

and simply proved the making of the note, when the counsel for the defence called attention to the fact that it was more than six years overdue; very properly contended that, without further evidence, the plaintiff could not succeed, and moved for a nonsuit.

My reply, to which the defendant's counsel strongly objected, was permitted by the court, and was very brief. I stated, in effect, that my client and I were advised that the defendant claimed to be a sincere and practical Christian, and that he was somewhat noted for the frequency, publicity, length and fervor of his prayers and exhortations; that the debt claimed was honestly due and payable; that the plaintiff was pardonably curious to ascertain whether so good a man as the defendant seemed to be would repudiate what his conscience must tell him he ought to pay; that my client was prepared to accept the result of his experiment, and that, on his behalf, I submitted to a nonsuit.

On the following day the defendant paid the amount claimed for principal, and, perhaps, Mr. Walker deserved to lose the interest for not pressing the claim in time.

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St. Andrew's day was celebrated by a supper given at the St. John Hotel, at which twenty-eight members of the Society and thirty guests were present.

In this year there died an old member of the Society, Doctor Alexander Boyle. The following is a copy of the formal notice of his death in the *Chronicle* on 21st of April, 1854: "On Friday morning, after a short illness, in the 77th year of his age, Alexander Boyle, Esquire, A. M., M. D., F. R. C. P., E. and Surgeon to the Forces H. P., a native of Aberdeen, Scotland. He received his education at Marischal College in that city, and entered the army at an early period of life. Doctor Boyle was elected a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, in 1826, in which year he returned to New Brunswick, where he has since resided." In another place the same newspaper reads as follows: "It is our painful