

A MODERN ABBOTT AND HIS "MONASTERY."—Win. Abbott, boots and shoes and furniture dealer, Mitchell, Ont., recently served with a writ of attachment, from all accounts knows something of "ecclesiastical fiction." His liabilities are put down at \$32,000, a figure that he was able to run them up to only by what is commonly called "blowing" the business he was doing and by floating for three years past on accommodation paper. His demeanor was so self-assured and his manner so plausible and imposing that the good people of Mitchell joyfully elected him town clerk, and now they are soberly footing up his books and find a deficit of \$1,000. Mr. Abbott has his "monastery" elegantly feathered in the outskirts of the town, of which the carpets were made "to measure" in England. Those who remember the elegant "warming" he gave at the opening, have something to console them in their grief, although the music supplied at the time by the Mitchell Brass Band is too suggestive of the character of the charmer to make it productive of tears rather than of laughter. He now talks about resuming business in his wife's name, in which case publishers and others will be more particular to insist upon cash in advance.—*Journal of Commerce.*

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