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They Are Standing on the Brink.

The World had the national foresight some years ago to advise the young men of this country not to become provincialists in our politics, but to try and take the National or Federal view of things. We preached that text day after day, and we believe it bore abundantly.

But at the beginning it required courage and much watering of the plant in order to the increase: for at that time Mr. Mowat rode triumphant after his victories on provincial issues in Ontario, and in Quebec Honore Mercier was the newly risen star of a great principle. "Freedom for the provinces to do as they liked" was the cry of both classes of the one faction in the two provinces. Mowat had a triumphant procession at one of his home-comings to Toronto from the British Privy Council, and farmers from Bruce and from Glengarry walked in his honor, but in honor of what none of them ever knew. They knew it was for "provincial rights," that was all. And Honore Mercier was in the procession. Soon thereafter this clever gentleman called his great Interprovincial conference at the Ancient Capital. There were Mr. Mowat and Mr. Hardy and all their colleagues, with pony premiers from the other provinces. There was a round of pleasures in honor of the event. The much-swindled Province of Quebec had to borrow the money to pay for the revelry and the display. And what did they do? Simply pass resolutions, some laudatory of themselves, others destructive of the idea of a grand, powerful and consolidated Dominion. Most destructive of all was a resolution that the provinces should do as they liked, that provincialism was the weed to be nurtured and cultivated and that the Dominion treasury was to be a common raiding ground.

And what came of it all? Rielism was the flower and the disgraceful state of affairs in Quebec to-day is the seed of that planting. Mr. Mowat and his organ have had to disown their "great Quebec provincial statesman," Mr. Laurier has had to repudiate him as much as he dare, and all the little premiers who assembled at the tournament at Quebec in honor of the Queen of Political Quackery desire nothing so much as to forget that they ever took part in the joust. If the young Canadian wishes to get at the facts of what we say, to corroborate what we say, let him go to the files of The Globe before, during and subsequent to the "conference" and he will find hundreds of columns of editorials devoted to this kind of newspaper mush.

How narrow was the escape the Dominion had of falling into Mercier's hands! Up to the revelation of the Baie des Chaleurs steal by Pacaud, Mercier & Co. Mercier was at the front of the fight that the Provincialists were making for control of the Dominion. He was the finder of funds for Laurier in Quebec, and he was the sender of inspiriting telegrams to "my brave comrades in Ontario." *He had committed Laurier hard and fast to a public declaration that Provincialism should triumph at Ottawa and that the Federal treasury should recoup provincial deficits if the Liberals succeeded in the fight.* That was what Ontario and the Dominion escaped. That was the kind of doctrine and the kind of political master that Mr. Mowat worked to give us. But Mercier has come into punishment and the Dominion has escaped. Nemesis will yet overtake Mr. Mowat. The annexation movement in his own county of Oxford is the first of his trials. It provoked his ten-column deliverance of a few days ago, much protestin g his loyalty, and it earned for him contemptible treatment at the hand of the Farrerized Globe. Other greater troubles are in store for him and will descend on his political roof. He can hear the wind rattling his shingles in the silent watches of the night.

Mercierism is found out and so is Provincialism. For Mercier little remains. He may triumph in Quebec again; we hope he may; for with his triumph goes the responsibility of putting Quebec on its feet and the worst we wish that province is that he may succeed. But we know he cannot. He is bound for Despair. If he succeeds in the appeal to the habitants he will fail when he tries to handle and restore the finances of a province that he and his gang plundered to the point of ruination; and if he should fail in the elections he will already have arrived at the point of Despair, and like all despairing politicians annexation will be the straw at which he will grasp.

Mercier will raise the torch of annexation in Quebec, and Farrer will fire the beacon in Ontario, and these two worthies will force Laurier in Quebec and Cartwright in Ontario to join them in the work of political incendiarism. And the whole of them will throw the taunt at Mowat.

And that will be the day when the young men of this country who are not Provincialists, but who are genuine Canadians and patriots, will rise and sweep this gang of political reactionaries and traitors into everlasting ignominy.

A Bad Beginning.

The Board of Health has begun its labors for the year in a way that cannot but be regarded as sinister and in the first ominous discharge of its functions the Mayor is found on the wrong side. The Medical Health Officer has declared that there is positive danger of using ice cut from Toronto Bay, saturated as it is with sewage. He advocates an absolute prohibition of ice-cutting on that sheet of water, except on the part of brewers and pork-packers. The icemen were much exercised over the threatened prohibition and brought all their influence to bear on last year's committee. Then they enlisted the butchers on their side and the joint influence has captured the mayor and the board, with the result that what may be looked upon as a compromise has been reached. The board will allow the cutting of ice for the use of butchers, if the butchers will enter into bonds that it will be used for cooling purposes alone. Dr. Allen made a final appeal that at least no dealer should be allowed to sell both qualities of ice, but this, as well as Dr. Orr's suggestion that they should not be delivered in the same wagon, were disregarded.

Are the members of the Board of Health including the Mayor, so simple as to believe that if a dealer has two kinds of ice in his storehouse, one more costly than the other, that he will not occasionally, just by accident of course, deliver to the householder the ice that Dr. Allen declares to be frozen sewage? Nor need we credit the ice dealer with unscrupulousness in doing this, as every man jack of them has expressed the belief that Toronto Bay ice is all right.

Dr. Allen has been asked by the Board of Health to designate places where ice may be cut. Believing as he does how can he conscientiously do this? He may guess that places farthest removed from the mouths of the sewers are safer than right beside them. But his selection of a spot in a body of water always in motion, full of currents constantly changing, must at best be but a blind selection. The doctor to be consistent should ask the Mayor and the committee to make the choice.

We can see where there is a good chance for an ice-dealer to capture the trade. Let him lay in a huge stock of ice of unquestioned purity and then advertise that he does not deal in contaminated bay ice. He can capture the householder's trade.

The Grip Knocked Out.

By indulging in plenty of outdoor exercise such as snowshoeing, the game of hockey, skating, etc. Pay a visit to warerooms of Messrs. H. P. Davies & Co., 81 Yonge-street, who are manufacturers and importers of all lines of sporting goods. Their stock is complete and well assorted, while the prices are quite within your reach. "An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure." Take exercise combined with pleasure, and keep your physician out of the house. 246

A Challenge.

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GENTLEMEN,—In 1888 I was severely afflicted with gravel of the kidneys, from which I suffered great pain. I was recommended to take Burdock Blood Bitters, which I did, finding great relief, and after taking 4 bottles can truly say I am cured and have not since been troubled. I highly recommend it.

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All Men, ed

Men, young, old or middle-aged, who are weak nervous and exhausted, broken down from over work or from any cause not mentioned, should send for and read the book of Lubon, a treatise on diseases peculiar to man. Sent sealed, secure from observation, on receipt of 10c. in stamps. Address M. V. Lubon, 50 Front-st. east, Toronto

50c. that pile of gloves reduced from 75c. $1.25 and $2 to 50c is going down. See them, Treble's, 58 King-street west.

Local Jottings.

The County Council meets on Tuesday next.

Inspector Stark and Sergt. Reburn are both confined to their homes suffering from la grippe.

John Kelly, for theft of a watch valued at $175, was yesterday sent to the Central Prison for eight months.

George Cutler, who has no home, was arrested yesterday by Detective Slemin charged with stealing a buffalo robe.

Since Jan. 1 40 deaths from influenza and pneumonia have been recorded in the City Clerk's office. Most of the cases of pneumonia have followed la grippe.

Mrs. Henry F. Price of Tadousac Bay, who spends the winter in Toronto, residing at 44 Sussex-avenue, fell in Yonge-street yesterday, breaking her leg in two places.

The Little Tycoon Social Club held their first at home of the season at the residence of Mr. Shambrook, Rose-avenue, on Monday evening last.

A wit chalked this on one of the big blackboards in the Board of Trade rotunda yesterday morning: "Second Vice—First, Rawhide; second, French Bonnet; third, One Ton Scranton."

George Pryer and William Hynes of Toronto Junction were arrested by P. C. Child yesterday charged with the larceny of several pairs of mitts and socks from some unknown person.

The Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America celebrated their first anniversary concert. Mr. Phillips presided. Refreshments were served during the intermission.

At Oliver, Coate & Co.'s auction rooms yesterday the three-masted schooner Sir C. T. Van Straubenzie was sold under the hammer. The buyer was Mr. Williams for $3060.

Pat Glenn is in custody charged with stealing $13 from George Jackson of Scarboro. The two were drinking together down in Little York and Jackson says that while thus occupied Glenn took the money out of his pocket.

Col. McKie, traveling commissioner for the Salvation Army, was escorted to the Union Station yesterday at noon with full army honors. The Colonel has gone to Montreal and will return in two months, when he will start on a tour round the world.

A despatch from St. John, N.B., states that John Tudhope, a commercial traveler from Toronto, was thrown from a carriage. He was considerably bruised about the head, the violence of the fall rendering him unconscious.

At the first meeting of the Women's Literary and Scientific Society of Toronto University, Miss Mackenzie presided. A debate on the subject, "Resolved, that humanity has been more benefited by science than by literature," was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Permits have been issued from the City Commissioner's office to R. M. Scott for erection of three attached two-story brick stores west side Dundas-street, south of Argyle-street, cost $7000; Henry Stevens, a detached two-story and attic brick dwelling, 93 Cowan-avenue, cost $2000.

In yesterday's report of the trial of Robertson, Racoby and Spearman, three men who were charged with stealing jewelry from a store in Queen-street, it was stated that all three were reinstated. Racoby and Spearman were reinstated, but Robertson was acquitted, as there was no evidence against him.

A concert and at home was held by the Toronto Musical and Literary Society on Tuesday night in their hall, corner Spadina and College. Dr. E. Herbert Adams, the president, was in the chair. An excellent program was provided by members of the society, Messrs. Abbs, Martin, Dr. McSparrow and Owen A. Smily taking part.

Surrogate court procedure took place yesterday in these estates: Augustus H. Whitney, $1556; John S. Hughes, Aurora, $6709; James Stitt, Toronto, $56,997. The latter estate consists of realty $34,000, cash in bank $15,897, money secured by mortgage $5000, bank shares and stocks $870, debts and notes $850, household goods $300, other property $100.

Oh, What a Delicious Cigar!

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HOW THE CHURCHES FARED.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR THE PRESBYTERIANS.

Meetings Held Last Night—The Year's Survey Satisfactory—But Renewed Efforts Must Be Made or the Balance Will Be on the Wrong Side—Salient Features of the Annual Reports.

There was a good turnout of members of Old St. Andrew's Church at the annual meeting held last night. Hon. G. W. Ross presided, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. G. M. Milligan. The report of the Board of Managers was, on the whole, satisfactory. The total receipts for the year ending Dec., 1891, was $8584.63 and the expenditure for the ordinary purposes of the congregation $7032.55. The contributions by envelopes amounted to $6866, compared with $6799 the previous year. The total actual receipts for 1891 showed an increase of $54.04 over 1890. Owing to the expenditure on drainage the capital account amounts to $7000 and the managers asked for power to consolidate into one mortgage the floating and the mortgage debts. The debt thus consolidated would aggregate something like $24,000. The desired power was granted. Number of pupils on the Sunday school roll 501, average attendance 298; largest number present any one day 355 and the smallest 168. The collections in the Sunday school aggregated $277.75, all of which was devoted to the schemes of the church. The young woman's Bible class has a membership of 176. It was pointed out that nearly all the members of this class were young ladies from the counties west and north of Toronto, particularly Grey, Bruce and Huron. It was decided to hold an annual picnic, and reports from the various schemes of the church were received and adopted. A resolution of condolence with the pastor at the recent loss of his wife and another of sympathy with Mr. John Leys in his illness were passed unanimously. Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. Joseph Oliver as manager; the ladies who looked after the collecting of money for the schemes of the church; and the choir. Messrs. John Leys, Peter McEachern and Dr. Peters were elected managers, and Messrs. Angus MacMurchy and John G. Kent auditors.

St. Andrew's, King-street.

The 61st annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church was held last evening in the lecture room. Mr. Middleton was chairman. The principal items of revenue were: Sunday collection (open), $1773; envelope, $3018; special collection, $448; from mission fund for St. Mark's, $423; subscriptions to repair and improvement fund, $200. The total receipts were $11,490. The chief items of expenditure were: Stipend and salaries, $5850; interest, $1517; St. Mark's (int.), $847; choir service, $687; repairs, $105; pulpit supply, $660; general expenses, $1369; total expenditure, $11,490. The debt of the church has been increased by $710, and the amount of the floating debt is now $6753. As a means of bettering the financial position of the church it was resolved that as far as possible the weekly collections should be doubled. The St. Andrew's Institute building fund reports $3744. Mr. Justice Maclennan was appointed trustee of the church property in place of the late Mr. Kay. There were 31 transactions at the penny savings bank in advance of last year, representing an increase in amount of $602. The attendance at the night school averaged 86. The gymnasium has proved a source of great attraction. The club and reading room have been carried on as formerly. The work of the Sunday school, mothers' meetings, etc., was dealt with. The officers of the church for the current year are: President, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell; 1st Vice-President, Mr. J. D. Hunter; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. S. T. Bastedo; Secretary, Mr. J. McMillan, jr.; Association Treasurer, Mr. Alex. Hay; Bank Treasurer, Mr. George Steele; Auditor, Mr. W. R. Rogers. Executive Committee—Messrs. George T. Biddell, F. C. Tisdelle. Finance Committee—Messrs. Strachan, Kay, Rogers. Bank Committee—Messrs. D. Macgillivray, George Steele. The report of St. Andrew's Sunday School showed that the average attendance at the branch school while it has been open was 44, the total offerings $57. The average attendance at the main school has been 149 and the total offerings $214. The total offerings of the schools was $299. The total amount raised by the church last year for all purposes was $27,000. Of this there was given for congregation purposes $9257, for missionary, educational and benevolent objects $17,743.

College-street.

The annual congregational meeting of College-street Presbyterian Church was held in the lecture room of the church last night, the pastor, Rev. Alexander Gilray, presiding. The various reports showed that the congregation and the societies connected with it are in a prosperous condition. The report of the session showed that the church membership had increased from 730 to 780 during the past year, and the offerings have been proportionately larger than in the past. The treasurer's report shows that the receipts from all sources for 1891 were $7470.24, a considerable increase over the amount received in 1890. During the year a new organ has been placed in the church, at a cost of $3000. The Sabbath school in connection with the church is one of the strongest in the city, having a membership of 587 and an average attendance for 1891 of over 400. There is also a large Bible class, which has been very successful in the past year. The receipts for the Sabbath school and Bible class were $651.54, and the expenditure $580.62. A new Sabbath school building is in contemplation as the present building does not provide sufficient accommodation. The election of office-bearers for the ensuing year resulted in the following gentlemen being chosen: Managers, Messrs. A. B. Smith, Dr. Gordon, J. Smith, T. Wood, jr., and Dr. Bentley for three years and Mr. James Brown for one year. The trustees are Messrs. Melville, Sorley and Dalby, and Messrs. Gardner and C. Smith were elected auditors. Mr. C. R. Peterkin was re-elected as treasurer of the building fund.

St. Mark's.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, corner of King and Tecumseh-streets, was held last night. The pastor, Rev. J. G. Stuart, was in the chair. The treasurer's report was received and adopted. It was found that the congregation was on a sound financial basis. Owing to the sickness of the secretary and treasurer of the managers a report was not presented. The secretary of the Sabbath school presented his report, and also that of the treasurer, both of which were found to be satisfactory and were received and adopted. The secretary, Miss P. Smith of the Women's Foreign Mission Society, presented her report, which was received and unanimously adopted; also the treasurer's report in like manner. The reports of the secretary, Miss B. Hodgson of the Ladies' Aid Society, and Mrs. McLellan, the treasurer, were also received and adopted. On account of the illness of the president of the Christian Endeavor Society a report was not presented. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. This was the result: Auditors, Messrs. John White and J. T. Pattison; managers, Messrs. Dale, Hodgson, McLachlan, Haynes, Winning, Urquhart, Kirkness, Wolfe, Mitchell. Printing Committee—Messrs. McQuillan, Pattison, Dale. Collections for the year amounted to $1812.33, and the expenditure, to $1763.93. The result was a very satisfactory and successful one.

Westminster, Bloor-street East.

The annual meeting was held for the first time in the new church, a handsome edifice erected, as shown by the Building Committee's statement, at a cost of $64,492.40. There were 107 names added to the roll during the year, bringing the total membership up to 512. The weekly receipts for the year amounted to $5439.69, and after meeting all ordinary expenditure there remains a balance of $32.23. The total receipts from all sources, except the Missionary Association and for building fund, were over $10,000. The reports from the various organizations were very good, those of the Ladies' Aid Society and Christian Endeavor showing these societies to have been exceptionally active. The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the trustee board for two years: George T. Ferguson, George A. Chapman, James Bain, jr., Robert Barron, James Gunn, E. N. Brown, James Scott. The following were elected to serve for one year: R. A. Nesbit and John J. Kelso. Mr. James Brown made a capital chairman.

Bloor-street West.

The fourth annual meeting of this congregation was held in the school room last night, the pastor, Rev. W. G. Wallace, presiding. The statements read by the church officers were gratifying and encouraging. The expenditure during the past year was fully covered by the income, which, exclusive of missionary contributions, amounted to $8690.42, being nearly $1500 in excess of that of last year. The membership is now 607, as against 495 at the end of 1890. Messrs. W. J. McMaster, W. S. Thompson, R. A. Donald, R. Mitchell, S. F. Webster and J. M. Clark were elected managers, with Messrs. R. J. Hunter, William Davidson, M. Langmuir, Thomas McCraken, John Harvie and Andrew Muirhead, whose term of office has not yet expired, and Messrs. James McIntosh and T. W. Gibson were reappointed auditors. The reports of the Missionary Committee and of the superintendent of the Sunday school showed marked growth in both these branches of church work. Early in the evening, before the business meeting commenced, refreshments were served in the basement by the ladies of the congregation and this new feature seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed by those who availed themselves of it.

Bonar Church.

The second annual meeting of this young and growing congregation was held last evening. There was a large attendance of members present. The pastor, Rev. A. Macgillivry, presided, and Mr. W. D. Crammond acted as secretary. Reports were presented by the Session, Board of Management, treasurer, Sunday School, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, Mission Band and Women's Aid Society. The Session report showed a membership of 118, an increase of 54 in the last seven months. The Sunday School has a membership of 250, an increase of over 100 per cent. during the year. The Sunday school revenue amounted to $129. The Sunday school is growing rapidly. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor report a membership of 37. Active work in the way of distributing cards and flowers, calling on the sick and the stranger, and holding prayer meetings, was carried on with efficiency and enthusiasm. The Mission Band, recently organized, has a membership of 60 and hold fortnightly meetings that are well attended. The report of the treasurer, Mr. Scott, showed total receipts $2054 and expenditures $2052, leaving a balance on hand of $2. The following Board of Managers was elected for the ensuing year: Messrs. Black, Mann, Webb, Crawford, Johnston, Jackson, Crammond, Lochrie, Barton, Scott, Seath and Gandier. Messrs. Lang and Cumming were elected auditors for the ensuing year. The question of enlarging the present building was considered and a committee was appointed to make enquiries, procure estimates and report at a subsequent meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the choir, the leader, Mr. Jaffray, and Miss Jessie Rankin. Votes of thanks were tendered the other officials of the congregation and the pastor for presiding.

St. James' Square.

The annual congregation meeting of St. James square church was held in the school room last evening and was largely attended. Owing to illness Dr. Kalloge was unable to be present. Mr. Robert Kilgour the chairman in opening the meeting said that the pastor was greatly improved in health and would likely occupy his pulpit next Sabbath. During the past year 62 members had been added to the roll by certificate and confession of faith, which with a loss of 32 makes the total membership on roll 706 as against 676 at the end of 1890. The total receipts for missionary and benevolent purposes were $9091.84, a gain of $475.19 over 1890. The receipts for ordinary congregation purposes for the period under review, as compared with the year 1890, are as follows: 1891, $8372; 1890, $8850; deficit for year $73.20, which, with balance due treasurer last year, makes a total deficit of $549. There was a considerable falling off in the weekly open collections and offerings as compared with the previous year. The closing of the church during the summer months, however, no doubt explains this deficiency. Total receipts for all purposes amounted to $19,567.

The managers elected were James Bulk, Robert Darling, W. D. McIntosh, Alexander Nairn, H. W. Nelson, John Paton and R. C. Steele.

Parkdale Presbyterian Church.

Mr. J. B. Harris presided at the meeting of the Parkdale Presbyterian Church in Dunn-avenue. The financial statement showed that the total receipts of the church during the past year amounted to $9188, including the balance of $1031 from 1890. The disbursements amounted to $8885, leaving a credit balance in the treasury of $302. The estimated revenue for the ensuing 12 months is placed at $7540, and the estimated expenditure at $7375. It was decided to make the minister's stipend $2350, which is an increase of $350. The congregation expressed its appreciation of the caretaker's services by voting that officer an extra $50 for the year 1892. The meeting then adjourned till next Wednesday evening, when the remainder of the business will be transacted.

East Presbyterian Church.

The annual meeting of the East Presbyterian Church in Oak-street was largely attended last evening, and it was presided over by Dr. Bryant. The session report was presented by Rev. J. M. Cameron, pastor of the church. During the year 91 new members were added to the roll, and the total number is now 515. There were 25 baptisms and five deaths in the 12 months just passed. The congregation subscribed $106.66 for the relief of the poor, and of this $105 was disbursed. A new feature of church work was the women's weekly prayer meeting, just established. The large Bible class, under the instruction of Mr. Samuel Arnold, made satisfactory progress. Mr. Shearer, the secretary, read an interesting statement of figures. He gave the total receipts for the year as $6674.21 and the expenditure as $680 less. The church collections were $5193, the ladies collected $320, the Young People's Association $100 and the choir $310. The debt on the church was reduced $500. The estimated expenses for 1892 amount to $6448, or $124 per week. Mr. James J. Cowan read the mission report. For this purpose $264 was collected, a slight advance on the record of the previous year. The Ladies' Auxiliary contributed $119 and the Steady Stream, a juvenile organization, $16 to the foreign missions. Mrs. I. Caiross presented the statements of the last two named societies. The number of names on the Sunday school roll is 519 and the average attendance 422. The receipts were as follows: Mission Society $151, Sunday school $195, other sources $118; total $465. The expenditure was $60 less.

West Presbyterian Church.

Mr. James Watt officiated as chairman at the annual congregational meeting of West Presbyterian Church. The report stated that during the year 171 new members had joined the church, while there had been 26 deaths during the same time. The present membership is 645. It was resolved to have the Board of Management elected by ballot, and slips will be given to those entitled to vote next Sunday. The result of the vote will be made known from the pulpit the following Sunday.

Excursion to City of Washington.

Arrangements have been made for two popular low rate excursions to Washington, D.C., one on Feb. 2 and another on March 1. The fare for the round trip from Suspension Bridge to be $14. Train will leave Suspension Bridge at 4.40 p.m., arriving in Washington at 1.42 p.m. next day. Tickets are via New York both ways, and are good to stop at New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia returning. Reduced rates have been made for side trips to Mount Vernon, Richmond, Old Point Comfort and other interesting resorts adjacent to Washington. Reduced rates have also been arranged for at the principal hotels in Washington. For further information apply to Edson J. Weeks, general agent, 1 Exchange-street, Buffalo, N.Y.

The General Assembly Will Decide,

Editor World: I notice by your New York despatches that the doctrine of infant damnation has been eliminated from the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Will you please say if this extends to Canada and if it is retroactive? ANXIOUS PARENT.

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CANADA V. THE STATES.

Opening Lecture by the Headmaster of the Boys' Model School—All About "Practice Teaching."

The opening lecture for the present session in the Toronto Normal School was delivered yesterday afternoon by Mr. Augus McIntosh, headmaster Boys' Model School.

These were present: Dr. Carlyle, who acted as chairman in the absence of Principal Kirkland, who is suffering from the prevailing epidemic; Dr. Ross, Minister of Education; Mr. Hughes, Senior Inspector of city schools; Mr. Fotheringham, Inspector of public schools for South York; Mr. Chapman, Junior Inspector of city schools; Mr. Miller, Deputy Minister of Education; Rev. W. G. Wallace, M.A., Bloor-street Presbyterian Church; Mrs. George W. Ross, Mrs. Miller.

The following gentlemen made short addresses: Dr. Ross, Messrs. Hughes, Fotheringham, Wallace, Miller.

Practice-Teaching.

The lecture was based on observations lately made in some of the more important Normal schools in the States of New York and Massachusetts. An outline was given of the main features of the schools visited, and comparisons and contrasts made with Canadian training schools.

The chief functions of a practice school were stated to be: 1, To illustrate the principles of education taught in the theoretical department; 2, to give the students an opportunity of studying the nature of children in classes; 3, to develop teaching and governing power. It was not to be understood that the aim of practice teaching is to expose defects in teaching. Before being called upon to teach the students will have an opportunity to observe lessons taught by the regular teachers, but they were specially warned that these lessons were not intended as models to be slavishly followed and the necessity for naturalness in teaching was emphasized.

How to Teach a Lesson.

In some of the American training schools the practice is quite different. Minute pains is taken to furnish an outline or pattern of the way in which a lesson should be taught. The effect of this is to hamper students by the fear of departing from the prescribed order, and in that way the thought is more on the method than on the matter. American teachers are more concerned about how they are performing the work than about the progress of the pupils. One of the main questions should be, "How much have the children learned which they did not know before?" "It is possible to have a very logical method and yet to give a very inefficient lesson."

The main features of a successful lesson were given in detail, in which prominence was given to preparation, naturalness, willpower, questioning manner of the teacher.

How to Speak Well.

The ability of Americans to express themselves well is familiar to all, and it becomes an interesting study to examine some of the methods employed in school work in order to see to what extent schools and colleges have contributed and are now contributing to this desirable accomplishment. The following were found as efficient aids towards this end: 1, recitation; 2, continuous answering; 3, oral reproduction of choice passages; 4, platform exercises.

The subjects of writing and drawing were referred to briefly. American teachers, it was observed, do much better blackboard sketching than those of Ontario. To be able to sketch well is of first importance to a teacher, since the success of so many lessons depends on it.

Mr. McIntosh concluded his lecture by impressing upon the students the importance of professional training and by wishing them success during the term and at the final examination in June.

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to pay 10 cents for a cigar when you can get a Hero, equal to any 10 cent cigar made, for 5 cents. Try them; at cigar stores. J. Rattray & Co., Montreal.

Where, Oh! Where is He?

No. 2, the Grand Trunk midnight express, goes pretty fast, and any man who dismounts while she is in full swing takes big chances on his life. After this train had proceeded past Carleton on Tuesday night on its way to the St. Clair tunnel, a despatch was sent back stating that a man had jumped off the train at the Black Creek bridge. Yesterday two men were sent up to investigate, but they could find no trace of the man.

Oh, What a Cough! 246

Will you heed the warning? The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c. to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails.

Toronto's Invalids.

Ald. Shaw is improving slowly.

Judge Street's condition is improving.

Sir Alexander Campbell is improving.

Mr. Moss, Q.C., is laid up with la grippe.

Clerk of the Peace Bull has a very serious attack.

Ex-Mayor Clarke expects to be out in a few days.

Barrister McWilliams is not yet convalescent.

Broker Neil Smith is incapacitated through influenza.

Mr. George W. Kiely was much improved last evening.

Mr. Elgin Schoff is still confined to his room by la grippe.

The Attorney-General is still confined to his house by a cold.

Rev. Dr. Kellogg is still confined to his room with la grippe.

Principal Kirkland of the Normal School is down with the grip.

W. Adamson Bell of the City Clerk's office was laid up yesterday.

The condition of Bishop O'Mahoney was more favorable yesterday.

Rev. Dr. Pirritte, West Toronto Junction, was much the same last evening.

Two dozen policemen are off duty suffering from la grippe, influenza and severe colds.

Rev. F. King is very ill with an attack of influenza at the house of his son, Dr. J. S. King.

Improvements were yesterday evening reported in the condition of Ald. Bell and Leslie.

B. M. Armstrong of the Postoffice and some other officials have had a visit from la grippe.

City Clerk Blevins is getting the best of the grip, but is suffering from a touch of rheumatism.

School teachers, firemen and several hospital and prison officials are suffering from influenza.

Alexander Kirkwood, chief clerk of the Crown Lands Department, is seriously ill with influenza.

Police Court Clerk Curran Morrison, Chief Inspector Stark and Detective Reburn are sick with the grip.

Ald. Small was in his place yesterday at the Board of Health meeting, though struggling with a bad cold.

Dr. John S. King, who has been laid up with congestion of the lungs for the past 10 days, is slightly improved.

Mr. W. A. Reeve, Q.C., principal of the Law School, is sick with the grip and will not lecture again this week.

Principal Huston of the Woodstock Baptist College, formerly of the Toronto Collegiate Institute, is dangerously ill with typhoid fever.

Mr. A. Y. Blain, the popular clerk in chambers at Osgoode Hall, is suffering under a severe attack of the prevailing epidemic, la grippe. Mr. Blain is secretary of the Osgoode Hall At Home Committee and it is thought that his present illness was brought on, or at least hastened, by his arduous labors in that position. Mr. Blain's numerous friends will regret to learn that he was yesterday in a very critical condition.

ALL WINNOWED CHAFF.

THE PARAGRAPHERS' LAST TURN AT THE FANNING MILL FOR 1891.

Selected Items of Wit and Humor—The Scissor's Discernment in Clipping a Column of Quips and Puns of a Muchly Mixed and Minor Nature.

Not a Palatial Trip.—Smiley (appearing from man-hole in tender)—"How fur is it t' Milton?" The Fireman—"About thirty miles." Smiley—"I wish you'd ask his nibs at th' throttle t' blow back a little steam here. I'm most froze."

Where hard work kills one man worry buries a dozen.—Ram's Horn.

An orator likes to be called "breezy," but never windy.—Washington Star.

It is better to have loved and lost than never to have lost at all.—Binghamton Leader.

Bashful young men ought to practice sparking with dumb-bells.—Binghamton Republican.

There is a screw loose somewhere when a steamship has lost its propelling power.—Picayune.

You can't tell by the length of a man's face what he will do in a horse trade.—Ram's Horn.

It isn't safe to bandy words with a chemist. He is pretty sure to have a retort ready.—Lowell Courier.

Husband—"We must economize." Wife—"Well, dear, what do you want me to give up?"—New York Press.

Bachelors are creatures who have consulted their female relatives before venturing on matrimony.—Milwaukee Tribune.

Looking too closely at a dollar doesn't make it any bigger, but it very often makes the soul a good deal smaller.—Ram's Horn.

"There's a great art," says Mickey Dolan, "in knowin' what not to know when you don't want to know it."—Washington Star.

Client—"What makes you so certain that you will be able to break the will?" Lawyer (in a whisper)—"I drew it."—New York Herald.

"There is plenty of room at the top." That may account for the number of young business enterprises we read of "going up."—Yonkers Statesman.

At the Night School.—Teacher—"Now, give me your attention." Pupil—"You'll have to excuse me. I'm a street car conductor."—Boston Transcript.

Manager at the dime—"What's the matter with the bridge jumper?" Attendant—"He stepped off the platform and broke his ankle."—Minneapolis Journal.

She—"Oh, by the way, can you tell me, George—" He—"My darling, I know nothing about it. You seem to forget that I am a railroad man."—Boston Transcript.

She always used to shake my hand
With touch light as a feather;
Last night I said I loved her, and
She shook me altogether.
—Harper's Bazar.

Returned traveller—"How do you do, my little dear? Is your father still the rector of this church?" Little girl—"Oh, sir, He's been concentrated a bishop."—Good News.

Rare Sport.—Mabel—"Have you ever noticed how Polly Wanter is making game of young Mr. Cashly?" Maud—"If you mean that she's hunting him—why, yes."—Judge.

"What drove this poor man insane, doctor?" "He tried to figure out his wife's reasons for setting the clock ahead when ever she wished to get up early."—Washington Star.

An average man of fifty has spent 6,000 days, or nearly twenty years, in sleep. To a club man who sits up with poker that seems an enormous amount of time to waste in bed.—Picayune.

Dasher—"Why do you wear such awfully loud trousers, old fellow?" Masher—"So that I can't hear my tailor when he comes around to collect the bill, dontcher know."—Boston Courier.

Visitor—"Do you take notes when you preach, sir?" Country Parson (sighing)—"When I can get 'em. But in this parish it's mostly garden truck and a donation."—New York Herald.

"Prisoner, you are charged with neglecting your family." "It is all wrong, judge; all wrong. I haven't missed givin' 'em a good lickin' all round every day for a year."—Indianapolis Journal.

Caller—"Is your wife in, Mr. Nabor?" Nabor—"No, she has just run over to Mrs. Call's for five minutes. Can you spare the time to wait a couple of hours till she gets back?"—Yankee Blade.

Charlie (who has stayed late)—"Oh, Miss De Freeze, I've an idea." Miss De Freeze—"Well, an idea is not much good unless you carry it out." He took the hint and his hat.—Yonkers Statesman.

"Are you pretty well acquainted with your mother tongue, my boy?" asked the school teacher of the new scholar. "Yes, sir," answered the lad, timidly; "ma jaws me a good deal, sir."—The Critic.

"Skipley's partner's got onto what he was doing and he had to make himself scarce." "Ah! It's his scarcity, then, that led his partners to offer $10,000 for the capture of so worthless a person."—New York Sun.

Grocer—"Have you any references, young man?" Applicant (for job as salesman)—"No, sir, but I can tie up a package of sugar with a knot that the customer can't untie in half an hour." He got the job.—Chicago Tribune.

Prudent Papa.—He—"You said that I might learn my fate to-night." She—"Well, I spoke to papa and he told me to wait. He wants to consult a Mr. Bradstreet first, though I don't know him at all."—New York Herald.

Making a Long Story Short.—Husband—"What a splendid dinner you have to-night." Wife (complacently)—"Yes, dear, I thought it would please you." Husband "What kind of a dress are you thinking of getting?"—Life.

A Critical Point.—Harley—"But if I have the heroine die in the first act, what the deuce shall I do in the second, third and fourth acts?" Lumley—"Don't bother about that; the audience won't stay after the first."—Harper's Bazar.

Hicks—"We've got something new at our house—a machine to wash dishes." Wicks—"And how does it work?" Hicks—"Beautifully. It breaks on an average five dishes a day. Fact; you would hardly know it from a hired girl."—Boston Transcript.

Colonist Sleeping Cars.

The Grand Trunk Railway have resumed the running of second-class colonist sleeping cars between Toronto and North Bay. One of these cars will leave the Union Station at 11.15 p.m. daily, except Sunday, returning will leave North Bay at 7 p.m. daily except Saturday.

Six Years' Suffering.

DEAR SIRS,—I was troubled for six years with erysipelas, and two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters entirely cured me. I keep B.B.B. constantly in the house and think it an effectual cure for all diseases caused by bad blood.

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