

LOCAL BRIEFS

The Latest News of the City and Province.

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(See also on page 5.)

Mr. Louis H. Beer of Kensington has returned from Montreal.

Rev. Wm. A. Thompson, Campbellton, N.B., writes that the report circulated through the press that he had received a call from Sussex is a mistake.

Pownal.—The concert by the Baptist choir of this city, postponed because of the inclemency of the weather will be given on Thursday evening next, in Pownal Hall. An excellent program.

HEARTZ'S Hall is the place to go on Thursday evening. For 25c you have the drive out and in and concert besides. Teams at Mr. Rackham's store to leave at 7.15. Lots of home made candy on hand.

The Vancouver World of March 3 says: The Rev. W.B. Hinson M. A., of Moncton, N.B. will preach in the first Baptist church on Sunday at 11 a.m., and 7.30 p.m. On the following Sunday he is to preach at San Diego, California, and on his return from there to New Brunswick, has been invited to preach again in our city on March the 26th. He then proceeds to Winnipeg, where he is booked for the first Sunday in April, arriving in Moncton for the second Sunday in that month. It is understood that his reply to the invitation of the first Baptist church here to accept the pastorate may not be expected until after his return to New Brunswick.

OBITUARY.—A sad gloom has been cast over this community by the sudden and unexpected death of Annie Martin, which occurred at her home, Belfast, on the 28th of February, '99, after a few days illness of la grippe. She was plucked like a rose in full bloom before the withering blast of declining years had blanched her cheeks or dimmed her eye. The familiar name of Annie, was dear to many a heart and the recollection of her kindness and gentleness still linger like the mild light left behind by the setting sun. Early in life she gave her heart to Christ and joined the Baptist church, of which she was a member in full communion, up to the time of her death. This is the fifth time within a few years that this family has been called upon to mourn the loss of a dear departed one, which makes it still harder for her aged mother, two sisters and three brothers to bear. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Spurr and Rev. A. McLaughlin in a very solemn and impressive manner. Her remains were followed to the Belfast cemetery by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and laid to rest beside those of her friends who had passed on before.

JUNIOR ENDEAVORERS.—The large schoolroom of the First Methodist church was filled last evening by the Junior Endeavorers and their friends, and the entertainment was one of the best given this winter. A programme of exceptional interest was rendered to the great delight of the audience, and nearly all the performers were obliged to respond to encores. Mr. G. H. Haszard at the opening of the exercises gave a number of selections on the graphophone; the songs and addresses were heard in all parts of the room and much appreciated. The S. S. Orchestra gave a beautiful selection, and Miss Pridham delighted the audience with a sweet solo. Mr. Hatfield's rendering of "Miner Jim" was excellent, and his response to the enthusiastic demand of the audience was deeply impressive, and greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Watts was heard for the first time in the schoolroom, and charmed both the young and old. She has a voice of brilliancy and beauty, and is a great acquisition to the musical circles of the city. The solo was a beautiful one, and charmingly rendered. The Misses Murphy are great favorites, and never played better than last evening, and had to respond to a most hearty encore, while Messrs Payne Brothers sustained their fine reputation, which is saying a great deal for these clever young men. A most interesting feature of the programme was a dialogue by a number of girls of the Junior Society describing the religious life and faith of the people of Japan. Each girl held in her hand an idol, representing a god who had control of a certain department of life, explained his office, how the people regarded the god and the teaching of the Bible about idolatry and the duty it imposes on us who have the light of life. The dialogue was composed by Miss Annie Mellish who also trained the young girls who presented it. The composition was excellent, and Miss Mellish has talent of a high order. We expect to hear of her success in the literary world in the near future. Refreshments and a social hour brought to a close a delightful evening.

Rev. W. H. Smith of the Presbyterian church, Summerside, and Rev. G. M. Campbell of the First Methodist church of this city, will exchange pulpits on Sunday, April 9th.

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The musical meeting which was so much enjoyed last week is to be repeated tonight at the Salvation Army, with some additions. Come and hear the guitars, the port singing, the bright fresh Salvation solos and choruses and the band. Silver admission.

A CONCERT was given in Darley Hall on Saturday evening March 11th by the pupils of that district. The Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity till even standing room was at a premium. The programme was doubtless the best ever given in Darley Hall, which reflects great credit on the scholars as well as the teacher E. Lockhart, and also Miss Mary K. Thompson and Miss Flo Wiggins, who had charge of training the musical portion. The sum of \$13.20 was realized which goes to procure maps etc., for the school.

OBITUARY At Point Prim on the 14th of February. J. A. McLeod passed away in the 58th, year of his age, after a short illness of paralysis. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters to mourn their loss of a kind affectionate husband and father. The death of Mr. McLeod is a great shock to all his friends and relatives as he was highly esteemed by all acquaintances. Great sympathy is felt for the sorrowing family as his death was unexpected. One son and two daughters are at present in New York city. Mr. August McLeod, of N. Y. who served in the United States army in Cuba during the war, is a son of the deceased. Other papers please copy.

A VOICE FROM THE COUNTRY.

Sir.—I am right glad to see the stand you take on the government's refusal to act on the wishes of the people as expressed in the plebiscite vote. I am sorry, too, for our friends at Ottawa. I have every right to call them friends, but they made a mistake even from a politician's standpoint, and I am sure from the standpoint of a patriot and a statesman they made a grievous error.

Mr. Laurier seems to count a great deal on the men, who did not vote on the question. There were a great many men who did not vote at the last general election. I am curious to know where he put them. If he counted them against himself he would not have undertaken to lead the government; he evidently counted them on his side if he counted them at all, and rightly so. Do we not see the same thing every day at all our meetings of church, school and cheese factory? The men who do not go to vote say both by word and deed that they are on the side of the majority and are agreed to whatever business they do. By this precedent we claim the men who did not vote are on the side of prohibition.

But what about those who did vote in favor of prohibition and who are they? They are the intelligent Christians who have realized that the saloon is the great enemy of the church and state, the best blood in this Dominion, the very kind of men who have made the British Empire what she is to-day. For after all it is "righteousness that exalteth a nation." Then what about all the good women in this country, not a few talk on platforms of women's rights and women's wrongs, but the great body of the motherhood of this our country, who have spoken out with no uncertain sound against the saloon? They say it must go, and go it will, even if the government goes with it. Oh! says the politician the women have no votes. That is so, but they control the votes and the elections all the same, and the politicians who do not count them in as a great factor will soon be counted out themselves.

I hope our political friends at the capital will not miss the chance of a lifetime for doing our country a lasting good, they have the majority at their back, and a bonny revenue. No

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