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A MOTHER'S DEVOTION

RESULTS IN CONTRACTION OF THE DISEASE AND DEATH.

The Sad Circumstances Attending the Death of Mrs. Michael McDade, who After Nursing Her Infant Back to Health Succumbed Herself.

It seems difficult at this Christmas season, when joy and thanksgiving abound on every side and happiness apparently reigns supreme, to realize that so great a sorrow could come to any home as that which entered into the household of Mr. Michael McDade last Saturday, depriving him of a loving wife, and seven little children of the best of mothers. Mrs. McDade was a lady well known and esteemed, not only by those of her own sex who were acquainted with her, but as well by the many friends of her well known and popular husband, who, as a newspaper man of long and excellent standing, an official reporter of the House of Assembly, an active special representative of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and president of the St. John Liberal Association has had opportunities to enter more thoroughly into the life of the community and so form greater and more numerous friendships than usually fall to the lot of so young a man.

The illness which caused Mrs. McDade's death was in reality the result of a mother's devotion to a sick child not yet a year old who was attacked three weeks ago with that dread disease, diphtheria. The rest of the young family, six in number, were immediately sent from the house, two of them going to their grandmother, Mrs. McWilliams on Coburg Street, and the other four to friends on Cliff street. Then for a week the mother and father endeavored to nurse the baby back to health, and when on the following Sunday, the physician, Dr. John Berryman, assured them that the little one was out of danger Mrs. McDade resolved to go to her church, which was nearly opposite her home and return thanks for the child's recovery. She was only able, however, to remain a little while, feeling faint and ill, and on the following morning she too was seized with diphtheria. Dr. Berryman was immediately in attendance again and both he and Mr. McDade made every possible effort to secure the services of a trained nurse to attend upon the sick bed. All their efforts, however, were in vain. The professional nurses were all engaged and amateurs whom they requested did not care to risk the danger of infection. It is only just in this connection to mention the fact that Mrs. McDade's relatives, who would undoubtedly, under ordinary circumstances

have nursed her, were worn out with their attendance upon a near relative who has been exceedingly ill for nearly a year. More than that, caring for two of the sick lady's children, neither she nor her husband would permit any of them to approach the house. So the task fell upon Mr. McDade himself and for seven days and nights he attended his sick wife and did it so satisfactorily, so unremittently, that the physician declared that nothing more could possibly have been done. After the diphtheria had disappeared and in fact had been cured, Mrs. McDade was seized with an attack of pneumonia, but this too was under subjection on the Saturday of her death and the only fear remaining with the physician and her husband was that her extreme weakness following her devoted efforts to her child and her severe



Mrs. Michael McDade.

illness might cause her to succumb herself. Still on this Saturday morning Dr. Berryman was so hopeful and so encouraging to both the husband and the wife that a short time after his departure the little one, then thoroughly restored to health, was taken to visit its mother, and while there, laughing and crowing, the mother passed away so suddenly and so quietly that her husband, who was standing beside the bedside, did not realize it for a short time. When the news of her death reached the community the surprise to everybody was intense and immediate sympathy went out to the bereaved husband from all those who knew him and knew of him. The cause of death being, in a sense, diphtheria, would not permit, of course, any delay in the funeral services, but there were many people who did not take that into calculation and commented on the fact that the funeral was fixed for the following day.

The body was not taken to the cathedral, not because there was any objection to it on the part of the church authorities but because of arrangements entered into by the husband, (who was very desirous that there should not be the slightest danger of infection to any one else) and the chancellor of the diocese, Rev. Father McMurray, who, on the evening of Mrs. McDade's death, called at the house, and consulted with the husband and learned his views. So the prayers for the dead were read there and all the necessary arrangements made for the funeral on the following day.

Few people who have not experienced a death from diphtheria or any other contagious disease in their homes will realize the difficulty there is in obtaining the necessary assistance and attention requisite, but in this case—to her credit it may be mentioned—Miss Maher, as soon as she heard of the death of her friend hastened to the house and prepared her body for burial and remained there until Tuesday following the funeral. Mr. James Coll was the first to visit Mr. McDade after his bereavement and then Mr. H. A. McKeown, another close friend of his, went to the house and remained with him from the evening of his wife's death until after her burial.

Still it few people thought themselves privileged to call at the house owing to the danger of infection to those in their homes, there was no lack whatever of the most cordial expressions of sympathy on the part of Mr. McDade's friends in the city and province and a few of them at least who wired or mailed messages may find their first acknowledgement in the article. Mr. McDade says that he has been too much prostrated since the sad event to reply to his friends but he wishes to acknowledge the cordial expressions of sympathy in the order that he received them from Mr. E. S. Carter, Professor Stockley of Fredericton, W. H. Trueman, Charles E. Scammell, John Condon, St. John, John M. Lyons, Moncton, Alfred M. Pound, St. John, J. F. Richards Fredericton, F. B. Smith, Western Union Manager, Fredericton, R. B. Owens, Newburg Station, H. B. Rainsford, Fredericton, F. B. Carvell, Woodstock, H. D. McLeod, Assistant Receiver General, St. John; Frank H. Risteen, John Black, M. P. P. Fredericton; Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Premier, Dorchester; George U. Hay, Hon. A. T. Dunn; L. C. McNutt, Fredericton; Fred C. Lane, W. K. Reynolds, St. John; Major Cropley, J. H. Barry and Mr. and Mrs. Phelan, Fredericton; T. C. Allan Dibblee, M. P. P., Woodstock; G. X. Y. Dibblee, Assistant clerk of the Legislature Assembly; F. B. Meagher, Inspector of schools; Mrs. Jeremiah Meagher, Milltown; Mr. and Mrs. William J. Graham, Milltown; His Honor Judge Wilson, Fredericton; Honorable John P. Burchill, speaker of the Legislative Assembly; John Montgomery, Campbellton; Honorable L. P. Farris, member of Executive council; John O'Brien, M. P. P., and Mrs. O'Brien, Nelson; Rev. Father Doyle, Milltown; Rev. Father O'Donovan, Carleton; Fred W. Sumner, M. P. P., Moncton; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. McCready, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Division No. 3 A. O. H., Carleton, St. John; John Connor, Ottawa; Dr. Hand, Woodstock; Professor Alf. E. Macintyre, Quebec; and J. A. Johnson, Halifax. In addition to these, handsome floral offerings were received from Mr. and Mrs. McGaffigan; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Finn and Miss Edith Little.

The funeral was one of the largest that has been seen in recent years in this city and marked the general esteem in which the deceased lady was held. The portrait which we print of her gives but a faint idea of the kindly and attractive features indicative of her character. She was one of the most devoted wives and the best of mothers, and no higher praise can be given to any woman.

A Good Time for the Sick.

The hospital commissioner for the month Alderman McGoldrick, proposes to give the patients there a good and happy day as far as the good things the market affords will permit of. In this he will have the capable assistance of the matron Miss Mitchell who is filling that position to the entire satisfaction of the board. The resident physician, Dr. Macaulay, and the staff of nurses will do everything possible to make the patients forget their sufferings in the enjoyment of the day.

Umbrellas Made, Re-covered, Repaired, Dual, 17 Waterloo Street.

ALDERMANIC MATINEE.

CHIEF OF POLICE, CLARK FURNISHES THE ENTERTAINMENT.

By His Replies to Many Questions and His Attempted Explanation of Many Acts of His—He Denied That Officer Boyle was Requested to Re-ign—The Fact.

An aldermanic matinee!

That is what it was and the chief of police was the actor who furnished the entertainment.

In consequence of the general and unfavorable criticism that followed several of his recent appointments the chairman of the board of safety called a special meeting of that body for Tuesday afternoon and when the call to order was made there was an interested gathering.

The chief of police was present and nervous, while those who "wanted to know" sat around the big committee table ready for any and all information and to pop an awkward question at any time.

There were lots of them asked and answered before the meeting closed and the chief spent a trying hour under the cross fire of queries that were flung at him.

He went prepared for the occasion, only instead of books he had a written statement which recited the orders from the council he had received and declared the way he had carried them out. He read this document when called upon and most, if not all of it was stale news for the aldermen.

What they wanted to find out was why the chief, after getting instructions from the director of safety to appoint a senior special to fill the place of officer Gilson, resigned, ignored the order and appointed a man who did not live in the city and who had to take out a license before he donned his uniform.

And when they got the chief's answer it was a surprise to them. For all anybody knew outside of the chief himself, Gilson was at that time the only man who had left the force but according to the chief at that very time he had another resignation up his sleeve—that of Officer Burke.

The surprising answer that he gave the board Tuesday as to why he had not appointed a special in place of Gilson, was that he did appoint a special, Officer Lee. This was a poser and brought a lot of aldermen to their feet at once to declare that Lee had been on the regular force for a long time. But the chief said he hadn't and Alderman Smith, one of the representatives of the West side, where Lee belongs declared emphatically that he had understood from Lee a year or two ago that the chief had made him one of the regular

force and Alderman Stackhouse, another representative of the West side, who was not present at the meeting but whom PROGRESS saw later, indignantly denied the chief's statement and repeated a conversation he had with that official just before the appointment of Special Officer Johnston as a regular. He said he spoke about Lee then, not being quite certain that he was a regular, and the chief laughed at him and said that Lee had been on the regular list for a long time.

Incredulity that was very apparent marked the countenances of the aldermen as the chief made the statement about Lee and the pertinence, searching and embarrassing question was put to him as to whom he notified of Lee's appointment.

"Did you notify the director of safety, chief?"

"No, I did not," was the reply.

"Did you notify Lee himself that he had been promoted?"

"No, I can't say that I did," said the chief.

"Then you just appointed him in your own mind?"

Of course there wasn't any reply to be made to this but the nature of the first explanation was not as satisfactory as the aldermen had hoped for and a disposition began to be shown at once to give the witness no quarter. And the inquiry proceeded thus.

"Well if Lee took Gilson's place whose place was Sullivan appointed to fill?"

"Officer Burke who resigned" said the chief.

"But Sullivan was appointed on the 13th and sworn in on the 14th. That was before Burke resigned."

"Now that is something that I want to explain to you" said the chief. "Burke signed his resignation on the 13th but it was dated the 14th."

A broad smile was on the features of the aldermen at this apparent explanation and the chief hurriedly went on. "The facts of Officer Burke's resignation are simply these. I called him into my office and told him that he was too dull. Poor fellow, he couldn't help it but his sight was bad though the story that he had been dismissed because he failed to recognize me on the street was all nonsense."

Here is where the chief and Burke differ. The latter gives the conversation between himself and the chief and one would imagine that even if he was as dull as the chief says he is he would be interested in remembering what was said.

Up to this time Alderman Maxwell had been in a quiet mood and had not said much but at this stage he began to try and get at the root of the matter, following up each move of the chief carefully. Speak-
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Lashed Her Husband.

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—A very unusual scene was witnessed at the corner of North and Lockman streets, one evening quite recently. The interested parties were a man and his wife, and the wife of another party. It is very seldom that Halifax has to record a public horse whipping case, but such an episode occurred on the night in question. From what can be learned about the affair, it was justified, and the party who received the whipping deserved it. The man who received the whipping is an employee at a north end brewery, and he has a wife and six children residing on North street. It appears that of late he has been neglecting his home in more ways than one. Every morning he would dress up in his best, leave the house, and that would be the last seen of him for several hours. His wife heard several stories about him keeping the company of other women, but she at first turned a deaf ear to them all, as she was under the impression that her "bubby" was a good and true man. The stories set her thinking however, and finally she became suspicious that everything was not all right, so on the evening referred to, she decided to watch him. As soon as the husband went out one door the wife went out another, and she traced his "little footsteps in the snow don't you know." She armed herself with a good stout horse whip in case that there would be any trouble, and before she returned home she had occasion to use it, and she did so with good effect.

Near the corner of Lockman street, her

better half halted, and paced up and down in that vicinity for a short time, while the wife stood in the background and awaited developments. By and by a veiled female appeared on the scene and after exchanging a few words with the other woman's husband, she took his arm, and the pair were soon quietly sauntering off together. His wife who had taken in all the proceedings, fairly jumped with joy, as the long looked for opportunity had come at last. Across the street she went rapidly and walked smartly up behind the couple who were utterly unconscious of her presence, until she confronted them. By this time her temper was up, explanations were of no avail, and she brought the whip down with tremendous force upon her poor husband's head several times in quick succession. The couple were so completely taken by surprise that they could hardly move and it was not until the other female got a cut across the face that she started to get a move on. Once she got under way it did not take her long to reach home and thus avoid further punishment. The hubby was in for it however, and he was obliged to remain and take his medicine. He was as meek and as mild as a child at being caught out, and did not even make the slightest effort to calm his infuriated better half. When he reached home in her company hostilities were again renewed, and continued for some time after. The woman who was the cause of all the trouble has a husband, so it is understood, employed at the Dockyard.

Drawing the Color Line.

HALIFAX DEC 22.—The agitation over the disreputable houses on Brunswick street has subsided to some extent. The police are making a feint at the closing up of the objectionable houses, and the action taken seems to have satisfied those who were the prime movers in the matter. It is almost laughable the way the Police Commission conducts its sittings in connection with this special matter. Previous to this trouble it was always very difficult to obtain any information whatever about the doings of this special body of three, but in the case referred to it was no trouble to get all the information that was desired. The change has been a very noticeable one, and the public cannot help being surprised at the suddenness of it. All the business transacted was freely given out, with the expressed idea that it would ensure publication. This was mainly done to satisfy those who were clamoring for reforms. Why the commission even went so far as to give in advance the lice of action that it was going to take—a most unusual precedent. It was sent out as a sort of a warning to those upon whom a dead set was about to be made. The battle was opened by three uniformed officers patrolling up and down in front of the houses in question. For one night only were they there, since then the number has dwindled down to one, and it is expected that ere long he will be remembered. The color line seems to have been very distinctively drawn, and only those females of darker shades, also of

ways, have suffered as a result of the crusade, that has been commenced. The commission was going to do wonders with the civic employee who made the statement that he could clear all those houses of their occupants within a month, if he was not hampered in his duty by his superiors. His name was ascertained, he was to be dismissed upon the spot. The commissioners went so far as to hold an investigation, and if possible obtain the name of this man. If they ascertained they kept it quiet, and he is still on the force. It is the general impression that his name was learned, and that the commission thinking there was more truth than fiction in his statements, decided not to molest him in any way, for fear of stirring up the bottom. Another very peculiar incident in connection with this so-called spasm of virtue is that a few months ago the commission told delegation after delegation that it was powerless to act, as there was no way this class of people could be got at. The legislature has not met since, and it seems very strange where the lawful means were obtained in such a short time. Ald. Hubley claims that the commission makes laws of its own to suit special purposes. He further openly stated that orders are given the police in direct violation of an act of the legislature, which governs the duties of police officials. The alderman referred to is kept pretty well informed of the inner workings of the police department, but is generally understood that he obtained his "tips" from one who has some connection with it.