engaged to take them to Canning and back.

Congratulations to Mr. Percy Woodworth, who has successfully passed his final M. D., C. M. examinations at Dalhousie. Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Eaton, of Lawrencetown, are in town visiting friends.

The "church workers" intend having a sale and tea on Thursday in the large unoccupied house owned by Mr. B. H. Calkin, jr., who has kindly loaned it for the occasion. Tea will be served at five and later, and a musical and literary entertainment will be provided for the evening.

Miss Nan Lovett has returned from her long visit to New York, Boston, and vicinity. Miss Gladys Starr, of Wolfville, spent a few days last week with her aunt, Mrs. Smith.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Simpson are sorry to hear that they do not intend returning in May as was at first expected. On account of the ill health of a member of the family, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson will not leave England a year at least.

Miss Haliburton, of Wolfville, spent a few days with Mrs. Hanson last week.

The second Philharmonic concert was given by that society assisted by the Dramatic society on Thursday last. This time Scotia hall was quite well filled with an appreciative audience.

The chorus sung by the society were well chosen and well sung, and I hope the society will be able to continue an existence. The violin solo, "Traviata," by Mr. Barrow, was very good.

Mr. Carter spent a few days in Halifax last week. The Hon. T. L. and Mrs. Dodge have returned from the canal, as have also the Hon. and Mrs. Barclay Webster.

Mr. Abbott took the services in St. James' church on Sunday evening. Brock's absence in Wolfville. The rural deanery meets in Wolfville this week, so Canon Brock will remain there while the deanery is in session.

Mr. Stuckhouse of Acadia, officiated at the baptist church. Miss Whitman, elocutionist, gave an exhibition on Tuesday evening assisted by her friends.

Miss Whitman is a graduate of the St. John school. Jean Ingelows "Song of Seven," were nicely given by first the little maid of seven and lastly the mother of forty-nine. The "1000 emotions in Greek costume" by Miss Whitman was very gracefully given.

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TRURO, N. S. [Progress is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's, and at D. H. Smith & Co.'s.]

MAY 4.—Mrs. D. H. Smith and her sister, Mrs. Annand are in Port Hood, C. B., where they went to attend the obsequies of their mother, Mrs. Murray.

Mrs. J. B. Calkin returned from Pictou last week. Dr. D. H. Muir and Mrs. Muir returned home this week. Dr. Muir went as far as Pictou to meet Mrs. Muir, who has been south for her health.

The entertainment under the auspices of St. John's Episcopal church, on Monday evening, was a most successful one. The "1000 emotions in Greek costume" by Miss Whitman was very gracefully given.

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Miss Annie Davies was the guest of her aunt Mrs. Smith Dawson for a few days last week. Mr. J. Smith of Stellarton, was in town on Saturday visiting his sister Mrs. Smith.

Mr. C. D. Dalton, of the I. C. R., is in town on Saturday. Rev. Mr. Harley returned from Halifax on Wednesday.

Miss Annie MacMillan is visiting her friend Mrs. Fred DeWolfe in Halifax. Mr. J. W. MacMillan of Halifax, was here for a day or two last week.

Mrs. Johnston, who has been in Halifax visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. H. MacKay, for two or three days, returned on Friday. Mrs. Oliver came from Halifax last week to join her husband, Mr. A. C. L. Oliver of the Pictou academy, and will be at home I hope among the many friends Mr. Oliver has made during his stay here.

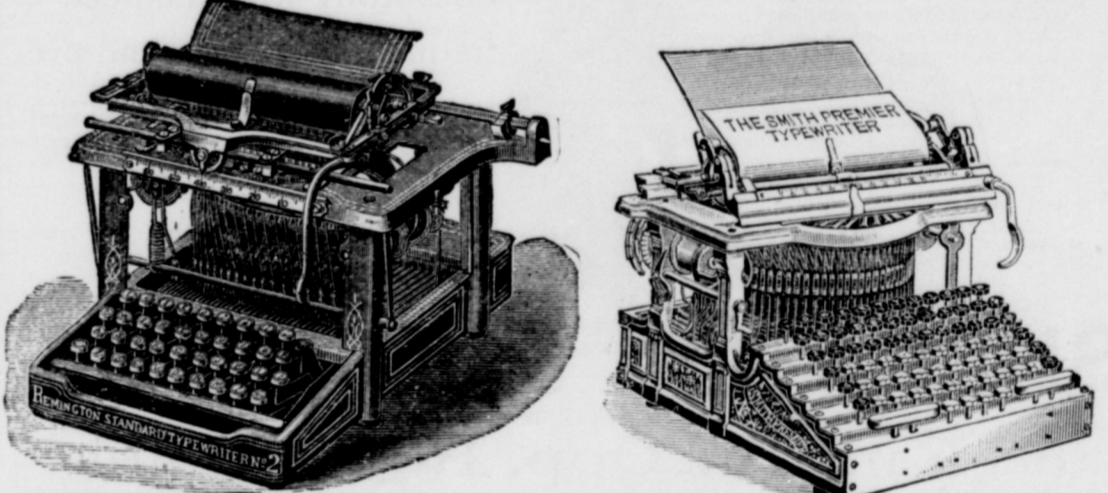
Mr. D. Sutherland has gone for a trip to New York. Mrs. Van Borne of Magdeline Islands, and the Misses Dale of London, Eng., have been guests of the "Central house" for the last week.

Miss M. Carmichael gave a very pleasant dinner party at the residence of her brother-in-law, Senator Green, on Friday evening. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Yorston, Mr. and Mrs. Munro, Miss Macgregor, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ives, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, and the Misses Carmichael. Mrs. Dolly Dreyer, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. C. MacDonald returned to Dartmouth last Friday.

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