

water and cast there. When his eyes fell upon it he saw there the essentials of the absent porous cups, and obtaining a saw the work of cutting off suitable lengths was soon accomplished. Over the lower end of each a course canvas was tied the carbon and fluid inserted and by the time the steamer reached the place for active operations, he had as good an electropile battery for practical use of eight elements as could have been obtained anywhere, and one of which a few years previous a Siemens or an Edison might have been proud. A number of similar expedients, similar as exhibiting a characteristic determination to be self-reliant, and "work out" could be chronicled among events transpiring during the nine years of his superintendency of the cable system, but we refrain for the present, though the familiar lines of the poet are ringing in our ears:

What use for the rope if it be not flung
Till the swimmer's grasp to the rock has clung?
What help in a comrade's huge blast
When the peril of Alpine heights is past?
What need that the spurring paan roll
When the runner is safe within the goal?
What worth is eulogy's blandest breath
When whispered in ears that are hushed in death?
No! no! If you have but a word of cheer,
Speak it, while I am alive to hear.

In 1873 Mr. McMicking was commissioned by the government as a justice of the peace for the Province, which commission he has since held with credit to himself and the administration of justice in the land. During the two years following the issuance of this commission, and while residing in Yale he performed the duties of police magistrate with marked ability. His high sense of man's equality before the law irrespective of social station, his independence of character, regard for the right and love of peace at once gave him a place in the hearts and confidence of the people, and it is safe to say that fully as many of the pending serious difficulties arising between the people by whom he was surrounded were averted, and kept out of court by his timely counsel, as were allowed to enter in, during his administration. He was enabled to discriminate between written law and justice, and to interpret law as found on our statute books as aiming at—desiring justice, rather than the mere fulfilment of the feeble decrees of fallible men. About the same time he was also commissioned a coroner for Yale