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Address to Halifax County Court Judge Johnston.

On Saturday morning, at the opening of the County Court, (with a full attendance of legal gentlemen,) H. McD. Henry, Q. C., Vice-President Barristers' Society, arose and read the following address:

To the Hon. JAMES W. JOHNSTON, JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT: YOUR HONOR,—

We, the undersigned members of the Bar of Nova Scotia, and practitioners in the Court over which you have the honor to preside, desire to tender you our sincere congratulations on the favorable issue of the delicate and painful operation which you were lately compelled to undergo.

We learn with pleasure that the operation was successfully performed, and that you have every prospect, with care and attention, of ultimately entirely recovering the use of your eyes.

We feel that your condition is in great measure owing to the zeal and unremitting care, labor and attention, you have always bestowed on the vast mass of business with which you have been so constantly pressed.

We advert with much pleasure to the fact that while a large amount of business—business of great importance as regards both suitors and practitioners—has been brought before your Honor, sitting as a Court, and as a Judge, and while you have had additional burthens, in the shape of Insolvency business, thrown on you for adjudication—and with a vast amount of Chamber business constantly before you—it is a matter of congratulation that you have so completely succeeded in disposing of the same.

We cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the hope that the Government may take into favorable consideration your past services, and the great amount of work which you are called on to perform, and that in the near future those services may be more substantially remunerated than at present they are.

We take this opportunity of expressing to your Honor the high sense the Bar practising before you entertain of the great energy, learning, ability and research exhibited in the numerous judgments you have delivered, and of the untiring and persevering industry which has enabled you to dispose so satisfactorily of the vast mass of matters and causes on which you are called to adjudicate.

We hope that you will, ere long, entirely recover your eye sight, and that you may long be spared health and ability to discharge in the future as you have in the past the duties of the important position you so worthily fill.

[Signed by Attorney-General, the President of the Bar Society (J. N. Ritchie, Q. C.), and over 50 Barristers.]

To which the Judge made the following reply:—

GENTLEMEN,—It is with pleasurable emotions of no ordinary kind, that I accept the very flattering address with which you have honored me.

A Judge may not unnaturally find himself more free to accept a congratulatory address from the gentlemen practising before him when about to retire from his judicial position and lay aside his robes of office, than while in the active discharge of his duties—lest his judgment might be unconsciously influenced by any consideration that ought not to enter into a judicial decision.

But, gentlemen, no such feeling restrains me on this occasion, for your address signed as it is by so large a number of the members of the profession, and couched in language, the sincerity of which may not be questioned, assures me that though compelled continually to decide contrary to the contention of some members of your body, yet I have notwithstanding fortunately succeeded in gaining and retaining the esteem of all.

The recollection of the sympathy so freely expressed at the time when I was compelled to place myself under surgical treatment in the hope of regaining my sight, was a source of no little comfort while absent, and the patience which you have exercised since my return, merits and has my sincere thanks. I have reason to be grateful at the success of the delicate operation I underwent, and I trust before long to be able to perform all the duties devolving upon me as Judge of the County Court.

Respectable, in part at least, for the act establishing in this Province County Courts, and satisfied that these tribunals were a necessity to the due administration of justice, I accepted, though with many misgivings as to my fitness for the office, the responsible and important position of Judge of this metropolitan city and county, with a resolute determination by untiring assiduity to popularize the court, and make it

a real and felt benefit to the community, and that I have not wholly failed in the attempt, the appreciative sentiment embodied in your address, though largely in excess of my deservings, and the vast amount of business to which you refer, that flows into the court, afford gratifying proof; but gentlemen, my efforts would not have attained this result had they not on all occasions been ably seconded by the members of the Bar.

The duties of a Judge sitting alone are necessarily onerous, and his responsibilities are largely increased from the fact that he is obliged to rely entirely upon himself, unaided by consultation with brethren of the Bench; but, gentlemen, the knowledge of your generous estimate of my exertions, while it induces forgetfulness of the labours of the past, will also tend to lighten the judicial cares of the time to come. And I assure that I shall assume my official functions strong in the confidence that I can count on your continued assistance in my endeavors to render the County Court increasingly useful and respected.

And now, gentlemen, again thanking you for your very kind and cordial address, permit me to hope that you may one and all succeed in obtaining your full share of the rewards and emoluments which the noble profession you have espoused—a jealous mistress—holds in reserve for those who worship at her shrine with unwavering fidelity.

[The eloquent and feeling remarks of the learned Judge were received with appreciative applause.]

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"Yes, it's the great evil of the day, no doubt, the great instigator of crime, the occasion of sorrow, and the cause of sin. All you say is true, deacon, and a great deal more—in temperance is the worm that gnaws at the root of our flourishing tree of modern civilization, and the liquor traffic is the stream that constantly feeds the worm. But, then, what's to be done about it? I'm not by nature a reformer. I wish all manner of success to those who are, but I have my business interests to think of. I can't afford to mix myself up with an unpopular reform."

The next call the good deacon made was upon a man of letters.

"You don't begin to know anything about it, deacon," said this one. "Literature is colored with the evil, ancient romance and poetry weave a halo of rainbow colors round the wine-cup, and modern history presents a bountiful harvest from such seed-growing. Look at the men of genius who have been bitten by the poisonous serpent, the mighty intellects that have been buried, as the old English monarch wished to be, 'in a butt of Malmsey wine.' It's enough to make one's blood boil with indignation and one's eyes stream with tears to think of the wrecked mental greatness that is traceable to strong drink."

"Then why don't you use your fire-tipped pen, and hurl anathemas in 'thoughts that breathe and words that burn' against the evil thing?" "Oh!" said the other, smiling blandly, "that isn't my business. I am engaged upon a life long work, the comparison of Egyptian hieroglyphs with Cuneiform inscriptions. I hope to make some wonderful discoveries, and lay posterity under a vast burden of obligation before I die."

"I am so glad you have won your election," said the deacon to his old friend, the member of the Legislature for his native town: "You will have just the chance you have always desired, to let your principles upon the temperance question tell; we shall look for a great lift to our cause when you are in the State House."

"Now, deacon, you must not expect impossibilities; I'm a temperance man, always have been, as you know, but I can't go against my constituency. It's the business of a public man to fairly represent those who put him into office. In the peculiar position of our party just now, conciliation and harmony are of the utmost importance. There are leading questions of great interest at stake, the tariff, civil service, etc.; to intro-

duce a side issue of this kind would be disastrous in the extreme, both to our party and to my future prospects, I gave my word—tacitly, of course, but none the less really—that I would not let any private interests or opinions collide with the platform of our party. Besides, I don't think this is exactly a question for legislation; 'you can't make a man virtuous by act of parliament,' you know. You and the philanthropists stick to your blessed work, and when my term of office is over I will help you—just now my business lies in another direction."

"Oh, dear!" sighed the deacon, as he sought his pastor's study for sympathy and help, "how different things do look from different standpoints—circumstances certainly do alter cases."

His conversation with his pastor was long and interesting. Rev. Mr. ——— asserted that the drink-curse was the chief obstacle in the way of the success of the gospel and the establishment of Christ's kingdom all over the earth.

"Men can't repent and believe when they are drunk," he said; "nor can a man be consecrated to God's service who makes his living out of that which destroys other men, body and soul. How hard is it to draw out our young men into the fold of the church, and to bring them to walk in the paths of nobility and virtue, when we work in competition with the 'saloon influence' which meets us at every corner. Then, too, when we do succeed in lifting the vicious and degraded to the light, how often they sink again under the strength of temptation which to their weakened will and debased physical nature proves irresistible. Besides, there is the mission field. Christianity and liquor go there hand in hand. Civilization offers the Bible with one hand, rum and whiskey with the other, and fallen nature of course accepts that which is most congenial, save in the comparatively few instances where omnipotent grace is stronger than man's selfishness and sin. I verily believe that if intoxicating liquor was banished from the earth, the millennium would dawn the next morning."

"Then," said his visitor, with a glad light filling his eyes, "I am sure you will accede to my request, and at once preach a series of temperance sermons which, from your position, eloquence, and known consecration, will be of great weight in the community."

"Why, no," said the minister gravely. "I have my own idea about these things, and one must act up to his own convictions of duty you know. I think it is a minister's one duty to preach 'Christ and him crucified'; if he turns aside to anything else he is untrue to his ordination vows. Make the root holy, and all the branches and fruit will be holy also. Reforms are lay-work; you have my full sympathy and my most earnest prayers—go ahead and prosper; as for me, like Paul, 'this one thing I do.'"

Our poor deacon could not but acknowledge the force of his pastor's reasoning, but he went away sorely puzzled as to whose business it was to press forward the temperance reform. For himself he saw but one step to take, and he took it. Looking himself into the little room which was both study and office, he threw himself upon his knees and solemnly vowed to make it henceforth the business of his life to fight the greatest of all curses—the liquor traffic with its consequences, at no matter what sacrifice to himself. Would that multitudes who read this sketch would "go and do likewise."—N. Y. Observer.

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