

Coster and Turner founded the Shipping Company; we can read all about that, even to the names and tonnage of the ships, and the initials, if you like, of the boat-swain's mate - all this diligent research will discover to those who think it worth discovering; but how, except from the mouth of a son, could we hear that priceless story of the pioneer John Anderson humping a bar of iron on his shoulder over the trackless Port Hills and along the airy Ferry Road that he might in good time faithfully forge thereout the tongs and fire-irons still to be seen at O'Kain's.

There are still among us - not many it is true - some of the actual "Pilgrims", but many of their sons. Among them may be several with the same happy gift of narrative as is displayed in these addresses.

I can imagine no more useful work for the Rotary Club than to elicit such narratives and to preserve them among its records for future use to the community.

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