

LOCALS.

Rev. A. F. Brown will give an address at a Gospel Temperance meeting in the Mission Hall on Friday Feb. 22nd at 7.30 p.m. The public are cordially invited.

A very pleasant time was spent with Newcastle Division last Thursday evening. A large number were present considering that the evening was stormy and roads were too good. Speeches, readings etc. made the time pass quickly. Next Thursday the members propose having an evening with Tennyson. A number of readings and recitations are expected all from this prominent poet. It is proposed to keep of this sort of programme each meeting during the quarter. A number of the popular poets having been selected by a committee for that purpose.

For South Africa.—Lt. W. W. C. McLean has been authorized to enlist one hundred men for Baden Powell's Mounted Police in South Africa.

All applicants must be between the ages of 20 and 35 years, must be single and strictly sober, good shots and good riders. The pay ranges from \$1.21 per day for third class troopers to \$2.43 for staff sergeants.

The Government supplies everything. The following is a list of those who have been examined and passed by Dr. Baxter of Chatham.

Wm. Kitchen, Melvin Larsen, Freeman Matheson, Warren Craig, Nelson Strang Mather, Allen McLean, Wm. McLellan, Sam'l Craig, James Mailer, Watson Touchie, Thos. Murphy, Albert O'Donnell and James R. Clark, of Newcastle, and John M. Hart, Hugh Gordon McNaughton, Edmund Whitty and Harry A. Eagles of Chatham.

At a meeting of the Sons of Temperance held on Jan. 17, on motion of Bro. Shirran, seconded by Bro. J. L. Oke, Resolved: "That the Recording Scribe forward to Bro. William H. Russell, of Bay Roberts, our sincere and hearty congratulations on attaining his golden jubilee in connection with our beloved order, and sixty-two years of fidelity in the noble cause of Temperance, and wish him God's blessing of (D. V.) many years to come."

Mr. Wm. H. Russell, the gentleman referred to in the above item is the father of Mrs. P. G. Snow, wife of the Rector of St. Andrew's Church.

VICTORIA.

MAY 24, 1819—JANUARY 22, 1901.

Dead! and the world feels widowed!

Can it be That she who scarce but yesterday upheld The dome of Empire, so the twin seemed 'one,' Whose goodness shone and radiated round

The circle of her still expanding Rule, Whose Sceptre was self-sacrifice, whose Throne

Only a loftier height from which to scan The purposes of her People, their desires, Thoughts, hopes, fears, needs, joys, sorrows, sadnesses,

Their strength in weal, their comfort in woe,— That this her mortal habitation should Lie cold and tenantless! Alas! Alas!

To often Life has to be taught by Death The meaning and the pricelessness of Love,

Not unlearned till lost. But She—but She, Was loved as Monarch ne'er was loved before,

From girlhood unto womanhood, and grew, Fresh as a leaf, and fragrant as the flower, In grace and comeliness until the day Of happy nuptial glad maternity

More closely welded to her People's heart, By each fresh tie that knitted Her to Him,

Whose one sole thought was how She still might be Helpmate to England; England then, scarce more,

Or bounded by the name of British Realm. But by some native voice broadening out,

Into an Empire wider than all names, Till like some thousand years' outbranching oak,

In midland overshadowed half the globe But there came to Her an hour, When nor Sceptre, Throne nor Power, Children's love nor nation's grief

Brought oblivion or relief, When the Consort at her side, Worthiest mentor, wisest guide, Was by Heaven's divine decree

From her days withdrawn, and She, As desolated by her distress, Veiled her loneliness;

And though longing still to hear, Voiced so reverenced and dear, All her People understood

Sacredness of widowhood. Then when She came among them yet once more,

She came in Autumn radiance, Summer gone, Leaf still on branch, but fruit upon the bough,

Fruit of long years and ripe experience, A shade of grave benevolence on her brow,

Withal more wise, more pitiful, tender more To gladden anguish and necessities, More loved more reverenced, even than before;

Till not alone the dwellers in her Isle, But the adventurous manhood of its lions,

In Britain and Tropic Continents All to her homage bent.

PERSONALS.

Miss Annie Mappin Russell left last Tuesday for Bridgetown N. S. where she will visit her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Freeman.

The many friends of Mrs. John Robinson will be pleased to know that she is recovering from her recent severe illness.

Miss Maggie Robinson who is spending the winter with her brother, Rev. W. B. Robinson in Gibson, spent last week with her parents at the Priory. She returned to Gibson on Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Drysdale of Woodstock is visiting friends in town.

Osborne Brown is confined to the house with Grippe.

John Pickles left by yesterday morning's express for New York.

Miss Anna McLeod who has been teaching school at Chelmsford since the Christmas holidays, was invalided home on Thursday with La Grippe.

H. W. Falconer, who has been foreman of the Advocate for some months past, left last Thursday for Campbellton, where he will be employed on the Telephone.

Mr. William Casey jr. has returned home after a short visit to Renous River.

Mr. Allan Mahoney spent Sunday with friends in lower Newcastle.

Mr. Wm. Russell and Mr. Arthur Doran of Millerton spent a pleasant evening in town last week.

And home's well-ordered household sanctities, Hailed her as Mother of the Mother Land Queen, Empress, more than Empress or than Queen,

The Lady of the World, on high enthroned, By right divine of duties well fulfilled, To be the pattern to all Queen, all Kings,

All women, and the consciences of men Who look on duty as man's only right. Nor yet alone to those empowered to be The subjects of her Sceptre, proud to pray,

"God save our Empress Queen Victoria" But those, our kinsmen overseas, that cling, With no less pride to Kingless government,

Honored and loved Her, hailed Her Queen of Queens, Peerless among all women in the world. And long and late this happy season wore,

This mellow, gracious autumn of her days, This sweet grave Indian summer till we grew,

To deem its limitness, and half forgot Mortality's degree. And now there falls A sudden sadness on our lives, and we Can only bow disconsolate heads and weep,

And look out from our lonely hearth and see The homeless drifting of the winter mist, And hear the requiem of the winter wind. But from that Otherwhere man's Faith and Hope,

And mortal need for immortality Invariably conceive, I seem to hear A well remembered voice, august and mild, Rebuking our despondency, and thus Bidding us face the future, as she faced Anguish and loss, sorrow of life and death,

The fearful sadness at the heart of things. "Dry your tears and cease to weep, Dead I am not, no, asleep, And asleep but to your seeing, Lifted to that land of Being, Lying on life's other shore, Wakeful now for evermore.

Looking thence, I still will be, So that you forget not me, All that, more than, I was there. Weighted with my Crown of care, Over you I still will reign, Still will comfort and sustain, Through all welfare, through all ill, You shall be my people still.

I have left you, of my race, Sons of wisdom, wives of grace, Who again have offspring, reared, To revere and be revered, Those on mighty Thrones, and these Doomed thereto when Heaven decrees.

Chief amongst them all is One, Well you know my first-born Son, Best and tenderest son to me, Heir of my Authority.

He through all my lonelier years Tempered with his smiles my tears, And was in my widowed want, Comforter and confidant.

Therefore, trustful, steadfast, brave, Give Him what to me you gave, Who am watching from Above, Reverence, Loyalty, and Love! And these gifts He back will give Long as he shall reign and live."

—ALFRED AUSTIN.

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DIED. At Newcastle, Jan'y 21st, after a lingering illness, Mr. James Aiton aged 80 years. He was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, but for a number of years a resident of this town. He was a well known and respected citizen.

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