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SS AND PRESENTATION.

standing the thermometer
sterling several degrees below
the evening of Dec. 12th, the
glass of South Section, Middle
bolt, visited the house of
J. McMullin, and presented
the following address:

J. McMullin—
Normal Class, thought it
to express our appreciation
services and untiring efforts
valent work. We acknow-
benefits derived from your
efforts on our behalf. In
our regard and esteem, we
to accept the accompanying
table, as a small souvenir
est; and with it we present
ty and best wishes for your
Mr. McMullin, and pray that
be long spared to enjoy
ys of usefulness.

on behalf of the Normal

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el Gladwin,
1900.

It was taken complete

ly by surprise, and briefly replied, by
expressing her sincere thanks for the
touching address and comfortable
and pretty cane rocker and useful
parlor table. She expressed the
hope that this class would go on still
further in the interesting study of
God's Word, and that teacher and
class would give all the glory, for any
success, to the Master.

THE ILL-FATED S. S. ALPHA.

Only a few days ago we had wires
from Vancouver, B. C., stating the S.
Alpha formerly owned in Halifax
by Pickford & Black and for so many
years in the West India trade in
charge of Capt. Neil Hall, of Sheet
Harbor, had become a wreck with
very sad loss of life too.

A more detailed report from Van-
couver date Dec. 17th, says:—
"The famous steamer Alpha, which
led the Cape Nome fleet to Alaska
this year, was driven on the rocks in
Union Bay, Vancouver Island, Satur-
day night during a heavy gale and
smashed to pieces. Captain York,
an old mariner, Purser White, Engi-
neer Matterson, 2nd Engineer Dunn,
3rd Engineer Murray, and five
men of the crew were drowned, to-
gether with the steamer's managing
owner, Sam Barber of this city. One
member of the crew displayed great
heroism by swimming ashore with a
life line, and over this 25 of 34 mem-
bers of the crew found safety. It
was 200 feet through breakers. The
shipwrecked people stayed on the is-
land and were taken off yesterday
morning by a small steamer. Several
members of the crew died from ex-
posure. The Alpha was bound from
Vancouver with a cargo of salmon
for Japan."

Ill luck has attended the Alpha on
this proposed trip to Japan. A
friend has handed us a copy of the
Victoria Daily Colonist Dec. 8th,
which contains a very full account of
the Alpha first attempt to get out to
sea on her long run to Japan and how
often 200 miles had been rolled off.
She sprang a leak and was obliged to
return to port, reaching land in a
sinking condition.

She had a cargo of 500 tons of salt
sodium and was steaming along in
fine weather some 200 miles from
Victoria, when word was brought to
Capt. York that the steamer was
leaking. Investigation showed that
she certainly was, water rising slowly
in her, although from what cause
could not be ascertained.

Water was not rising very rapidly,
and the steamer continued, but when
the engineers came up and reported
an accident to the feed-pipe, it was
at once decided to put the ship
about, for should the feed-pipe be
made useless, the fires would have
to be drawn and the ship would be
without power until the pipe was
repaired. Fortunately it still per-
formed its office of feeding the con-
dense steam to the boilers until the
vessel steamed to port, or the
steamer would have been left founde-
ering about off the coast, with water
slowly rising. What would happen
in such a predicament is better
imagined than described.

The Alpha, it seems, was ashore
some time ago, when she was run-
ning to northern British Columbia
ports from Vancouver, and some of
those on her believe that she then
strained her plates and that the buff-
eting of the seas off the coast while
en route to the Orient, strained these
plates more and gave an inlet to the
water. However, this may or may
not be the case—it is but one
officer's opinion—but it is certainly a
fact that something must have given,
for the hand-pumps being worked by
the little gang of three sailors con-
tinues without break to pour the
water over the decks.

"That troubles never come singly is
demonstrated by the fact that, no
sooner had the leak been discovered,
than the engineers reported the acci-
dent to the feed-pipe and minor in-
juries below. The steam pumps
were made ready and steam was be-
ing got up in the donkey boiler for
them, when that gave out, and there
was nothing for it but the hand-
pumps. Then the men pumped and
the steamer raced back to port as
fast as she could.

According to the story given by
some of her officers, the firemen
were standing in water up to their
knees while they fed the furnaces as
the steamer came up the Straits.
With every roll the water washed
back and forward, making life on the
ocean wave, in so far as those work-
ing below on the Alpha were con-
cerned, a most unpleasant one.

"However, all's well that ends well.
The steamer is safe back in port, and
the engines are keeping the water
down in her. Arrangements are be-
ing made with the Algon Iron Works
Company to repair the feed-pipe
and to do the other necessary work,
and search is being made for the leak
—so far without result—and it is not
improbable that the cargo will have
to be put ashore and the steamer
docked and examined."

The steamer must have been rap-
idly repaired, probably was not dis-
charged, when she headed for the
Orient again, with the disastrous re-
sult mentioned in the first of this ar-
ticle—a total wreck with sad loss of
life near her port of departure.

DIED.

LIVELY—At North Beaver Bank,
Hants Co., Dec. 14th, Mrs. William
Lively.

BURNS—At Maple Grove, Hants Co.,
Dec. 14th, Ester Roy, daughter of
Charles and Mary Burns, aged 1
year and 9 months.

Now I Feel Real Well

Mr. W. H. LaBlanc, Bonfield, Ontario,
writes:—"I was once a sufferer from catarrh,
and while using Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure I
was recommended to use also Dr. Chase's
Nerve Food to build up the system. My
nerves were exhausted and I was too weak to
do a day's work when I began using it, and
now am strong and healthy, and feel real well.
I am perfectly sure that anyone who uses Dr.
Chase's Nerve Food will deliver as I do, that
it is the best strengthener and restorative ob-
tainable."

For the Truro News.

REMINISCENCES OF AN AMA- TEUR "SHOWMAN."

A Trip Along Eastern Nova Scotia
40 Years ago—"Fiddler" with
His "Greatest Show on Earth"
in 1860.—A Racy, Inter-
esting and Amusing
Recital.

Continued from Yesterday.

There were two blacksmith shops
and a carpenter shop. The busy
hum of the East River mills was not
heard in those days, and quietly and
peacefully the river flowed along
except when stirred by the oars of
Lowe's ferry boat or some pleasure
seeker skimming over its bosom.

Leaving Sheet Harbor I next
brought up at Beaver Harbor, and
spent most of the time I was there
with the Bartlings, a very nice
family and in very good circum-
stances. There were four large
schooners lying in the little harbor,
and I made five dollars out of my
"show" that night. The captains
and sailors managed to gather all
the girls in the place and the school
house was packed to the doors.

This was a pretty place even then,
with fine houses and well to do
people, an I quite enjoyed my stay
among them. From there I went up
to Salmon River, near where the
celebrated Dufferin mines now are,
and called on the Whitman's and
Bacon's of that place, going as far
as Quoddy that day. In the evening
I again gave my "show" and lecture;
and I remember the old school mas-
ter of that place was a Mr. Romans,
from Halifax, a fine intelligent old
man, but addicted to the drink habit,
and had gone down there to get
away from temptation. I spent a
most pleasant evening in Mr.
Roman's company. I remember that
after the "show" was over, part of
which was on astronomy, Mr.
Roman's and I spent about an hour
trying to prove the earth's rotundity
to an old man who stayed behind to
argue the point out. We couldn't
convince him that the world was
round, because the bible spoke of the
four corners of the earth and it
couldn't have been corners if it was
round. I have forgotten the people's
name where I stopped at Quoddy,
but I know the old lady's maiden
name was Currie, a sister to old Mrs.
Bollong, of Pope's Harbor.

From Quoddy I went to Moser's
River, but didn't make any stop
there except to have dinner.

I went on as far as Smith's Cove
and put up for the night at William
Smith's. It was Saturday and I
experienced my first touch of home
sickness that night.

Next morning (Sunday) I should-
ered my lantern and started for
Sheet Harbor again. Leaving my
lantern there, I started to walk to
the head of Musquodoboit.

The late Rev. Jon Sprott and a
girl named, Alice McNeil, started
with a horse and wagon just an
hour before I did and at the end of
sixteen miles I overtook them. I
made that distance in exactly four
hours, while it took them five with
a horse and wagon. I walked as
far as David Dray's place that day
and slept there that night. Mr.
Sprott and the girl drove home.

David and Robert Kent owned and
operated a saw mill about half way
through, and a family named Purcell
and old Molly Cope catered to the
public.

Great changes have taken place on
that part of the shore since that
time. Not one of the old houses,
that then stood along the road, the
head of Jeddore, is now standing;
but seventy-three new ones in their
places.

Ship Harbor has had its ups and
downs, but is very much improved.
Good roads have been built all along
where there was none then. A daily
mail runs from Halifax to Sheet Har-
bor, and everything has become
modernized and fully up-to-date.

I have not visited East of Ship
Harbor since that time, excepting
the first summer and winter of the
gold discovery at Tangier and there-
fore don't know just what improve-
ment has been made in these locali-
ties. But I do know that vast
changes have taken place in all those
places.

All the then pretty young girls are
either the stand old mothers of
families, or have gone to that bourne
from whence none ever return.

Many of the young men have ac-
quired a good education and to day
fill responsible positions. A few of
the old men still remain but their
number grows smaller year by year.
Very few of the dear old mothers are
now living but that few still love to
talk of the happy care free days of
1860.

Forty years is a long time to look
back and remember things that hap-
pened with anything like accuracy,
but the events of that my first trip
from home will ever remain in my
memory as vividly as if it had hap-
pened yesterday; and if I live to be a
hundred I shall never forget the
kind treatment I received from those
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