

began in Harbor Grace, but was happily prevented from spreading, were among the notable events which closed the year 1812 in St. John's.

To tell of the games of "hurley" played on the harbor during the winter by the men-of-war sailors and the Irish youngsters, and on Quidi Vidi by the troops; of the faction fights; of the Yule-tide sports and the many old

customs brought to this country by the English and Irish youngsters, would take much more time than is at my disposal.

In closing this lecture I thank you for the patient hearing you have given me and I trust that I have not wearied you and that you have been interested in my attempt to give you an account of Ancient St. John's.