

The Evening Telegram.

ST. JOHN'S, JANUARY 11, 1888.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"WATCHMAN"—Your letter respecting the recklessness of a certain Government official—the Clerk of the Assembly—has been received, and we shall give due consideration to the statements contained therein. You are right in saying that the public should know what "those efforts to get a little notoriety through the press" cost the colony. A public servant in his position should not be allowed to distribute patronage as he may think fit, and the Premier who permits such conduct is every whit as culpable as the said official, and more so than the parties who receive patronage under such reprehensible circumstances. Would Mr. Robert Thorburn allow his clerks to trade upon the property of Messrs. Walter Grievé & Co. for their own personal benefit and at the expense of the firm? Certainly not. Why, then, does he (Premier Thorburn) suffer his subordinates in the public service to engage in precisely similar transactions with respect to the property of the Commonwealth? Obviously the present Administration is corrupt from the head to the tail—from the Prime Minister to the unfastidious individual who performs the functions of Clerk of the Assembly, as aforesaid.

"One of the People," Brigus—We shall publish your reply to "L." without unnecessary delay—perhaps to-morrow. Thanks for your kindly references to our Christmas Number and for that private information respecting the political sentiment of Brigus, and so forth. It is by no means improbable that there will be a rush for the opposition benches before the close of the approaching session.

REVIEWS AND EXCHANGES

We are indebted to a mercantile friend for a copy of the *Royal Gazette*, published in the city of Georgetown, British Guiana, (Demerara) for Dec. 9th, from which we may take the liberty of extracting some late news later on.

We are also indebted for a copy of the *St. John (N.B.) Sun* for Dec. 26th, from which we extract the following:—

"TO REV. MR. MACNEILL.  
"The Rev. L. G. Macneill and Mrs. Macneill were the recipients on Saturday of many substantial tokens of respect and affection of their congregation. Besides many valuable presents from individual members of St. Andrew's church, the ladies combined in giving to Mrs. Macneill a beautiful domestic sewing machine, and to Mr. Macneill, a superb walnut bookcase, whilst a few gentlemen united in sending him a collar of Otter fur. The Rev. Mr. Macneill desires on his own behalf, and on behalf of Mrs. M., to thank very heartily his good people and especially the ladies, whose many words and acts of kind sympathy and generous thoughtfulness have helped much to brighten an otherwise sad Christmas season."

THE SURGEON AND THE POOR COMMISSIONER.

It is reported that a little "row" took place recently between the acting district surgeon for the eastern division of the city and the Poor Commissioner. It arose, they say, out of a refusal or a disinclination on the part of the former to attend sick calls in Torbay. The distance, it is stated, was too much for the doctor. Nice, convenient little visits within town, that could be disposed of without any trouble and that make the district surgeonship a "soft Government job," were what he wanted. And, as he flattered himself that he was a "white-headed boy" at court and could summon no end of mighty influences to make good his resuscitation, what cared he for the expostulations of the Poor Commissioner. But the public are deeply concerned in having cases of contagious distemper attended to in time and their spread prevented by the application of prompt remedies and of measures to ensure isolation. These safeguards, it is confidently supposed, the authorities will not neglect for an instant. Were they to do so, such diseases would become epidemic, would involve rich and poor alike, and create a panic. Hitherto the duties of that medical official have been satisfactorily discharged, and it is to be hoped that in future wheresoever the call proceeds for his services they will be rendered without delay and without demur.—Com.

THE HOME INDUSTRIES SOCIETY.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Home Industries Society will be held this evening, when important business—the election of officers, &c.—will be transacted. A preliminary statement of the financial affairs was presented at a meeting held last week, and a complete one promised for this evening; and those interested in the society will be pleased to hear that its condition is so satisfactory as to warrant its continuance. It is hoped that a full meeting will be held this evening, as the business to be transacted will be of an interesting and important character.

WEDDING BELLS

Mr. Edgar Bowring and Mrs. W. P. Munn Married.

What a delicious breath marriage sends forth—  
The violet's bed not sweeter! Honest wedlock  
Is like a banquet-house, built in a garden,  
On which the spring flowers take delight  
To cast their modest odors.

AMID the booming of guns and the tinkling of sleigh-bells, Mr. Edgar Bowring, of the well-known firm of Bowring Brothers, and Mrs. W. P. Munn drove to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist this afternoon, where they were made one in the holy bonds of matrimony. It was a loving and lovely affair from beginning to end. They met, a mutual attachment sprang up between them, and, as time rolled on, this attachment ripened into the richest fruit of affection—a pledge of indissoluble union. The bridegroom is a young man of good commercial, as well as social, standing, and has before him every prospect of a successful mercantile career. He therefore launches out upon the broad matrimonial ocean under the most favorable auspices, laden with the best wishes of many sincere friends. The bride is a very beautiful woman, with fine, intellectual features and a form that the Jersey Lily herself might well envy. Both seem by their looks to prove the truth of the story current here that it is essentially a love match. The bride's dress was sumptuous and tasteful, and the wedding presents are said to be numerous and valuable. In wishing the happy pair a bright and prosperous future, we would just observe, with Jeremy Taylor, that "marriage has in it less of beauty, but more of safety, than the single life; it hath not more ease, but less danger; it is more merry and more sad; it is fuller of sorrows and fuller of joys; it lies under more burdens, but is supported by all the strength of love and charity; and those burdens are delightful. Marriage is the mother of the world, and preserves kingdoms, and fills cities and churches, and Heaven itself. Celibacy, like the fly in the heart of an apple, dwells in perpetual sweetness, but sits alone, and is confined and dies in singularity; but marriage, like the useful bee, builds a house and gathers sweetness from every flower, and labors and unites into societies and republics, and sends out colonies, and feeds the world with delicacies, and obeys their king, and keeps order, and exercises many virtues, and promotes the interest of mankind, and is that state of good to which God hath designed the present constitution of the world."

The school-room was very tastefully decorated, and the Tree, well, for abundance and variety of goods and the artistic manner in which the articles were arranged, surprised every body. Doors were opened and tickets commenced selling at two o'clock. Each ticket contained a number which entitled the holder to the article on the Tree bearing the corresponding number. Tickets to the number of 235 were quickly disposed of, and the Tree advertised to run off at seven o'clock. At five o'clock our friends from New Perlican began to arrive, and many expressed a desire to try their fortunes. The ladies in charge of the stall in which goods were placed for sale, were disposing of them at fair prices. I need not say that this stall was exquisitely decorated, nor will I attempt to describe it. Some abler pen than mine is required to do it justice. The largest article lotteried was a chest of drawers valued at \$4. It was made and presented to the committee by three of our young men. Two charming young ladies canvassed the room and sold 40 tickets at 10 cents each. When the winning number was called it was found that Mr. Morris (teacher) had drawn the prize. He immediately put the piece of furniture to public auction, and secured the bid of \$2.40, for which it was knocked down; the whole amount, \$6.50, being turned over to the good of the cause. Once the auction commenced our friends became interested in bidding; and for some articles excitement and competition ran high. We were all very pleased to see Doctor Anderson patronizing our Tree and purchasing both useful and fancy articles. Our refreshment table was O.K. and contained all the delicacies procurable at this season of the year. Every thing was sold off, even the tea, sugar, cakes, fruit, &c., left from the refreshment table. Ay! even the Tree and the barrel in which it stood was disposed of for 30 cents. After all was over the proceeds were counted and the sum of \$70 (seventy dollars) realized. A very handsome figure, indeed, for a small place like this; and when we take into consideration the poorness of the times, I think we can congratulate ourselves upon our success. The ladies of the committee deserve special commendation, for they were most indefatigable in their exertions and untiring in their zeal. To all our friends who by their contributions, kind assistance and patronage succeeded in bringing our Xmas Tree to such a successful issue, we, the committee, on behalf of the congregation of the Episcopal Church in this settlement, desire to extend our hearty thanks and best wishes for a Happy New Year. Yours very truly,  
H. C. MORRIS,  
(on behalf of committee.)  
Scilly Cove, Trinity Bay, Jan. 2nd, 1888.

UNITED SACRAMENTAL SERVICE.

A UNITED Sacramental Service, consisting of the Presbyterian, Congregational, Reformed Episcopal, and Methodist Churches of this city, was held on Friday evening last, the 6th inst., in Gower Street Church, and was unique in its occurrence as it was hallowed in its character. No service like it had been previously held in this city, and few have been attended with better effect upon the entire congregation. It was held as an indication of the Christian sentiment and sympathy with the united effort that had been put forth during the week in connection with the Evangelical alliance. The idea of denominational distinction was ostensibly lost in the sincere and deep devotion rendered to Christ our common Saviour through the consecrated emblems of bread and wine. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. Boyd. Prayer was offered by the Revs. J. Dove and J. Goodison, who had left their respective circuits of Brigus and Carbonear for the purpose of preaching on the ensuing Sabbath the Anniversary Missionary Sermons in Gower and Cochrane Street Churches; also by Revs. Dr. Milligan and A. N. Suckling. Stirring addresses suitable to the occasion were delivered by the Revs. W. Graham and T. Hodgkinson. The Sacramental Service was read by the Revs. J. Parkins, G. Boyd, and G. J. Bond. All the ministers took part in administering the elements of bread and wine to the united congregation, who occupied the body of the church. The meeting was throughout marked by deep devotion and solemnity and was well calculated to promote spiritual growth and strengthen the bands of Christian union.

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foreign missions as represented in the East End Circuit, it is not inopportune to refer to the funeral service of the late lamented J. J. Milley, Esq., which commenced at his father's house at 2.30 p.m. of the same day. The long procession of mourners that followed his body, the large society of Free Masons that preceded it, and the groups of men, women and children who collected at the corners of the streets, and along the side-walks, were a plain expression of the honor and respect which the tone and trend of his life had gained among the citizens of St. John's. To the memory of his life, so unassuming in its character, so uncorrupted in its morals, so well aimed and prosecuted to the achievement of its main object, and so unexpectedly cut off in the prime of its early manhood, such an assembly of friends and sympathizers was a very fitting tribute. While by this sudden occurrence we are taught the solemn lesson that "in the midst of life we are in death," by the character he has left behind we may receive an impetus to improve, to our mental and moral advantage, the days that may yet be allotted to us. J. P.

A BIG TIME AT SCILLY COVE.

A Christmas Tree and What it Realized.

DEAR SIR,—On New Year's Eve things were in full swing and business looked lively at Scilly Cove.

We had intended to run our Xmas Tree off on St. Stephen's Day, but unforeseen circumstances prevented our so doing, and New Year's Eve was announced as the eventful day.

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LOCAL VARIETIES.

THE Boot and Shoe Factory declared its annual dividend to-day—twenty per cent. The first meeting of the W. A. L. Institute will be held this evening in the Institute Hall.

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BY HIMSELF AND TO HIMSELF.

He Disclaims the Charge of Managing the Congregation.

Editor Evening Telegram.

DEAR SIR,—In a communication written by himself and to himself, which is published in yesterday's *Mercury* over the signature of "Vindicator," the Rev. Moses Harvey disclaims the charge of still "managing" the affairs of his congregation. A modest man is the parson. He also disclaims, I believe, in several personal statements he has published, that he "manages" the affairs of the *Mercury*, of which he is now the universally known and recognized editor. Uncharitable people may be disposed to think that both these statements are about on a par, and equally worthy of credence by a believing public. Now, sir, as I am not one of these uncharitable folk, I will freely admit that I believe the Reverend Moses when he says he does not "manage" his late congregation. I will go further and say that I believe they "manage" him. In fact there is a sort of mutual management all round so to speak, which is for the general benefit.

But although M. H. does not directly manage, perhaps he does so in a secret underhand and clandestine way. "My friend, the captain, will hold the stakes but who'll hold the captain?" To suppose that such a gigantic intellect as his (for plotting and scheming) would possibly exist in connection with anything of which he had not the secret management and control would be a wanton insult to the intellect.

The reverend gentleman denies (inferentially, as usual) that his old sermons are being preached all over again, and I believe him. I do not think or believe anybody preaches his sermons. M. H. used to preach some good sermons, altho' certain persons alleged that he quoted rather copiously from the works of other "divines" and forgot to disfigure his manuscript with inverted commas. As M. H., with all his literary enterprise, has never been rash enough to publish a volume of his late sermons, his late hearers have no means of seeing whether he used the quotation marks or not. That he is not above the capability of "collaborating" the work of other men, his wholesale appropriations of the historical labors and fame of the late Rev. Charles Pedley testify, but I do not think he would steal the whole sermon.

I have said that M. H. used to preach some good sermons, which is my reason for believing that they are not being preached now. Why not? Isn't it a pity to have such a fine stock of old sermons blue-moulding away in the garret at Devon Row? Why not have them preached all over again?—all those fine discourses about Jacob—and Joseph—and "the bag with holes"—"And so they wrap it up"—and the way Jonah swallowed the whale—and "the coat of many colors"—and all the rest of it. Golly! What fun we'd have to hear these sacred 'editorials' now, after we know the editor so well.

M. H. refers to somebody who is "a stranger," and who is "young," "estimable," "able," "kindly," and "inoffensive." I suppose he refers to his present successor. As I do not know that gentleman I am not aware to what extent these attributes are true of him, or only "personal statements" of M. H. If he is any or all of these good things (which I have no reason to doubt), the less he has to do with M. H. the better for himself and for his retention of the virtues. Otherwise, woe be to him! If he is "a stranger" M. H. will soon "take him in." If he is young M. H. will soon make him old in sin. If he is estimable M. H. will soon discount his value for his own benefit and then cast him off like an old rag. If he is "kindly" M. H. will soon make him as sour as a crab-apple, and as cynical as old Sord. And if he is "inoffensive," M. H. will teach him that the one "unpardonable sin," in his estimation, is to be offensive without an adequate object or consideration. In this respect he reminds me of the old beadle who heard a long and elaborate discourse intended to prove the existence of a Deity, from the text, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God," and who was afterwards asked by the parson how he liked the sermon. "Weel, it was nae bad a discourse a' together," replied John, "but I canna help believing there is a God after a'!" It was the same individual who said on another occasion, "Weel, minister, I have been hearing ye preach for the last fifty years and I'm thankful to say I'm a Christian still!"

I fear, Mr. Editor, that M. H. is "a Christian still" in the sense that he has very little regard for anything in connection with his church except the prompt and unfailing payment of his pension, and that all his management is actuated by that one, sole, and only idea. Let others judge this for themselves, however I am satisfied to remain,  
AN AMUSED SPECTATOR.  
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FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE NEWFOUNDLAND BRITISH SOCIETY.

Your officers and committee, on retiring from office, beg respectfully to submit their report for the year 1887, as follows:—

No. on roll as per report, 1886.....	455
No. admitted during past year.....	13
No. deceased during the past year.....	21
No. forfeited membership.....	11
No. on roll to date.....	447
Balance on hand, 1886.....	£21 6 0
Received from all sources, 1887.....	1,036 17 0
	£1,078 3 0
Amount expended for sickness and deaths.....	£600 15 11
Incidental expenses.....	418 18 5
Interest on money in bank.....	25 12 9
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	82 15 11
	£1,078 3 0

The funds and effects of the society are as follows:

Deposit in Savings' Bank.....	£719 11 4
Government debentures.....	101 18 6
Valuation of property.....	2,380 0 0
Balance due Trustees for rent.....	26 17 6
Balance in hand of Trustees.....	12 16 11
Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	82 15 11
	£3,778 19 4

During the past year 104 members have received benefits, amounting to £413 5s. 11d. During the same period the death roll numbered 10 members, 2 members' wives, 5 deceased members' widows, the total amount of death money paid being £187 10s. 0d.

The 21st June last was by proclamation kept a holiday. The Newfoundland British Society assembled at their hall, preparatory to attending divine service in the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The society marched from their hall to the Cathedral, where they were joined by the United Fishermen's Society and entered the church together. The sermon was preached by His Lordship Bishop Jones, taking his text from Leviticus, 25 chapter and 12th verse—"For it is the jubilee: it shall be holy unto you." After service the society, headed by their band, marched to Government House, where His Excellency the Governor—Sir George William Des Vœux—and Lady were in waiting to receive the society.

The President handed His Excellency an address for transmission to Her Most Gracious Majesty from the society. His Excellency thanked the society on behalf of Her Most Gracious Majesty for the loyalty expressed by them, and was most happy to have the honour of forwarding the address.

On New Year's day the society held its annual procession, when the members attended divine service in St. Andrew's Church, a sermon having been preached on the occasion by the Rev. C. W. Graham. After service the Society marched through some of the principal streets, and in their line of march called on His Excellency the Governor, Henry Arthur Blake, Esq. The members were cordially welcomed by His Excellency, who addressed them in words of encouragement, and congratulated them on their appearance and the good work the society had in hand.

Your officers and committee, on retiring from the offices they have respectively held during the year just closed, feel that they have endeavored to do all in their power for the advancement and welfare of the society. And whilst they acknowledge the hand of Providence aiding them in their humble efforts, they, at the same time, express the fervent hope that their successors in office may have that Divine power moving among them, bestowing blessings as liberally as they have been showered upon their predecessors.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD W. BENNETT, Sr., President.  
FREDERICK R. PAGE, Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that the President vacate the chair, and that Mr. Richard A. McCoubrey act as chairman. A vote of thanks was moved and seconded to the president, officers and committee, for their services during the past year, which was carried unanimously. The president then resumed the chair, when the following officers were elected for the present year:—

RICHARD A. MCCOUBREY, President, elected.  
EDWARD THOMAS, Vice-President, elected.  
ALBERT H. MARTIN, Treasurer, re-elected.  
FREDERICK R. PAGE, Secretary, re-elected.  
JAMES MOORE, Steward, elected.  
COMMITTEE:—John H. Ebsary, re-elected; Cyrus Warren, re-elected; William Moore, re-elected; Adam McCoubrey, re-elected; Edward Warren, re-elected; W. R. Withycombe, re-elected; John Bibbins, re-elected; William Rowe, elected; James McNeill, elected.

THE ladies of the "Social Party" are sparing no endeavors to make the entertainment this evening a brilliant success. They have even converted the tower of the Star of the Sea Hall into a fairy bower. It is needless to add that they deserve to be well patronized. Those who have not secured their tickets will be accommodated at the door. The drawing of the grand Fischer piano will be under the management of the following gentlemen:—M. J. O'Mara, Esq., M.H.A., M. Thorburn, Esq., P. J. O'Neil, Esq., President of the Total Abstinence Society, and Gower Mackay, Esquire.

MARRIED.  
At the R. C. Cathedral, on the 6th inst., by the Rev. Archdeacon Forriest, Captain Wm. Mulcahy, of Bay Bulls, to Miss Mary Ann McGrath, eldest daughter of Mr. John McGrath, Brazil's Square.

DIED.  
On Monday night, after a long illness, fortified by the rites of the Holy Church, Julia McCarthy, relict of the late Denis McCarthy, aged 88 years. Funeral, from her son-in-law's residence, Tank Lane, to-morrow (Thursday) at 2.30 o'clock.—R.I.P.  
On Sunday last, the 8th inst., after a short illness, Katie Blanche, beloved daughter of John and Maggie Summers, aged 6 years.