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Obituary.

Edwin F. Howell, Esq., Prominent Newfoundlander, Passes Away in

Thursday I received a cable from telegraph operator Mr. Brendan Scan-lan, of the Western Union Telegraph of my life-long friend, Edwin F. Howell, formerly of Harbor Grace, but for over thirty years a resident of New York. Mr. Howell was born in Carbonear sixty-five years ago, and was the eldest son of the late George Howell, Esq., for many years bookkeeper in the great firm of Punton & Munn, afterwards changed to John Munn & Co. Edwin was one of a very large family, some having predeceased him, and two or three brothers hold prominent positions in Montreal. They take the depest interest in the Newfoundland Society of that city, and one of the brothers, Alison, has held office for several years. The famous physician, Sir Thomas G. Roddick, is Honorary President of the in Edwin F. Howell received his edu-

ation at the Grammar School Harbor Grace, presided over by the beloved principal, John J. Roddick, father of Sir Thomas. When about fifteen years of age he decided to learn telegraphy and entered the office of the old New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph Office (as it was called in those days previous to the amalgamation with the Anglo American), of which his uncle, the late W. H. Thompson, Esq., was man ager. When fully equipped with a knowledge of his profession he was appointed to Heart's Content office, in which he worked for several years, and was noted as one of the most expert operators in the country, in fact on this side of the Atlantic. In the late seventies he proceeded to Montreal where he worked for a time, and then removed to New York, where he resided up to the time of his death. Step by step he rose in his profession and in the high esteem of the Western Union Telegraph Company, until he attained the position of Superintendent, which he held until a few years ago when he resigned and launched out in real estate and other business, which he carried on with marked success. He took a most prominent part in the political and civic affairs of New York, and his views and opinions were sought and availed of by the leaders of the party to which he was attached. Few men were held in higher esteem by all parties than was the deceased gentleman, and he counted amongst his friends that eminent literateur and orator, Mr. O'-Brien, President of the Irish-American Historical Society. Mr. Howell's office was at 95 Broadway, New York.

His loving, generous, big heart made for him a place in the memory and love of all who knew him, and now that he has gone from us the remembrance of his devotedness and useful goodness to his fellow-countrymen in New York at all times will bring no doubt many a fervent prayer from those who found in him a firm friend and sincere sympathizer in their trials and difficulties. For many years he was President of the New- bridge University, he filled many imhis numerous friends will peruse this brief sketch, a wave of sorrow will spread with the flying news. He is dead but his memory will survive for many a year, not alone in the land he Dr. Isaac Williams, a fine poet, whose loved so well (Newfoundland), but also in the land of his adoption.

The late Mr. Howell was a man of sterling qualities. When this is said perhaps it is praise enough. His blameless integrity of life, his love for dear old Newfoundland, education and charity, his loyal attachment to his friends, his admiration of candor and nobility of character and his detestation of duplicity and deceit, these qualities shone out from his character with edifying splendour. Nothing vile or mean could possibly find lodgment in the great heart of our deceased friend. The noted hospitality of his home was an index to his own personality: he had ingrained in his nature the characteristic hospitality of his race. So detached was he from all selfish instincts that the joys of his friends were his joys-the illness of any one found him rendering assistance, and a funeral generally ound him amongst the mourners. It is no wonder then that he was both from our language, Charles Coffin. He

espected and beloved. Very few of those who entered the telegraph service forty-nine and fifty years ago now remain. E. F. Howell had amongst his earliest co-workers the late G. M. Gaden, W. R. Rogers, Thomas Hagen, Geo. A. Nicholl, James J. Thomey, Philip Ryan, A. Gardner, A. A. Thompson, Michael Kavanagh, John T. O'Mara, Fred. Burnham, T. H. Glendenning, George White, Mort Brien, James G. Scanlan, and scores of others scattered over the United States and Canada, and now all I can er at the present moment of ac old New York, Newfoundland and London Telegraph staff alive to-day in Newfoundland are David Stott, S. S. Newfoundland are David Stott, S. S. Stentaford, E. B. Thompson, R. H. Parsons, James Hagen (St. Pierre), Adam Martin, and there may be one or two others in addition to myself.

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clothes,
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Art Thou the Christ? the Son?
The Father's Image bright?
And see we Him Whose Arm upholds Earth and the starry height?

Tes, faith can pierce the cloud Which veils Thy glory new; We half Thee God, before Whose The Angels prostrate bow.

A silent Teacher, Lord, Thou bidd'st us not refuse To bear what flesh would have us To shun what flesh would choose

Our sinful pride to cure With that pure love of Thine, be Thou born within our hearts, Meet Holy Child Divine.

We owe this really beautiful Christmas hymn almost as much to its Church of England translator as to its French Roman Catholic author. That translator, Bishop Woodford, of Ely, England, was one of the most learned theologians of his day, whose writings are held in high repute by Christians of all denominations. He gave us many fine versions of Latin hymns, one of the best known being: "Thee, we adore, O hidden Saviour Thee." Born in 1820, educated in Camportant positions, including the chaplainey to Queen Victoria, and the vicarage of Leeds, before he was "to the Queen's great pleasure," appointed Bishop of Ely. He died in 1885. descendant is now Bishop of Quebec had made in 1839 a much more exact translation of the same hymn, beginning as does the Latin:

"Away with sorrow's sigh, Our prayers are heard on high."

But the metre is difficult to sing and some of the grand simplicity of the original is lost in it. Here is one snlandid verse, however!

" Tis so; faith darks before, And, though the cloud draws o'er. She sees the God of all, Adoring, tremble still, and trembling still adore."

Compare this with the sixth verse of Woodford's version quoted above, and notice how the later condenses the sense and makes it practical to us, although some of the poetic beauty is undoubtedly lost.

The French divine who gave us the

hymn bore a name apparently derived was born at Buzancy, in the Ardennes, in 1676, and died at Paris in 1749. An principal of a college at Beauvals at an early age, and became rector of the great University of Paris in 1718. He was always fond of the study and making of hymna, which he wrote, 10t in French, but in Latin, the language in which the whole Church service, hymns and all, were read or sung in Roman Catholic Churches in his day. Roman Catholic Churches in his day. Comn took part in forming a prayer book for the French Church, known as the Paris Breviary, to which he contributed a large number of his hymna. Over a hundred of them still exist. The Paris Breviary was superseded by the Roman Breviary, which is in general use now among Romanists, some years later.

But Coffin's hymnas have spread far beyond the bounds of Paris, or of the Roman Catholic Church. In every language in Christendom, and in the hymn-books of nearly all denomina-

sun's declining rays," "On Jordan's banks the Baptist's cry," "What star is this, with beams so bright," "When shades of night around us close," "O Holy Spirit, Fount of Love," "O Lord. how joyful 'tis to see."

This Christmas hymn is valuable for ts clear and simple teaching of the season's lesson. All of Coffin's hymns have that note of simplicity, and it will be noticed that like so many of the writers of our finest hymns, he goes straight to fundamental, scrip-tural doctrine, without exhibiting any sign of bigoted denominationalism. Every Christian congregation, Romanist, Anglican, Greek, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist,-whatsoever they may call themselves, can sing this hymn with understanding and thankfulness, as in their Christmas rejoicing, they bring their souls to the "manger, stall, and swaddling clothes," and worship the "new-born King."—Family Herald and Weekly

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