# A DESERTED SANCTUARY.

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF A CHURCH IN RUINS.

Its Surroundings and How it Was Built in the Early Days-An Englishman who Failed at Farming and Died at his Post-His Grave Unmarked at This Spot.

HALIFAX, Oct. 25.-An abandoned church and graveyard is a somewhat melancholy sight. But when these are found in the midst of a forest, completely hidden from view, and a quarter of a mile from the nearest road, there comes a combination of the romantic and the sad. The old church of England place of worship in Middle Musquodoboit answers this description. The place has not been used for religious worship for 30 or 40 years, nor has an episcopal service been held elsewhere in that region since the doors were closed long long ago in the now rapidly decaying old church. When first built the post road ran close to the southern side of the church, but the direction of the highwas subsequently changed so that it its summit. It would not have been difficult to keep up a private road to the church, but the congregation, never large, disappeared; the building was closed up and its existence is now well-nigh forgotten. A toilsome journey through the woods, with thick growth of underbrush, is necessary to see the old place.

Though used for but a comparatively ort time, that old church has a history. It was well built, and the money to pay for it was collected from far and near, much of the funds being raised in England. It would probably never have been erected had it not been for good old Colonel Gladwin. He was an officer in the British army, who came to this country and invested his money in an immense area of land in the rich Musquodoboit Valley. He was a scion of a noble family, and the story of his life was or is known to very few. Colonel Gladwin found farming in the place in Nova Scotia where it grows is on backwoods of Musquodoboit a very different matter from living in merry England. He tried to keep up old country customs, but before he died the poor man sorrowfully came to find that he had to accommodate himself to changed conditions. It was Colonel Gladwin's influence that caused the erection of this church in a district almost exclusively presbyterian. It was used for comparatively a very brief period. For nearly forty years it has served no other purpose than that of an attractive place to take curious sight seers of an antiquarian turn of mind, and latterly, since the doors have been broken in, to afford shelter for sheep which run in and out at will. The plaster is nearly intact; the roof seems tight; but there is not a single pane of glass left in the large Gothic windows. The walls are covered with the names of young people anxious in this, it in no other way, to render themselves immortal. Some, more ambitious than others, have with great difficulty inscribed their names high up on the ceiling. Many of the old pine pews have been thrown down, and the interior of the church, more even than the outside, is the picture of desolation. The church was never needed, and the late Bishop Binney, early in his career, closed it forever.

Clustering round the church is the graveyard, hiding all that is mortal of perhaps 20 or 30 men and women. Colonel Gladwin, with his wife and mother lie buried there, with no stone to mark their last resting place. On his deathbed the old colonel left positive instructions that no monument should be erected to his memory. His dying wish has been respected and nothing but a wooden rail encloses the lot from the few other graves and the fast growing forest. Colonel Gladwin was 90 years old when, a disappointed man, he joined the silent majority. His deon ants are scattered far and near, d several of his sons, one of them now a member of the presbyterian church, are among the most respected men in Musquodoboit. Another grave that attracts attention is one from the very centre of which a large tree grows straight skywards, as if the body interred there long ago had

aguodoboit is about 30 miles from Hariax in an air line, 42 by the road, and should any reader fancy such a scene of desolation as this abandoned church presents he could not do better than some summer day take a trip up, and get some one who knows the place to guide him to the secluded spot.

A BOTANIST VISITS ST. JOHN. Long's Cove.

To one who is wont "to muse on nature with a poet's eye," there can certainly be no more sympathetic study than that of botany. The true botanist feels all the beauty of Tennyson's lines:

Flower in the crannied wall, I pluck you out of the crannies; Hold you here, root and all, in my hand, Little flower; but if I could understand What I hold, root in all, and all in all,

I should know what God and man is. A famous botanist was the Reverend Maritime province people in the "hub" Gilbert White, yet he owned by far the should remember this.

greatest part of his reputation to his admirable description of the plants that grew within the narrow confines of the village of Selbourne. Much such a man as the Reverend Gilbert White is the Reverend James Rosborough, of Musquodoboit Harbor, Nova Scotia, who has lately been viewing the autumn beauties of the woods and fields around St. John. It is rumored that he was even allowed to disregard the "Keep off the grass" signs on King Square.

Mr. Rosborough is a native of Prince William, N. B., and ever since he obtained his B. A. degree at the University of New Brunswick, he has studied botany no less ardently than he does theology. His sermons are not, however, what are general ly known as "flowery." By getting near to Nature's heart he gets very near to the hearts of the people of the village of Musquodoboit. He caught the first inspiration which led him to combine the expounding of the word of God as revealed in the scriptures, and the word of God as shown in the works of Nature, from Professor Bailey at Fredericton. Mr. G. U. Hay, our own botanist, persuaded Mr. Rosborough to visit his own wonderful out-oftown garden. Mr. Rosborough did not require much persuading, and was delighted with his visit. He was very sorry that he had missed the St. John flower-show, but could not possibly have timed his trip to St. John so that he could "take in" that splendid exhibit. Mr. Rosborough s vs that St. John should lose no time in getting a new park.

Mr. Rosborough has a herbarium at his home in Musquodoboit, which contains over thirty varieties of ferns. While here he found a variety which he had never before seen-the asplendium viride or green spleenwort, which is probably the most beautiful fern in the Dominion. He found it growing between two limestone rocks near the Fort Howe road. Whether this fern is found elsewhere in New Brunswick the writer does not know, but the only the Cobequid Mountains, near Parrsboro. Near the place on these mountains that is graced by the presence of the asplendium viride, is found the aspidium fragrans, a plant which grows in only two other places in the world. Mr. Rosborough found a fern in Victoria park, Truro, this year, of which he claims to be the discoverer. The Rosborough fern would be a very pretty and appropiate name for it.

A representative of Progress visited

Long's Cove, King's County, last Sunday. The place is distant a "Sabbath day's journey" from St. John, and is not far from "beautiful Bayswater." The settlement was formerly part of Land's End, but now glories in an appellation of its own. The scribbler visited the house of Mr. James Long, and was surprised, upon entering the parlor, to find a flower-show that for its size was as interesting as the late one held in St. John. The room was beautiful with rare and valuable plants, some of which Mr. and Mrs. Long have secured with great trouble and expense. The largest plant in the room was a night, blooming cereus, which was much larger than the one shown at the St. John flower-show. This plant bloomed on a certain day in September both last year and this. It is not one of the kind of nightblooming cereuses that one has to be patient with, because the flowers come only once in a hundred years. This is of a much more satisfactory kind, as it has bloomed three times during the twenty odd years that Mrs. Long has owned it. Mrs. Long is accustomed to hold a reception whenever it blooms, and sends for her friends in all parts of New Brunswick, including many in the city of St. John; but this year the house was threatened with destruction by forest fires for eight days, and it was during that time that the cereus bloomed. Mrs. Long has been ever since letting her friends know how she failed to keep her promise to tell them when the flower was about to bloom. She says that, fire or no fire, she will notify all her friends the next time the plant puts its glory on, and that she will be sure to send Progress an invitation if the event occurs within the next thirty years.

Among the other plants in the out-ofthe-way parlor herbarium is a magnificent specimen of "the Star of 1891," a late edition of flowerdom, which resembles a gladiolus, but can give it points and beat it out of sight. Then there were pinkish flowers, and whitish flowers, and trailing plants, all looking their prettiest in the light of an Indian summer sun, and all A Splendid Conservatory in the Woods at | with names that are too sacred to utter a few days after they are heard. The scribe would have made a special effort to in teaching him an enduring lesson, and remember the names, had not it been Sunday, but as he cannot call to mind their goreous latinity, and as the point of his pencil loses itself in emotion as heattempts to describe them, he advises lovers of the him. Steps are now being taken to that beautiful to take a day off and pay a visit | end. to the conservatory of Mr. and Mrs. Long.

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# MORE BEAST THAN MAN.

A BRUTAL FARMER CALLED TO A STRICT ACCOUNT

For Cruelty to His Horse-The Terrible Beating He Gave the Poor Animal While He Was in a Passion-His Son Helped Him -His Neighbors Indignant.

HALIFAX, Oct. 25.—Can a man be a Sunday school superintendent, a Y. P. S. C. E. leader and be prominent in every prayer meeting within reach, and at the same time stand convicted of barbarous cruelty to his horse? Such is the question which the people of middle hand uodoboit, a wealthy farming district not to- from here, are asking-a question to which the S. P. C. of this city are adding emphasis by instituting criminal proceedings against the man who excels at both.

Allen J. McCurdy of Middle Musquodo boit, has attained an unenviable notoriety in past few days. He is the owner of al fine All-right lorse, lut which is unfortunately subject to fits of sickness. The animal occasionally becomes balky. An affair which has caused great indignation in Musquodoboit, and which has excited the wrath of president Mackintosh and the committee of the S. P. C. happened a couple of weeks ago but has only secretly be came known outside the district. Mr. McCurdy a stalwart, powerfully built man of forty years, was using his horse near the house. The animal took one of his disobedient turns. Had he been other than a passionate, cruel man McCurdy could easily have conquered his horse in a humane way but he chose to adapt a barbarous plan, and in doing so ignominiously failed to accomplish his purpose and succeeded in getting himself into no end of trouble with the Musquodoboit church and with the S. P. C. of Halifax.

McCurdy took his horse out of the shafts and tied him to a post in a field. Assisted by his step-son, Ira Archibald, he unmercifully lashed the brute, and only desisted when he tound the horse in danger of strangulation on account of the way he was tied. What had been done only whetted McCurdy's appetite. He said the horse was not yet "conquered," so he led the poor dumb animal into a place beneath a barn. An ox chain was procured, and with this the horse was tightly secured by the neck to a beam in such a way that he could not run round and choke himself. Then two iron chain traces were tastened to stout sticks, and Mc-Curdy and his step-son, armed with these, took up a position on either side of their victim. At a signal from the owner both men began a shower of blows upon the quivering sides and legs of the horse. They rained their blows upon the animal till the flesh was torn and bleeding in all directions. The ox chain, too, had wrenched the skin from the animal's neck. A neighbor, George McFatridge, watched the torture till he became "sick and tired." Perspiration broke out on the two chain men, and when they ceased their heathenish work it was not because the horse was about sinking from exhaustion, but because they were unable longer to swing the chains with cruel thud upon the horse's

In the woods lumbermen have been known to occasionally strike a horse with a chain, but it makes a new record when two men deliberately tie up a fine animal in this way and lash it with chains till hardly a whole spot remains upon its skin.

When the story became known there was intense indignation in law-abiding Musquodoboit. Three different people, afraid to say much openly, wrote to the S. P. C. officers in this city, asking that McCurdy be proceeded against. Constable Burbidge was sent up to investigate and obtain evidence. But a couple of McCurdy's friends shrewdly attempted to steal a march on the S. P. C. When Burbidge's business was ascertained one of them went to Allen J. McCurdy and talked over the affair with him. He advised the cruel man to come with him before a brother justice of peace. The friend would formally lodge a complaint of wilful cruelty; McCurdy would plead guilty, and a minimum fine of five dollars would be imposed. This was agreed to; it was carried out, and probably the fine was paid. Nevertheless Burbidge continued his investigation and a day or two later came to Halifax plentifully supplied with facts.

The action of the country J. P's. did not tend to sweeten the tempers of members of the S. P. C. executive. They at once determined to see if the nominal fine of \$5 could not be set aside and McCurdy made to pay something that would be effective also to give the stepson occasion to remember that there is such a thing as law against wilful cruelty of the kind practiced by

That the way of transgressors is hard, McCurdy found in another way. He never misses an opportunity to put himself forward in Sunday school, prayer-meeting school superintendent. The unanimous to go.

opinion in Musquodoboit is that religious work of this kind was the loser on account of McCurdy's prominence in it, and an agitation is going on to restrain him as far as possible. After people have seen the poor scarred horse they can't see much good in the striker. A letter has been addressed from the S. P. C., to Rev. Mr. Smith, the presbyterian minister of Musquodoboit, asking him to see to it that Allen J. McCurdy be compelled to take a back seat at prayer-meeting, in the interest of all that is humane and good.

ALD. RYAN WAS THE MAN. He Can now Bring that Libel Suit Against

Halifax, Oct. 25.—Two weeks ago PROGRESS told the story of a Halitax alderman who went to Montreal to attend a recent convention. His expenses were paid by the city, but he applied to the I. C. R. authorities for a free pass. He got it. but too late to use, so he bought a ticket over the C. P. R. to Montreal. Afterwards the alderman tried to sell the tree pass. These were the facts stated. Alderman Rvan, chief of the board of firewards, promptly fitted the cap to his own head, and wrote a letter, from which the following is an extract:

"As I am the only Halifax alderman who has attended such a convention, I cannot but feel that the reference is to me; and if FROGRESS will dare to be ome more explicit and mention my name in the connection I will prove its statement a falsehood in a place where that paper will have the pleasure of paying for being proved a slanderer."

It is not a difficult matter to become more explicit. Alderman J. F. Ryan was the man who went to Montreal under the circumstances mentioned, and he was the man who tried to sell the free pass with which the I. C. R. had favored him. The free pass was offered for sale to half a dozen commercial men, both by Alderman Ryan and friends on his behalf. If Mr. Ryan wishes the names of witnesses to subpæna, in case he decides on the "slander" fiasco, he should include the painter whose initials read "J. E. M.," and the brewer who briefly signs his name "R. B." These men were going West on masonic business, and they were asked to purchase the pass. Both refused, because both Ryan and themselves, they considered, were too well known, to succeed in getting out of Halifax on a document which read: "Pass J. F. Ryan from Halifax to Levis, subject to the conditions stated hereon." The instructions to conductors

on the back of the pass read as follows: If this pass is presented by any other than the person named in it, or if it is made out for more than one trip, or if there are any alterations, additions or erasures made in it, you are not to honor it for passage, you must collect fare instead, giving the per son a receipt for the money paid. You will also take up the pass and send it to the general manager's office with the statement of the facts."

The general manager's office is hereby given a "statement of the facts." Alderman Ryan may not have succeeded in selling the free pass, but he, and others on his behalf, certainly tried to make merchandise out of it. A dozen people in Halifax know that to be a fact.

Anyhow, the money that Alderman Ryan got from the city council to attend that convention of American fire chiefs was sufficient to pay his legitimate expenses, and he received the cash on the tacit understanding that he was to pay for his ticket, not that he was to get one from the I. C. R. as far as Quebec for nothing.

Alderman Ryan, like everyone else, has both good and bad elements in his make-This free pass business, and his roundabout denial of what many here known to be a fact, serves to show a part of the bad. It will be a pleasure, next time his name comes up, to have something of the good to tell about.

## Colonel Tucker Honored.

At the magnificent exhibition of the Auer light by Mr. Granger, at the Mechanics' Institute, on Tuesday evening, the lecturer asked the audience to select by nonimation gentlemen to be photographed. There were to be four groups, and each was to contain three people. The first two groups nominated included men from various walks of life, but when the third grokp was to be chosen the audience awoke to the fact that the clergymen of the city had been slighted. So Rev. Dr. Pope. Rev. Dr. Macrae, and Rev. Henry Daniel were nominated. When the fourth group was about to be chosen the rage for ministerial representation was at its height. It was then that Mr. W. C. Pitfield arose, and nominated 'Rev. Canon De Veber, Rev J. J. Teasdale and Rev. Colonel Tucker." The house shook into applause when the lecturer, who seems so have a very dim pereception of a joke, even by the Auer ight, calmly requested Rev. Colonel Tucker to come on the platform. The colonel complied, and he and the two ministers made a charming picture.

The Grocery of the People.

Tea, coffee and cocoa are emphasized in the advertisement of Hardress Clarke in this issue. Eight kinds of tea ranging in price from 18 to 50 cents per pound; every variety of coffee and cocoa from all the well known manufacturers. Then such value in sugars and canned goods! Mr. Clarke keeps his eye upon the public and its wants and the people when they want and Christian Endeavor. He is a Sunday the best at the lowest prices know where

# ORANGEMEN IN POLITICS.

'ANDY" ARMSTRONG IS THEIR CHOSEN CANDIDATE.

The Work he and Grand Master Kelly Have Been Doing in the Lodges-The Conservatives an't Afford to Ignore Them-Some for Politicians to Think About.

only really organized body in the sency of St. John to day is the body." The observation was mad the other day by an orange sympathizer and strong evidence was brought forward to bear up the assertion. And it is a fact that the body is splendidly organized and that the component parts are well knit together throughout the country.

the approaching Dominion contest. Since in any event. Dr. Steeves writes: then further information has been obtained in this matter.

Then commenced an energetic campaign. the order to a much higher level of activity and certainly success is attending his efhe has been busily engaged making frelife into the existing branches and resuscitating those which had relapsed into a Kelly proposes before he stops to visit last admission here. every lodge in the province and lend his

energy to assist their growth. But it is his work in connection with the order in St. John county that people are was surprised at the reception with which Messrs. Kelly and Armstrong were greeted wherever they went. They seemed to know every one and all appeared to think a great deal of the men. They would drive for miles along the rough country road to meet the heads of their order and wherever they went there have been large numbers at the visitations.

There are about sixteen lodges of orangemen in this constituency with memberships running from about fifty up into the hunbreds. Every country district has its lodge and the ramifications extend into every portion of the country, and further than that, they are a united body with fresh new life flowing through their limbs. In St. Martins, Golden Grove, Loch Lomond, Fairville, South Bay, Pisarinco and Musquash there are flourishing lodges and their strength as voters is represented not by their membership alone, for there are many besides who are in sympathy with the order though they to Dorchester in 1875 for seven years. He may have lapsed or retired. In this city the body has many members, for eight lodges are flourishing here with a membership going away up into the hundreds.

Onr indication that tells the trend of things is what they accomplished in connection with the revision of the voters' lists. They worked hard and on the authority orangemen put to about 3,000 names.

The much visiting of the supreme officers and the sending in of the bundles of app li cations for the lists were the first public intimations that the orangemen were to have a candidate and the next question is when shall it be. This is pretty well settled and it is no secret that Major Armstrong will probably be the standard bearer of the orange body in the coming contest. Mr. H. A. McKeown would like to have that honor, but the body of the order supportss the claim of the genial

Lest there should be any misconception it is necessary to state that the orangemen do not wish to work in opposition to the conservative body. It is well known that the body in this constituency is decidedly conservative in its personnel and what they propose is to have an orange conservative candidate in the field. They intend to bring such pressure to bear in the nomination of candidates that the supporters of the government will feel their influence and accept the nomination of Major Armstrong. If they do not succeed in their nomination it is hard to tell what will follow.

There is another thing which would go to strengthen Major Armstong's candidature. He is a strong temperance man and would get the support of the temperance element, and by the way the temperance and orange bodies are becoming more and more closely identified as time advances. able thing about this lady is that "she can The day when the ideas of an orangeman | tell you if your claim against the United and a jug of rum were associated in the public mind has gone by. The heads of you accordingly." All St. John people the order are also the leaders of the having claims against the United States Sons of Temperance in this province and should not fail to visit the trance medium orangemen are temperance men. Recently and herb doctress. a division of the Sons of Temperance was organized at Prince of Wales in the Daniel Brophy's grocery.

parish of Musquash and every member who joined was an orangeman. This indicates how closely identified the two

Now, to state the whole thing in brief, the orangemen and the temperance men. will work hand in hand, backed, they hope; by the conservative forces, to send Major Armstrong to the commons in the spring

MACDONALD IS UNDER RESTRAINT. Superintendent Steeves Gives Some Interesting Facts of his Asylum Life.

. . article on the criminal insane in the

ter from Superintendent Steeves in explan-A short time ago PROGRESS drew atten- ation of some of the statements made. He tion to the fact that the body proposed to gives his reason for doing this but the have a candidate for this constituency in facts are interesting and of public concern "Your representative, in his remarks res-

concerning the possibilities and certainties | pecting Mr. McDonald, says that it was not necessary to keep him under restraint, Early in the year Mr. James Kelly was and that he was in ormed by people of selected to the highest position in the gift | Fairville that he was allowed to go to of the orange body in this province. church on Sundays." Neither of these statements is quite correct, and they are in my The new grand master determined to bring | judgment, in danger of an interpretation, without amplification, which would be somewhat at variance with the facts. Let me forts. Accompanied by other grand officers | explain. Whilst it is true that Mr. Mc-Donald is not under mechanical restraint, quent trips to various parts of the province, in the ordinary acceptation of that term. instituting new lodges, breathing renewed yet he is under marked restraint continuously. He is never allowed outside of the building, except occasionally, under too peaceful state. The result is that | the immediate care of a trusted attendant. their strength throughout the province has for a walk. He has never been beyond been much increased and Mr. William | the tenced grounds of the asylum since his

"In regard to his attending church, I have to say that he does not even attend the religious services in the asylum, held especially for the benefit of all its inmates. specially following. He has been busy visit- I wished to have him do so, but he has ing all the lodges throughout the county. | always so strongly and persistently refused, Major A. J. Armstrong and their grand offi- that I have yielded to his wishes and allowers have been accompanying him and a ed him to have his own way in the matter. gentleman who has been going says that he I am glad that your reporter referred to this subject, because some over-anxious persons have complained that McDonald was allowed too much liberty, and it affords the occasion for one to correct an error.

' Some time ago complaint was made to Attorney General, Hon. Mr. Blair, as referred to above. I made the foregoing statements and explanations to the chairman and other members of the Board of Commissioners, and showed them McDonald's shutter room, and I informed them that I had allowed the friends of this patient to add some furniture to his room-to which no objection was made on the part of the commissioners; and the explanations made respecting his care and management. were satisfactory.

"I have to add that we have five, instead of four criminal patients, without count ing Crawford, whom we expect, but have not yet received. The one not mentioned before is Charles Fletcher, who was sent was adjudged insane at the end of three months, and sent to Kingston, where he remained the balance of his term. He was sent here from Carleton Co., in Feb., 1892. This patient had a cranial injury when 19 years old, which doubtless accounts for his insanity, and it is more than probable that it accounts for his crime as

## Laby Jane and "Society."

HALIFAX, Oct. 25.—PROGRESS' list of Halifax society is generally commented on as very accurate indeed. A half dozen names, perhaps, were omitted of those who could be invited to all the society functions if they cared for the honor, but as they don't they were not included in that "exclusive" list. "Lady Jane," a talented society writer for one of the Halifax papers, tries in a mild way to find fault with the list, her principal complaint being that the writer does not, after all, know "society," and that "society" does not know him. The interence is that "Lady Jane" herself fills both bills. The dear lady is quite welcome to the honor, if it can be construed as such, and then if she is over-rating herself it would be a pity to disabuse her fair mind, and snatch from her so sweet a morsel of delight. Maintain your good terms with society, "Lady Jane," and "joy be wi' ye."

## A Gifted Lady.

A "trance medium and herb doctress" has struck St. John. She announces herself as "gifted with a wonderful gift of nature," and further more says that she 'was born with a natural gift." The "poor" she announces, "are to be considered." Ladies of her profession are generally apt to consider the poor as their most likely victims. The most remark-States is of value to you, and will advise

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