

SABBATH DESECRATION.

THE VIGOROUS ATTEMPT TO END IT IN THIS CITY.

Certain Jews and Gentiles who hate hard work...

Whosoever shall openly desecrate the Lord's day...

Nothing in this Act contained shall prevent the sale on Sunday...

The above is not a quotation from the consolidated statutes of New Brunswick...

That is to say, they found no less than six men engaged in what the reformers allege is servile labor...

Four of the six were Christians and two were Jews. The presence of the latter still further complicated the matter...

Chief Clark acted at the instance of some citizens who objected to seeing the cigar stores open as they went to and from church on Sunday...

From some old English law book which they brought with them. It provides for a number of offences...

All the beer and tobacco stores were not open. They had been notified to close up, and the majority did so rather than pay an \$8 fine...

The oldest of the dealers was very much surprised to find that there was any such law for thirty years...

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Neither did they report the livery stables some of which did a brisk business. They did not try to stop the electric cars...

THE MISSING BRIDE.

She Went out Shopping and Happened to Find the Wrong Hotel.

A newly married couple from a New Brunswick town visited St. John this week and engaged apartments at one of the leading hotels.

She started out with the intention of doing some very necessary shopping, and when the groom returned after an absence of an hour she was still out and though this was somewhat annoying to the husband...

Mention has before been made of the street discipline enforced by Col. Stone of the Liverpool regiment, now in Halifax, as compared with the mild regime of his predecessor, Colonel Hamilton.

Have You a Portrait to Enlarge. In the stores of many of PROGRESS agents a sample of the crayon portrait work executed in connection with the premium department of this paper...

THEY ALL LIKE TO KNOW

PEOPLE WHO ARE CURIOUS ABOUT THE WHITE MAHATMA.

Some of the incidents of the first night at the Opera House—Dr. Bayard in a Position—Hundreds of Questions about Past Present and Future.

After the citizens of St. John heard Sousa and his band, last week, they said he could go to Halifax if he liked, and he went. It was the literal, not the figurative place of that name they meant...

The kind of show they wanted came. They could not understand it any more than they could Wagner's whickerancoes, but they could appreciate it, and beat of all it was as cheap, for a good many, as the most fastidious could desire.

The show in question was that of Annie Eva Fay, the White Mahatma at the Opera House. She sent the free invitations because she wanted the public to know that the entertainment would be worth paying for on future nights...

As this is not a press notice written in acknowledgment of favors received, a good deal of commendation may be omitted, which might otherwise be a necessary part of the story. It is enough to say that the entertainment was all that it was represented to be in advance...

There was a lot of interest in the entertainment and plenty of fun. It began the first night when a committee of representative citizens were called for to sit on the stage and see that there was no humping. The audience chose the committee and it was a good one.

He did not want to go. The doctor is one of the old and conservative school which is opposed to such things as clairvoyance. He has been the honored president of the medical society, was the promoter of the General Public Hospital...

Richard Mathers been called, but certainly if a clergyman would risk being caught in a trap, he would at least be good company. So Dr. Bayard mounted the stage. Mr. Mathers followed and then Dr. James Christie. It was a committee that satisfied everybody...

They examined everything at the outset with critical eye. That is, Mr. Mathers and Dr. Christie did, but Dr. Bayard did not volunteer to do any more than he was asked. He sat in a big chair and looked on with a somewhat sad expression...

Not so the others. Mr. Mathers took a keen interest in all the fixings, and examined them with the eye of a man who knew what he was about. He did. He is a man of many acquirements, and it is well cast away with a shipwrecked colony...

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was as secure as a signature on an artery. Dr. Bayard tied the lady's ankles together, and then took a chair at a distance holding, the other end of the cord so that the least movement of the feet or ankles could be felt. Then the cabinet was closed and instantly bellringing, music and other noises came from it, while bells, tambourines and the like were thrown out on the stage.

The cabinet work was marvelously clever, because it was done so quickly, but the marvel of the whole entertainment, and for every night and day during the week, was the virtual reading of the thoughts of persons who asked questions, and the giving of answers to inquiries on all sorts of subjects.

The house was crowded every night, and would doubtless be so for a much longer season. It is astonishing how many people want to know things about themselves and their neighbors.

Personally the White Mahatma is attractive, and there is a magnetism in her very appearance which gives all who meet her a favorable and lasting impression. She dresses in excellent taste, and the only part of her raiment which is at all elaborate is a magnificent robe, which formerly belonged to Madame Blavatsky, the world renowned theosophist.

The catalogue of the exhibition prepared by the officials of the association is now in the hands of the printer and will be rushed forward to completion as rapidly as possible. It has always proved an excellent advertising medium as it goes to the people who are interested in the exhibition and who procure the catalogue and prize list.

HE FLED FROM HALIFAX.

ANOTHER OSCAR WILDE FINDS THE TOWN TOO HOT.

His Misdemeanors are Hinted at in a Newspaper and he Does not Wait for a Warrant to Test—He was a Common Saleman but Quite an Uncommon Villain.

HALIFAX, June 14.—"In darkest Halifax" might be a suitable expression if developments like those the past week has brought were of frequent occurrence. To say that society has been startled and abashed is a mild way of describing the feelings of the public.

In certain circles there had been suspicions of the fellow for some time. When the Wilde case was attracting public attention some citizens of Halifax were complacently saying that abominable crimes were not known in this part of the world, but were peculiarly foreign.

Early this week the Evening Mail felt justified in publishing a paragraph stating that such a man existed in Halifax. No name was mentioned, and there were many who considered the item to be one which was without any solid foundation.

The man who was under suspicion did not seem to have any doubt as to who was referred to in the paragraph in question, and made up his mind to save the public any further trouble by getting out as rapidly as possible. On Monday evening, before his employers were aware that he was the subject of the mysterious paragraph, he resigned his place in the store.

A day or two later, the talk having grown more and more positive in the meantime, one of the salesman's employers felt his duty to lay the matter before the authorities. Detective Power was put on the case and had no trouble in getting enough evidence to justify prompt action.

It is ten years since there was anything in the nature of this kind is known to occur in Halifax. At that time the suspected man and fugitive from public indignation was a well known musician.

The dinner tendered to Major Markham, the Commander of the Bisley team from Canada, last evening at the Aberdeen, by Colonel Donville and the officers of the 8th Hussars was a fitting compliment to that officer and gentleman. Major Markham is the first New Brunswicker in many years to command the Bisley team.

Want Something to Make a Noise. This is a practical age, St. John's Episcopal church of Halifax, is offering for sale a bell that came from the old fortress of Louisburg, they having replaced it by one more sonorous in tone.

street. When the division of St. George's parish took place the bell went to the parish of St. Mark's and was placed in the church at the three-mile house. Now, the bell, in the opinion of the church wardens is not pretentious enough in tone, and it gives place to one with more sound though with no history, for the Louisburg bell is a genuine relic of the old French fortress. Verily this is a practical age, and a bell with history lacking good round tone, must make room for something better in the way of sound.

JUDGE PALMER'S OPINION.

St. Andrew's Church People who should Have Been Allowed to Vote.

In reference to the recent story of the extraordinary disfranchising of half the members of the congregation of St. Andrew's church by an act originally designed only to change the time of the annual meeting as detailed by PROGRESS, Hon. Robert Marshall recently addressed a letter to Hon. A. L. Laizer, asking his opinion as to the construction of the short and surprising act passed by the legislature.

"As I promised you as soon as I arrived home, I looked into the Act of 1879, 42 Vic. Cap 33 and also that of 1888 both relating to St. Andrew church, with the result that I think that female communicants have a right to vote in the election of trustees. To arrive at this conclusion two questions have to be answered. Was it conferred upon them by 42 Vic? Second. If so was it taken away by 55 Vic? The words are "all communicants," and it would appear to be too plain for argument that as females are allowed to be communicants then they were granted the right to vote.

"Now as to that right, it is a claim for construction of Acts of Parliament as well as all other written statutes, that rights granted thereby cannot be taken away except by clear words on necessary implication. There are no words in this Act that profess to take away any rights. All it does, is to alter the time of an annual meeting, which it attempts to describe as a meeting of the lessees and male communicants. In fact there was a meeting, but such meeting was not a male communicants only, and if that is what was meant it was an obvious mistake, a false description of the meeting.

"The rule as to what is false demonstratio non nocet, one of the best known rules of the Common Law. The English of which that a false description does not hurt, but although the description is false there is sufficient of it, that is true to leave no doubt as to what the meeting was, that was meant, and therefore all the Act does is to alter the time of the meeting and not affect the character of the meeting itself. I cannot think there can be any doubt on either of these points.

Setting a Bad Example.

The announcement is made that the closing exercises in connection with the Grammar and Victoria schools will not take place at the Mechanics' Institute this year, as in the past. The reason assigned is that the medals will not be here in time for presentation. The presumption is that they were not ordered in time, and thus through somebody's blunder the pupils are not only disappointed, but are taught the very bad object lesson in the non-fulfilment of promises.

Not for the Bisley.

Major Markham appeared at the Opera House, Thursday night, with a tin kettle on his head. He did not go there with it, as a specimen of the headgear he would astonish his brother Englishmen with when in command of the Bisley team. It was put there in some unexplained way while he was acting at one of the committees of inspection at the seance. There was a general opinion that he looked decidedly better in his hussar uniform. A tin kettle is even less becoming to the head of most people than even the big busy in which members of the Fusiliers disguise themselves on state occasions.

He Does Change His Clothes.

While it is not usual for a paper to explain its typographical errors, one so contrary to the idea intended appeared in PROGRESS last week, that a correction is only just to a Canadian jurist. In a contributed article on the Supreme Court of Canada, referring to Judge Fournier, the startling announcement was made that "He never changes his clothes." What the writer did say, on the margin of a proof slip, was that "He never changes his position." The comp. who undertook to correct the proof changed the sense very materially.

"Progress" is for sale in Boston at the King's Chapel Book Shop.