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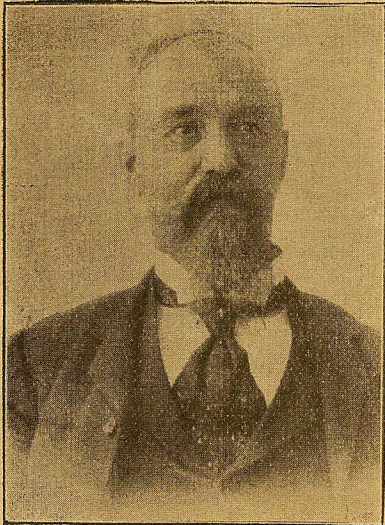
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## FAREWELL RECEPTION.

CITIZENS OF NEWMARKET TENDER A. J.  
NICHOLS A PARTING RECEPTION AND  
BANQUET.



AMBROSE J. NICHOLS.

One of the most successful events in Newmarket's social circle for many years was the farewell reception and banquet tendered Ambrose J. Nichols, agent of the Newmarket Manufacturing Co. for the past 22 years, which was held in Pythian and G. A. R. hall last Monday evening.

It occurred to some of the business men in town that before Mr. Nichols' departure from Newmarket the citizens should in some way show him how much they appreciated him and how much they regretted his departure from Newmarket. Consequently the following resolution was drawn up, which was signed by over 150 business men and prominent citizens of the town.

To MR. AMBROSE J. NICHOLS:—

We, the undersigned, citizens of Newmarket, improve this opportunity to convey to you an expression of the regard and esteem in which you are held by your fellow-townsmen. Your many acts of kindness have made for you a host of loyal friends, who earnestly desire that in your new home and surroundings you will meet with other friends, in whose minds and hearts will soon be found the same high appreciation for those virtues which strengthen the fraternal bond of a common humanity. In bidding you farewell, we assure you of our most earnest wish for your future prosperity and happiness. That you may enjoy in the fullest measure the remaining years of life, is the sincere wish of your many friends.

It was arranged that the above resolution should be presented to him at a reception and banquet given in his honor, and the date of the affair was set for last Monday evening.

Nearly 85 of the leading citizens of Newmarket gathered at Pythian Hall at about 8 o'clock Monday evening and an informal reception was held for about an hour. The company included nearly every business man and many of the overseers of the mills, besides friends and many prominent citizens. It would be almost impossible on any other occasion to gather together the same company as was present at this affair. At the conclusion of the reception the company adjourned to the hall below where a most elaborate banquet had been prepared, Bidde of Dover catering. After grace had been asked by the Rev. C. S. Young, all were seated at the banquet table where the following menu was served:

Escolloped Oysters.	Cold Roast Turkey.
Potato Chips.	
Shrimp Salad.	Chicken Salad.
Chicken Croquettes.	French Peas.
Wine Jelly.	Assorted Cake.
Vanilla Ice Cream.	

Fruit.

Coffee.

At the conclusion of the banquet cigars were lighted and Woodbridge W. Durell, in a few well-chosen words, introduced the toast-master of the evening, Charles E. Tasker. Mr. Tasker then presented to Mr. Nichols the written memorial, and made a few remarks as to the object of the gathering. Mr. Nichols replied briefly, but his manner showed that he was deeply moved by the good-will shown him, and that he appreciated it was very evident. The toast-master then called on Rev. T. E. Reilly, who spoke very eloquently of Mr. Nichols as he has known him for the past 15 years. Mr. Reilly was followed by Dr. S. H. Greene, T. M. Joy, Rev. J. C. Osgood, M. P. Barber, I. W. Doeg, Rev. C. S. Young, Dr. C. A. Morse, J. D. Aiken, I. T. George, Geo. O. Hodgdon, W. H. Small, Geo. E. Joy, Joseph Pinkham, W. W. Durell, J. M. Caswell, M. H. London and A. H. Place, all of whom made excellent remarks. Rev. C. S. Young, who had just returned from the Cottage Hospital at Portsmouth, gave Mr. Nichols and the company present the best wishes of Mr. Frank H. Pinkham, who would have been glad to have been present were he able. At the conclusion of the speechmaking all joined in singing "America" and "Auld Lang Syne," and after shaking hands with Mr. Nichols the gathering broke up, all wishing him much happiness and prosperity in his new home.

Much credit is due the ones who had the affair in charge for the successful manner in which each detail was carried out, and especial praise is due W. W. Durell, the originator of the idea.

Mr. Nichols was born in Coventry, R. L., March 13, 1834, and resided there the early part of his life. At the age of six years he entered the mills as a card tender and followed the cotton industry all his life up to the time of his resignation as agent of the Newmarket Manufacturing Co. When he accepted the position in Newmarket there were 906 looms in the mills—there are now 2344. During his management of the corporation five new mills have been built and the engines and water-wheels have been replaced by later patterns. In the 22 years that Mr. Nichols has been a resident of Newmarket the welfare of the town has always been in his mind, and he was always ready to assist in anything that would benefit the community.

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