

mayhap of recent birth and not as yet assured of its power. There is ever something sad in these transformations, and, even on the dawn of the twentieth century, a sigh on their account should not be regarded as unseemly.

John Macara Walker, President of the Society for this and the following year, and also for 1858 and 1861, was a son of Doctor Thomas Walker, a surgeon in the British army, and a native of Perth, Scotland. Mr. Walker was born in the West Indies, most probably in Gaudaloupe, where his father was serving with his regiment, in 1814, and accompanied the latter when he came to settle and practice his profession in St. John not later than 1820. Medical men formerly, not infrequently, were in the habit of dispensing medicines, and young Walker assisted his father in this department, and afterwards, for several years, conducted a large and successful business as a druggist on the Market Square. He also became influential as an alderman, as a director of the Commercial Bank, and as a commissioner of Sewerage and Water Supply. About 1868 he retired from business, and thereafter divided his time between St. John and Halifax, having come into a very large fortune in the latter city through a somewhat distant relative, till his death in 1877. He was never married, and he left his wealth to his brother, Doctor James Walker, who resides in the Parish of Lancaster, near St. John. Mr. Walker was a fine looking man, and was a general favorite, being distinguished for his humor and fondness of a joke, for his geniality and the qualities for good fellowship. He was an earnest member of the Society, and manifested his interest in its welfare in many ways.

Before passing to other topics I can not refrain from relating an incident in connection with the subject of this sketch. Upon one occasion he placed a promissory note in my hands for collection, when I, on learning all the facts, advised that the claim was not recoverable at law. Notwithstanding my opinion, I was directed to proceed, and received instructions in case there should be a defence. A letter written to the maker was ignored by him, and thereupon the note was put in suit in the city court. Upon the case being called I rose