THE ROSE OF SHARON.

(BY MARGARET SHERMAN.)

The night has lowered clear and cold
Above Judea's hills;
The time has come, so long foretold,
The Harp of Heaven thrills;
Within a grotto dark and drear,
By breath of kine perfumed,
The Child, divine, descended here—
The Rose of Sharon bloomed.

His lovely mother laid Him low
Within a manger bare,
While all around the heavens glow,
And the angels worship there;
Though human eyes could only see
The dreary dark around,
Such light ne'er shone on land or sea
For this is holy ground.

Far in the East a star arose
And gilded to the West,
In splendor now it glows
Above His place of rest;
The Magi followed where it led
By heavenly light illumed,
And knelt beside His lowly bed—
The Rose of Sharon bloomed.

Indian River, N. B., Xmas 1907.

NEARLY $2,000,000 IN LOCOMOTIVES

The Grand Trunk Places Order for 100 Engines.

The Grand Trunk management has just placed orders for one hundred new locomotives, which represent an expenditure of nearly $2,000,000. Twenty locomotives will be built during the winter months and summer—the last delivered in August next—in time to take their place in the rush of movement for the movement of next season's crops. The fact that no less than seventy of the one hundred engines are to be built in Canada is likely to give satisfaction to all who are interested in the development of local industries.

OBITUARY

MRS. RICHARD COULTART.

The funeral of the late Josephine, wife of Richard Coultart of Newton Highlands, Mass., took place at her husband's former home, Douglastown, on Monday. Rev. H. A. Brown conducted the services. Among the beautiful floral offerings were: A pillow from the husband, daughter Viola, and sister Mabel; wreath, from family; another from neices; and floral tributes from Misses Ethel, Flora, Kate, and Gertrude Gray; Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Goodwin. Deceased who died at Newton Highlands on the 6th, was a daughter of the late Richard Clouston of Lower Derby. Her funeral took place just four years before hers. She was thirty years old. Besides her husband, two small children, one four years and the other only a few days old, survive. Miss Mabel Clouston, sister of deceased, attended her, besides the day before she died, Mrs. Clouston arrived on the day of her daughter's death, too late to see her alive.

The remains were accompanied here by Mr. Coultart and his brother-in-law, Mr. McPherson.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Harry and Fred. Gray, of Douglastown, cousins of Mr. Coultart and Wm. and Edward Russell, Richard Clouston and Simpson Amos, of Lower Derby.

MISS EVELINE TOZER.

The funeral of Miss Eveline Tozer took place at 2 o'clock, Wednesday, Dec. 18th from the residence of Mr. Tozer, Williamstown. Interment was made in the Methodist cemetery, Derby.

Miss R. Lyons lead the singing and the hymns, "I shall know my Redeemer," and "Nearer my God to Thee," were rendered. The pall bearers were Messrs. F. Siddall, E. Tozer, W. Robinson, E. Tweedie, H. Tweedie and J. Kingston.

She leaves behind, to mourn her loss, her father, three sisters, Mrs. Siddall and Misses Laura and Milly, and one brother, Earlscourt.

Rev. J. F. Rowley officiated.

A. CHIPMAN ATKINSON.

Word was received here yesterday afternoon announcing the death of A. Chipman Atkinson who for years carried on a carriage repairing business in this city. A number of years ago he went to Boston and went into the grocery business. Mr. Atkinson died in the city hospital of pneumonia on the 4th, in his 55 years of age and a member of Lodge No. 351 I. O. O. F. He leaves a widow, who resides at Wilson's Beach, Me.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

Union church services will commence on the first Sunday of January, Monday morning prayer will be in charge of pastors. Rev. D. Hutchinson in the Baptist church; Rev. Dr. Crummey in the Methodist church; Rev. H. A. Brown in the Presbyterian church.

Monday and Tuesday evening the usual prayer meetings will be held in the churches; on Wednesday in the Baptist and on Thursday and Friday in the Methodist. The topics are: Prayer for Nation and Legislators, Nov. 27; Prayer for Ministry and Churches, Dec. 4; Prayer for Children, Dec. 11; Prayer for the Home, Dec. 18.

Rev. Mr. [illegible]

Social & Personal.

Rev. J. F. Rowley of Millerton spent Monday in town.

Michael Kane, of Bartibogue is improving in health.

Rev. Mr. Cuthbert and family went to Derby Wednesday.

Mrs. William Touchie has returned from a visit to Montreal.

Dr. and Mrs. R. Ross have a young son, who arrived Tuesday night.

Edward Way, the popular guide of Waverton, was in town Monday.

Miss Margaret Soper, of Frederictonville, is home from Normal School.

Mrs. Jas. F. Cain, of St. John, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. V. Tozer.

Miss Mary Oliver, is spending her vacation at her home in New Glasgow, N. S.

Councillor and Mrs. Christopher Crocker of Millerton spent Monday here.

Thomas Gerry, of Derbyville, aged 88 years, is shut with broncho pneumonia.

Miss Mabel McGregor, teacher here, will spend her holidays at her home in Redbank.

Train Despatcher Fred Henderson went to Moncton yesterday to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Robertson Lingley who has been quite ill for a week or more is improving.

Mrs. Shaw and the Misses Shaw of St. John are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Shaw.

Mrs. Turnbull, of Augusta, Me., came home to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss Wright.

Rev. J. W. Wheeler, of Bathurst, was the guest this week of his aunt, Mrs. Robert Ritchie.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Brown spend Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Jared Tozer, of South Esk.

Mr. D. T. Robichaud went to Bathurst on the 17th. He spent Xmas at his home in Pokemouche.

Miss MacNichol of New Mills, is spending a few days in town, the guest of Miss Minnie Ingram.

Miss Marion and Master Walter McArthur left yesterday to visit friends in New Glasgow, N. S.

Mrs. James Copp went to Methuen, Mass., to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Buckley.

Mrs. John Frame left Friday for Lawrence, Mass., where she will spend the winter with her son and daughters.

Rev. and Mrs. George S. Mitchell of Redbank are spending Christmas vacation with relatives in Pictou, N. S.

Miss Bessie Ferguson, of the musical staff of Halifax Ladies' College, is spending the vacation at her home here.

Mr. John I. Smith of Hopewell Cape, N. B., spent Saturday and Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stuart.

Rev. R. H. Stavert of Harcourt spent several days in town last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingram.

Mr. Carruthers, medical student at McGill is spending the holidays the guest of his sister, Mrs. MacArthur, at "The Manse."

Mrs. S. J. Craig and children of Moncton, left Wednesday for Dorchester, Mass., where Mrs. Craig spent Christmas.

F. G. Lockhart, son of Trackmaster W. J. Lockhart, is home from Texas to spend Christmas with his parents in Moncton.

Misses Gertrude Clarke and Nellie Lingley came home Wednesday night from Mount Allison Ladies' College to spend Christmas.

Miss [illegible], teacher of the primary department in St. Mary's convent, left to spend the holidays at her home in Moncton.

Miss Mona and Master Benson Robinson of St. John are spending the holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. John Robinson sr., at The Pines.

Miss Dora B. Humphrey went to Moncton Wednesday, returning here with her cousin, Miss Etta Walker, of Lakeville, who will spend the holiday with her.

Rev. Dr. Carr of Campbellton, Rev. J. M. McLean of Chatham and Rev. F. C. Simpson of Douglastown, were guests of Rev. S. J. and Mrs. McArthur on Tuesday of last week.

Richard Coultart who accompanied his wife's remains here from Massachusetts, will remain in the Miramichi two weeks. Mr. McPherson, who accompanied him, will spend Christmas in Moncton.

The marriage of Miss Maggie Bell of Fredericton and Mr. George Gilbert of Carleton County is announced to take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell, to-morrow (25th instant).

Operator Robert Smith left last week for a two weeks' vacation at his home in Woodstock. Night Operator Tom Hilton temporarily succeeds him, the latter's place being taken by F. Gillis, late from Flatlands.

Rev. J. O. A. Cohoon of Millerton; Rev. J. A. Wieland, of New Mills; Rev. J. M. McPherson, Escuminac; Rev. A. D. Archibald, of Blackville; Rev. A. J. Vye, Moses of Black River and Rev. Mr. Tatterie of New Carlisle, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ingram on Tuesday of last week.

MAY ARTHUR.

Notwithstanding the whole [illegible] of the city assessment roll is altered, no [illegible] made in the [illegible] of the Roll. [illegible] Mr. Kerr's assessment [illegible] by Rev. Fredericton [illegible] Mr. Hogan [illegible] Mr. McLean [illegible] Mr. Kerr