

Presentation to His Grace Archbishop Howley.

The officers of the T. A. & B. Society with the Guardians and Officers of the Juvenile Branch, at 8 o'clock last evening called at the Archdiocesan Library when Messrs. T. M. White, P. Wallace and W. O'Brien, the presentation committee, on behalf of both Societies presented His Grace with an engrossed address and a beautiful and costly fur lined coat as a testimony of the regard the members entertain for him, and as a slight appreciation of the valuable services rendered by His Grace for many years to the Society. Archbishop Howley was attended by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Roache, V. G., and met the delegation in the Library where His Honor Mayor Ellis, the President of the Society, read the address. His Grace warmly thanked the members for the beautiful gift tendered him and which he valued not altogether for its intrinsic worth but more for the kindly and generous spirit which prompted it. The fine band of the Institution was present and rendered several choice musical items including His Grace's own composition "The Flag of Newfoundland." We append copies of the Address and His Grace's Reply.

ADDRESS.

To the Most Rev. Michael Francis Howley, D. D., Archbishop of St. John's.

May it Please Your Grace:

On behalf of the officers and members of the St. John's Total Abstinence & Benefit Society we beg to approach Your Grace with feelings of loyalty and affection to tender to you our most sincere congratulations on your happy return amongst us from your recent visit to His Holiness Pope Pius the Tenth, and to assure you of our continual devotion to Your Grace, and of our fealty to our Holy Mother the Church, and also to give expression to the appreciation which we individually and collectively entertain for the many valuable and practical services which you have from time to time rendered our Society during the years that you have ruled over this diocese, both as Bishop and Archbishop. Your efforts to promote the objects of this Society and to advance the interests of the body and of the members, have always been of an active and successful character. Not the least among the many services rendered to our Institution was the cheerful and gratuitous manner in which some years ago you enabled us by your assistance to overcome our financial difficulties, and by procuring for us the money necessary to meet pressing demands, which very materially helped us to attain the position of financial independence we, as a Society, enjoy to-day. Besides this material aid you have, by your fostering care and ever watchful vigilance, helped to promote the cause of temperance amongst us, and amongst the community at large, and to advance the spiritual and moral welfare of the members of the Society. For these favours we are and will ever be most grateful to Your

Grace. In conclusion, we respectfully request you to accept, as a slight token of our gratitude, for the many services and acts of kindness which you have conferred upon the Society, and its members, the Fur Coat which accompanies this address, and we beg to assure Your Grace that it is the prayer of all and every member of our Society, that you may be long spared, under Divine Providence, to rule the Arch-diocese of St. John's, and that Divine Wisdom may guide your administration of the high trust given to your care.

Signed on behalf of the Officers and members of the St. John's Total Abstinence & Benefit Society, at St. John's, this 16th day of August, one thousand nine hundred and ten.

WM. J. ELLIS,

President.

GEO. J. COUGHLAN,

Secretary.

ARCHBISHOP HOWLEY'S REPLY.

Mr. President and Officers of the Total Abstinence Society:

Gentlemen:

I will not make use of the usual stereotyped phrase that I am "taken by surprise, for, notwithstanding the spirit of secrecy which prevails to such an alarming degree in this country, I must admit that a very tiny whisper was conveyed, unintentionally no doubt, to my ears, concerning this little event. That I was surprised I must admit, not, however, because you have decided to do this very kind act, as it is what might have been expected from a Society such as yours, which has always been noted for its respect, esteem and affection towards your Clergy and Bishops. But on my own account I was surprised, for I have not done anything to deserve such a mark of esteem. It is true, as you mention, that when the Society, owing to no fault of its own, was in grave financial difficulties, I came to its relief. When I came here as Bishop to St. John's in 1895 the city was only just recovering from the effects of that most disastrous calamity, known as the Bank Crash. It is not necessary or appropriate that I should on such an occasion as this say a word as to who was culpable in that great disaster. But that there was not only mismanagement but wrong-doing, I think must be admitted by everyone. However, I wish now to speak only of the terrible results of that unfortunate financial catastrophe. To tell of the misery, the sufferings and the loss it entailed on individuals and private families, would be impossible, and will never be known in this world. But what we can more correctly gauge is the complete disorganization and dissolution of all our public institutions, the unhinging of our civil and commercial life. All were crippled, and many went down in irretrievable collapse. It is not to be wondered at, then, that the Total Abstinence Society should not have escaped unscathed, that it should have felt the shock and reeled beneath it. I feel confident



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that no Society in our community was ever better handled, managed and financed than was the T. A. Society. Yet, so widespread were their interests, so expanding year by year the sphere of their influence and enterprise, that they were taken unawares, and were not able to resist the pressure brought on by this financial crisis, and they were about to go under in the universal ruin. The Sheriff was actually at the doors of the hall. Such was the outlook of affairs when I was called upon to take on my shoulders the spiritual rule of the Catholics of the city and Diocese of St. John's. I knew that, strictly speaking, it was outside the actual circle of my duties to undertake to grapple with the financial difficulties of the T. A. Society. But, on the other hand I knew that if the Society were allowed to collapse, the main prop and support of the Catholic Church in Newfoundland would be knocked from under it. If that Society were to be broken up, the Bishop would be deprived of his right hand, and would have little chance of upholding the banner of our Church in the country. I therefore decided at once that at all costs and all risks, the Total Abstinence Society should be sustained. I pledged all the securities I had left belonging to the Church. We staved off the impending catastrophe and engineered a financial scheme which would mature in fifteen years' time, and would bring the Society safely and triumphantly out of its difficulties. I was not mistaken nor too sanguine in my confidence in the honesty, the enthusiasm, the recuperating powers and the business capacity of the Society. You all know how it rose to the greatness of the occasion; how it manfully shouldered the heavy burden, and when the time came not only had it completely thrown off and relieved itself from all its financial obligations, but has gone on expanding and enlarging its good works, so that now at the present time I think we can safely say it was never, in all its history, in a more flourishing and prosperous condition.

I cannot close these few remarks without rendering a tribute of praise to the late worthy President, Mr. Bates. During all these dark days his hand was on the helm, and his shrewd and cautious judgment steered the Society's bark through reefs and shoals to the harbor of safety. He was, of course, well supported and sustained by an able and zealous Board of Officers and Committeemen; amongst these I must reckon your present worthy President, the Hon. Mayor Ellis. He, during all that time held high office at your Council Board, and in his clear, business-like views and sound advice, is to a large extent to be attributed the great success.

And now that you have, on the voluntary retirement of Mr. Bates "who bore the burden of the day and the heat," elected Mr. Ellis to fill his place, I feel sure that I may predict

a new period of success for the Society in the coming years, that will surpass anything that has taken place in its past history. Again thanking you and speaking from within the ample folds of this beautiful and costly mantle, I may truly say I warmly thank you, and I wish you every blessing and prosperity in years to come.

Prisoner by Train.

By the express yesterday Const. Humber arrived here with a young girl named Snow, whom he arrested at Port aux Basques on the charge of stealing a ticket for North Sydney from a friend here and then used it, going across country. One night last week the owner of the ticket, a female friend of the prisoner, gave Miss Snow her coat for a while. The ticket was in the pocket of it and the prisoner is charged with appropriating it. Next day Miss Snow went with her friend to the railway station and the latter could not find her ticket. In the confusion the prisoner slipped away and boarding the train enjoyed a ride across country, only to fall into the hands of the police.

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REGATTA TO-MORROW. — Broad Cove Regatta will take place to-morrow afternoon.

Moissant's Ill Luck.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, Aug. 22.
John Moissant was again baffled this morning on his attempt to complete the Paris to London flight with a passenger, which started so auspiciously last Tuesday. He descended twice and in his endeavor to cover the comparatively short distance, over which a spell seems to have been cast, separating him from London, he could make no headway, and in the second forced descent damaged his machine so seriously that he will be unable to resume the flight for 24 hours.

Here and There.

S. S. FIFE BACK.—Mr. W. D. Reid returned from Trinity in the yacht Fife this morning.

FOGOTA SAILED.—The s.s. Fogota, Capt. B. Barbour, sailed for the north at 4 p.m. to-day. Only a few passengers went by her.

Come to the Oddfellows Outing at Smithville to-morrow. Tickets—Gents, \$1.00; Ladies, 70c. S. BUTLER, Chairman; C. W. UDLE, Sec'y. Aug. 23, 11.

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Lady Mountaineer's Harrowing Experience on Alpine Climb.
Another terrible mountain tragedy is reported from the French Alps. M. Fortune Allimand, a manufacturer of Rives, near Grenoble, and a lady friend of his, Mme. Baronat, who went for an excursion in the neighboring mountains, a part of the Alps known as the Grand Chartreuse, and who had since been missing, were found in a ravine where they had remained for over one hundred hours. While endeavouring to take a short cut down the mountain, they slipped, and from a height of about 30 feet rolled down the slippery slope of a small cascade. They managed, however, to extricate themselves, and reach one side of the torrent, but, unfortunately, M. Allimand had fractured his leg and suffered terrible pain from the injury.

"And there we were," said Mme. Baronat, in a fainting voice, "unable to move or climb up the rocks again, imprisoned in a sort of huge funnel, which we realized at once was for us a living tomb. One cannot imagine the dreadful anguish and moral and physical pain. Four days and nights without food, and my poor friend suffering terribly from his leg. "After about 48 hours of the agony," said Mme. Baronat, "during which the only noise we heard was that of the torrent. I took a resolution. 'You know, my friend,' I said to M. Allimand, 'that we are done. There is no hope. Let us put an end to our sufferings. We have simply to slip down into the water!' I had hardly finished the sentence when my friend, who was very bad indeed, and looked like a phantom, stopped me, and with an effort raised himself from the rock where he was lying. "No," he said; 'I am going to live to the end. I suffer all a human being can suffer, but I shall not commit suicide.' "On the third morning said the lady, who was compelled to stop several times, owing to her feeble condition, "the poor fellow died, after having lost consciousness. From the moment I was left alone I became terrified. I had had nothing to eat for three days. I was fainting, and was feeling that my courage was empty too. The solitude, that body!—death, in a word, frightened me. I was feeling that my turn was approaching. Over a day and a night I had remained near the corpse, waiting for death, when I heard some sounds and a noise on my right. I thought it was a dream. I was then so feeble that I remember very little about my rescue."

Lord and Lady Northcliffe have sailed from England to Newfoundland.

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Steamer Stanley Back From a Long Trip to Hudson Bay.

The Government steamer Stanley, Captain Dalton, arrived back on Wednesday night from Hudson Bay and is at the Dockyard. It will be remembered the three masted schooner Christie G. Thomey with a surveying party on board, left here for Port Nelson ten days ahead of the Stanley, with the understanding that the latter, carrying a surveying party for Port Churchill, would pick her up along the Labrador coast and tow her to Churchill. But the Thomey is a good sailer and was round the point into Hudson Bay before the Stanley caught her. A party from the steamer went ashore on the point and mounting a high hill made out the schooner's masts. Then the Stanley which had towed the schr. Coleraine laden with coal, from North Sydney to Terroleok on the Labrador coast and there filled her bunkers and stored the rest of the coal for a reserve supply, took the schooner in tow to Port Nelson. Very shoal water was found all about there. The Stanley then proceeded to Churchill, a finer harbor and landed her surveying party. The place is bleak, the only settlers being Hudson Bay post men and Esquimaux and there is no vegetation. There is a rise and fall of tide in the bay of about 20 feet.

The steamer had a fine run out the bay. For a couple of nights the temperature was down to freezing and icebergs were met in Davis Strait. The sun rises about 3 a.m., and sets at 9 p.m., so that the days are long. At Cape Chidley she met the Earl Grey and transferred Pilot Samuel Bartlett to the latter. Pilot Thomas Boothell, of the Earl Grey coming to Halifax on the Stanley and Captain Dalton brought home some iron ore specimens and the chief officer has a fine white fox skin.—Halifax Chronicle.

Mob With Hounds After Three Negroes.

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 18.—With a triple lynching almost certain to follow their capture, armed citizens of Bay Minnette are to-day pursuing the negroes, who last night shot and killed Marshall Joseph Smith. The bloodhounds and officers were sent from Mobile to assist in the search. On the request of a white woman that three negroes were loitering in front of her home, Marshall Smith went to arrest the negroes, who opened fire when the officer approached killing him instantly.

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