

then took place, Mr. Whitelaw produced exhibit No. 16, stating that it was made *at the request of Mrs. Kinnear, who desired to have a receipt or acknowledgement for the money.* That this agreement was made at the instance of Mrs. Kinnear is clearly shown to be a false pretence. It is a shameful document, discreditable to all parties who have signed it, and Mr. and Mrs. Kinnear and their daughter are among the signers; but the circumstances show that so far as they were concerned, it is proof of the weak-minded yielding to superior influence.

That it was not made at their instance, or for their benefit, but for the benefit of others, is proved by the fact that Mrs. Kinnear had already obtained a receipt for the money, by means of the exhibit No. 21, which is in these terms: "Received from Mrs. Jas. Kinnear, jr., the sum of two hundred dollars, being payment to a missionary fund. Kinnear's Mills, Jan. 20th, 1900." Signed, "William Thompson and J. M. Whitelaw." And it is further proved by the fact that the exhibit No. 16 is made in duplicate, which Mrs. Kinnear would certainly not have required. The duplicate was later produced, and is the exhibit No. 24. It is in the hand-writing of Dr. Thompson, and No. 16 was copied from it, and is in the hand-writing of Miss Kinnear. They are as follows:

Jan. 20th, 1900.

We the undersigned promise to say nothing about Mrs. James Kinnear, jr., paying the two hundred dollars (\$200) for to replace the money lost, that was sent to Dr. Warden of Toronto, and that Mrs. James Kinnear, jr., pays this money, not that she feels any guilt in the matter, but merely to prevent trouble; *and nothing shall be said about what Mr. Whitelaw has said or done in the whole matter.*

J. M. WHITELOW.

M. M. KINNEAR.

WILLIAM THOMPSON.

EUPHEMIA KINNEAR.

JAMES KINNEAR, Jr.

W. WARCUP.

After the duplicates were signed they were both taken away from the Kinnear house by Dr. Thompson, who took them (along with the money) to Mr. Warcup, where they obtained his signature to them, and gave him the money. The fact that they obtained Mr. Warcup's signature to the bond to keep silence is certainly something done on behalf of Mr. Whitelaw and Dr. Thompson. One of the duplicates was afterwards returned to Mrs. Kinnear. It is worthy of notice that Mr. Whitelaw retained the one which was in Miss Kinnear's writing.

This payment seemed to terminate the whole matter. Over three weeks had elapsed since the departure of the Inspectors on the 28th of December, and nothing more had been heard of the charges being enquired into.