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R. C. Keith, son of Mr. Donald Keith of this city, received a cable notifying him of his appointment to a lieutenancy in the field artillery, and directing him to proceed to London at once and report to the war office; he left Halifax on Wednesday. Mr. Keith is not 20 years of age, and was within a couple of months of completing his course at Royal Military College, Kingston, his progress there having been marked by distinction. Mr. Donald Keith accompanied his son to New York.

Rev. A. H. Beavin, who came here two years ago and has been assisting the rector of St. Luke's cathedral, left this week for New York; was highly esteemed by the congregation of St. Luke's. Rev. P. McDonald, brother of E. M. McDonald, M. P. P., (now at Edinburgh), has received a hearty and unanimous call from St. Paul's church, Truro.

Mrs. Parker, wife of Rev. D. O. Parker, of Wolfville, is very ill of heart trouble. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are spending the winter in Boston with their daughter, Miss Alberta Parker, Acadia '94.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beckwith, of Royal hotel, Wolfville are spending a few days in the city, the guests of Mrs. Arthur Taylor.

Mark O'Meara, the popular clerk in Elder, Dempster Co's office, Quebec, went on the Monterey as private secretary to Capt. Parry. Mark is a very clever young man and will no doubt do credit to himself while acting in his new capacity.

Major S. J. R. Sircum has been receiving congratulations on the success he made as embarkation officer for Strathcona Horse. The general major acquitted himself with credit both to himself and the citizens of Halifax.

Mr. John Edwards, Assistant Marine Supt. of the Elder-Dempster Co., who has been in Halifax since the arrival of the S. S. Montezuma, left for Montreal this afternoon. Mr. Edwards has made many friends during his stay in this city, especially among the fair sex, who became infatuated with his stentorian voice, as he sang out his orders on the deck of the transports during the course of their transformation.

Dr. W. B. Drummond, the distinguished author and poet who appeared in Orpheus Hall Thursday evening was the guest of Judge Henry while in Halifax.

Sheriff Chisholm of Antigonish was in the city this week. He came to witness the departure of the Strathcona contingent. It is understood that seven men of the contingent belong to Antigonish county. Mr. Shine of St. Mary's school, is laid up with an attack of grippe.

Mrs. Booth-Perry the Academy vocal teacher of Yarmouth, is in the city.

Rev. A. H. Beavin, who came here two years ago and has been assisting the rector of St. Luke's cathedral, leaves this week for New York. The reverend gentleman is highly esteemed by the congregation of St. Luke's and his departure is deeply regretted.

Rev. P. M. McDonald, M. P. P. has received a hearty and unanimous call from St. Paul's church, Truro. The call has been sent to Edinburgh for his consideration.

Rev. James McLean, who has been pastor of the Presbyterian church, Great Village for over 20 years, has resigned. His resignation will not take effect until July. At the request of the congregation he will then hold the position of pastor emeritus.

Bass River and Portauquique congregation is now moving in a call to Rev. A. L. McKay, a graduate of Pine Hill, Halifax.

D. A. Hearn, of Sydney, is at the Queen.

A. G. T. Pinder, of Strathcona's Horse leaves for England on the first steamer to transact some business and sails from there for South Africa, where he will rejoin the Strathcona's. He has leave of absence until next month.

Lieut. Colonel Morris, of the North West Mounted Police, was in St. John on Friday, en route to Charlottetown. His business is to secure recruits for the Mounted Police. After leaving Charlottetown he will visit Halifax and other points in Nova Scotia and will return to St. John about April 20. Colonel Morris is a Frederickton man. There have been a few enquiries by Halifax young men as to whether or not the Mounted Police would recruit here.

J. W. H. Sutherland, bookkeeper for the Inter-colonial Coal Mining Co., has succeeded D. McQuinn as editor and publisher of the Westville Free Lance.

Colonel McDonald, of the militia department, leaves this afternoon for Ottawa.

E. Trew, R. M. L. I., Bermuda is at the Halifax.

Wm. Fraser, assistant superintendent of the D. A. R. is in the city.

H. R. Clason of Bradford arrived on the delayed I. C. R. train yesterday and is at the Halifax.

ANNAPOLIS.

MAR. 22.—The mass meeting and grand patriotic concert to be given at the Academy of Music on Friday evening next promises to be a great success. A programme suitable to the occasion has been prepared and as an additional attraction Mrs. Bayfield will sing the "Absent Minded Beggar," and Mr. Horace W. Cole, of St. John, will render the "Red Cross Flag." The Academy will be appropriately decorated for the occasion by W. J. Shannon and his corps of assistants.

It is reported that a Mr. Richards of Lynn who has successfully carried on business there for fifteen years proposes to remove his plant to Bridgetown provided he secures the necessary amount of financial assistance. A stock subscription list has been

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going the rounds and has met with good success.

The death occurred at the Infirmary, Halifax, of Jesse, wife of N. H. Phinney, of Lawrencetown. The deceased was 60 years of age. The remains were brought by train to Lawrencetown for interment.

The amateur dramatic company, drawn from the Bachelors' and Pickwick Clubs, are busy rehearsing the drama "Down East," which they are to put on at the Academy in the near future.

TRURO.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro by Mr. G. O. Fulton, J. M. O'Brien and at Crowe Bros.]

MAR. 21.—Mrs. C. M. Blanchard, Miss Maud and Master Eric; Blanchard, arrived home Saturday evening from a short visit with Halifax friends.

Mrs. D. H. Smith is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thompson at Antigonish.

The marriage of Rev. Mr. Macroes of Antigonish and Miss Beattie Lewis, B. A., of Dalhousie, daughter of Mrs. John Lewis, is to be consummated shortly.

Mrs. J. H. McKay and Mrs. S. L. Walker are visiting the latter's home friends in Wallace.

Mrs. Thomas McKay, Miss McKay and Miss Lawson, sailed on Friday last from Halifax, per S. S. Beta for Bermuda.

Mrs. A. S. Murphy is home from a short visit in Wallace.

Miss Gertrude Donkin spent Saturday and Sunday with home friends here, and returned to Mt. Allison, Sackville, Monday morning.

Mrs. E. S. Eaton, en route home to Kentville, from Woodstock and St. John, where she has been visiting friends, is a guest of her aunt, Mrs. A. J. Walker.

Mrs. W. S. Casson who was spending a few days with her relatives at the "Learnment" returned to Halifax on Monday.

YARMOUTH.

MAR. 22.—Mr. A. S. Matheson presented your correspondent with a mayflower in full bloom yesterday.

Mrs. Moses, an aged resident of Lake George, passed away on Sunday in her 91st year.

Mr. John Haskell passed away at Overton Sunday aged 75 years. The funeral was held Thursday at 2 p. m.

Mr. Albert Cameron who was on the barkentine Peerless during her last cruise, returned from Halifax, where he left the vessel, Saturday afternoon.

The concert given by St. Ambrose Dramatic Club on Friday, realized \$64 for the organ fund of St. Ambrose church \$83 was taken at the door.

A requisition has been handed to Mr. S. C. Hood, asking him to become a candidate for the vacancy in the town council caused by the resignation of Councillor Comeau.

The Canadian ensign floated bright and early from the post office building Saturday in honor of Ireland's patron saint. The flag is a brand new one and will do good service celebrating British victories.

Councillor Rogers, Dr. Ferrin, and Mr. L. H. Wheaton returned from Halifax, where they witnessed the embarkation of the Strathcona horse Saturday. Mr. A. J. McCallum stopped off at Windsor and returned yesterday.

The many friends of Loran Beveridge who resided with his grand-father Mr. Benjamin Treby, Park street, will regret that the condition of his health necessitated his removal to a Halifax hospital. He was sent there on arrival of the papers which were necessary for his admission to the institution.

The young man has been acting strangely the past few days but it was hoped that his case was less serious than it unfortunately is.

Mrs. Theodosia Lent, widow of the late Col. Jas. Lent, collector of customs and postmaster at Tusket, died at her home at that place Friday evening at 9 o'clock. She has been falling in health for some time. She remained conscious almost to the last. Ten children survive her, Mrs. Stephen Gillis Somerville, Mass., Mrs. Charles Hunter, Yarmouth, Mrs. Herbert Hatfield, Tusket, Arabella and Cecilia P., and Adolphus S., Abram J., James W., Thomas K., and Arthur R. Adolphus and Abram live in Tusket. The other sons who now live in the United States have arrived to attend the funeral, arrangements for which have not yet been made.

HANTSPOUR.

MAR. 21.—The debate held in Sweet's hall last Friday evening, though not largely attended was very exciting. The subject under discussion was, 'Resolved that a self educated man (on the common school basis) is more successful in commercial life than a man with a college training.' The speakers for the affirmative were Messrs Chittick and Smith, for the negative Woolavar, Shields and Borden. A large number of good points were brought out by both sides and when the vote was taken it was found to be a tie. Mr. Sweet, as chairman of debate, gave the casting vote in favor of the affirmative. The next subject for debate will be, 'Resolved that Imperial Federation would be of benefit to Canada.'

We understand that a concert is to be given in Churchill's hall on the evening of July 1, under the auspices of the B. Y. F. U.

A very enjoyable oyster supper and entertainment was given at Mrs. Lockhart's last Thursday evening. A large number attended and quite a sum was realized for the pipe organ fund.

Quite a number of our people attended the embarkation of Strathcona's horse. They declared that it was much superior to the others, both in the appearance of troops and ship.

Navigation on the Avon, though open all winter, is now perfectly clear. Already vessels are daily going past, and the shipyard will soon begin to be occupied. The Avon will be overhauled before running, and the tugs will in all probability soon be getting ready for work.

WINDSOR.

MAR. 21.—Mrs. Joseph Scott is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Payzant Falmouth.

Miss Mary Smith has returned home after a pleasant visit with friends in Dartmouth.

Mrs. G. J. C. White, Wolfville, spent a few days with Mrs. W. H. Blanchard, last week.

Mrs. Robert Taylor, Halifax, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Redden, at Martock.

Albert K. Dwyer, of Shubenacadie, spent Sunday the 11th with his parents in Springhill.

Miss Aimee Jones returned home Saturday morning from a visit with friends in Halifax and Truro.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Campbell, Weymouth, spent Sunday in town, on their way home from Halifax.

Miss Nora Black arrived home Friday evening from Truro, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lewis Rice.

Miss Maud McLatchey and Miss Evelyn Dimock, visited Mrs. Augusta Allison, Halifax, last week, returning home on Monday evening.

CHATHAM.

MAR. 22.—We understand Dr. Sprout has purchased the Troy tannery property corner of Duke and King street.

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Sunday evening, the Te Deum and God save the Queen were sung, as a thanksgiving for the continued British success in South Africa.

O. St. Patrick's day the Newcastle C. M. B. A. band drove around town in the afternoon playing patriotic airs. The band sleigh and horses were royally decorated. The music was favorably commented upon and the boys were loudly cheered as they returned to the band room playing "Soldier of the Queen." This band has the distinction of being the first on the Miramichi to render this patriotic air. The leader Mr. De Wolfe, is to be congratulated upon the fine appearance of the turnout.

Mr. John Anderson formerly of Chatham now of Toronto is visiting his uncle, Mr. A. A. Anderson.

Miss Annie Flanagan has returned from a visit to Boston.

Mr. F. O. Petterson lately visited Sydney. He will start business there about May.

Mr. George Leech of Derby, who has been working in Sydney for some time, has returned home to make arrangements for moving his family there.

A very large audience greeted St. Michael's C. T. A. society concert company, in the Masonic Hall, Saturday evening, when the drama "More sinned against than sinning" was put on in good style. The matinee in the afternoon was also largely attended. Each member carried out his part well, and the management is to be congratulated upon the successful entertainment. There was only one thing that could be complained of and the same thing happens every year, namely, selling reserve seat tickets on the principle of the general admission tickets—without a plan of the hall.

The heaviest part of the drama was taken by Mr. J. T. B. Kain, who recited his part with the air of professional actor. The following songs were rendered during the evening. "Just out of the top for me," F. H. Dunn; "Why did they sell Killarney," Noonie Maher; "Just sing a song for Ireland," M. Gorman; "One among the many," T. Muirhead.

The best feature of the evening, and in fact the best seen here for a long time, was the clog dancing of Messrs. Duplacy, who were dressed up as "darkies." They were a whole show in themselves.

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NEWCASTLE.

MAR. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong returned last Saturday night from a trip to St. John. Aids, Morrissey and Lawlor returned from a trip to St. John last Saturday night.

Mr. L. B. McMurdo spent a few days in Bathurst last week.

Mr. W. F. Cepp left yesterday for Sydney, C. B.

Mr. Frank B. Street of Montreal was in town yesterday.

Mr. Albert Stewart manager of the Caraqueet

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railway, Bathurst, passed through here Saturday on his way to Moncton.

The family of Mr. Debovo have removed from Sussex to Newcastle.

Miss Tina Jardine returned this week from New castle and Moncton where she was visiting friends.

Miss Mary Craig went to Moncton on Thursday last to visit her brother S. J. Craig.

Mrs. Curry went to Sussex last Thursday on a visit to friends.

Miss Jennie A. Russell is visiting friends in Douglastown and Chatham.

Mrs. Charles E. Fish entertained the Married Folks' whist club last Thursday evening. It proved to be one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season and everybody went away delighted. The company had the pleasure of hearing Miss Robinson the talented daughter of Mr. James Robinson, M. F., Millerton, render a vocal solo. This young lady lately returned from Boston where she has been pursuing her musical studies under one of the best teachers in America. Miss Robinson possesses a charming soprano voice, an affable manner and more important from a musical point of view, a common sense method, which is a marked contrast to the shivery shaky style of singing that has of late years become in vogue with amateur lady singers. Her voice is well trained and under excellent control and her singing was decidedly the best heard in Newcastle for many a day. The audience showed evident appreciation of her efforts.

The Bachelor's Toast.

I drink to the man who ne'er woo's—aye, nor weds— The man who sews buttons and mends— The man who can live without women around; Here's joy to my bachelor friends!

He has none to keep but himself—happy man! And always enough to pay bills! He gives to the grocer a merry ha-ha! And squanders no shekels on frills.

He walks not at all in the dark, stilly night, With colicky offspring in arms, Which squalls with a zest that is dreadful to hear, And fills the whole block with alarms.

He knows when he talks to himself he won't have To yell so that he will be heard; He knows when he talks to himself that he'll get To chuckle the very last word.

So here's to the bachelor—blessed is he, Who has none to keep but himself— The man who smiles grimly while Cupid punts back His worn and frayed goods on their shelf.

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