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Prof. Goldwin Smith, of Toronto, has given \$300 a year for four years for a St. Andrew's College boy to precede to the university.

Rev. J. G. Shearer, a A., secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, is in the city in connection with the bill now before parliament.

Sir Charles Tupper is fast recovering from his serious illness. The coming summer will probably see him, at 85, skipping blithely to and fro on the Atlantic, like that other octogenarian traveller, Lord Strathcona. Two of our grand old men!

Rev. D. Stiles Fraser, for the past three years manager of the Presbyterian Witness, resigns to re-enter the pastorate. His management has been characterized by energy and prudence. The paper will continue to be published at Picton; and arrangements are being made to secure a successor to Mr Fraser.

Mr. Laird is an intelligent layman, an elder of the Presbyterian church, and as such is well within his rights in criticizing the basis of union now before the churches. It is only by frank discussion we can reach satisfactory results. It would be useful to see a full report of his remarks, as of course the merest skeleton only is given above.

The Ontario Government has refused a request for a liquor license for a new hotel at Cobalt. Cobalt is now one of the most orderly mining towns in North America. Considering the circumstances of its growth and the character of its population, the respect for law and order shown there is remarkable. No doubt this happy state of affairs is due in a large measure to the fact that no liquor is allowed to be sold in the place. Is not this an object lesson in favor of the still further restriction of the liquor traffic?

The Roman Catholic bishops of Ireland have issued a circular to be read in all the chapels of the four provinces, warning the young generation against the evils of emigration. In view of the material benefits gained, and high positions reached by Irishmen who left their native land during the past fifty years or more, we should say that the bishops' circular will not keep a single man at home who would make a desirable settler in Canada, Australia or South Africa.

Alexander Graham Bell will present one of the first telephones, with which he conducted early experiments, to the city of Brantford, and it will be installed at the Bell homestead in the event of its purchase by the city.

Rev. R. E. Knowles, author of "St. Cuthbert's," returned on Friday last from North Carolina, where he has spent the month writing on his new novel, "The Undertow," which is to be published this summer in the United States by Revell Company, New York, and in Britain by Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh.

Principle Gardiner, of the Institution for the Blind, Brantford, is anxious that all blind children in the Province fit to become students at the Institute should have an opportunity to enjoy its advantages. The parents of such children should make it their duty to see that they are sent there. If not in a position to send them with clothes or travelling expenses, it is suggested that the municipalities or Government should supply the wherewithal. Are there any such children known to readers of The Dominion Presbyterian? If so send on their names to Principal Gardiner, Brantford.

It is pointed out that by May 1st, 150 hotels in Ontario will either be closed or conducted without any compulsory attention to the interests of the travelling public, many of them in localities which have no other accommodation for travellers. The commercial men propose to ask the government to amend the local option act so as to oblige any municipality adopting it to provide such accommodation. This would satisfy the travelling public and do much to strengthen the position of the temperance communities.

At the meeting on Church Union, held in Winnipeg last week, and referred to elsewhere in this issue, Hon. David Laird is reported to have taken strong objection to the clause in the polity leaving the form of church government to each congregation. He urged the point that this was not union, and that if left in this form would cause great trouble in final adjustment, as would also the method of appointing ministers, which he thought took away the self-governing power of the people, as the Presbyterians had been accustomed to. He would not stand for this.

The other night, says The Hamilton Times, Mr. Kelson lectured in this city on the value of a child, and it is safe to say that his lecture made many new friends for the Children's Aid Society. The work of saving the children has made much progress in this province since the Hon. J. M. Gibson first introduced his bill. Now there are few children to be found in our jails or penitentiaries. Children are not tried in open courts among other criminals, and parents who prove themselves morally unfit to look after their offspring have them taken from them, and placed in homes with proper surroundings.

Some may regret but many more will be glad to hear that Dowleism has probably come to an end in the "Windy City," as well as in the adjacent "Zion." says the Scottish American Journal. A few still profess to believe in Dowle's claims to supernatural authority and power, but the subordinates whom he left behind him in Zion to "run the business" think it is just as well now to take care of the cash. So they have taken possession of the cash box there and have informed "Elijah III." that his drafts upon "Zion" will not be honored unless his private deposits there (as distinguished from those of "Zion") are kept adequate for him to meet them. That intimation sounds the deathknell of Dowleism.

### THE TREATING HABIT.

Toronto recently elected to the Ontario Legislature an able and worthy man in the person of Mr. W. D. McNaught. One of his first acts was the introduction of a bill aimed at the treating system. As was to be expected, the small wits of journalism deride the measure; those interested in the traffic could hardly be expected to be enthusiastic. Yet the substance of Mr. McNaught's bill is perfectly sound and has done good service by bringing the general subject of treating under the lime light. The way the treating custom works is as follows: Four men, say, enter a bar-room; one treats the other in addition to taking a drink himself. All of the others, not wishing to look stingy, treat in succession; the result being that all four leave the bar-room after having taken the dangerous number of four drinks of intoxicating liquor each!

Mr. McNaught's bill may not pass at this time, but it will focus attention on the subject, and set people thinking. The treating system is evil, only evil, and that continually.

### IN COMMON HONESTY.

The phrase, "In common honesty," is not uncommon in speaking and writing; but it may be doubted whether the thing spoken of is as common as such a phrase takes for granted. Such revelations as those in the United States respecting insurance management and manipulation of legislatures by railway corporations; such incidents as that of the young man Banwell, who decamped with \$40,000 of the bank's funds, and such statements as those of great hotel proprietors in New York and elsewhere, as to constant small stealings of articles from the hotel rooms, even by guests, who apparently ease their consciences by terming their acquisitions "souvenirs," all these things, and others that might be cited, seem to indicate that honesty in things great and things small is not so "common," or at least not so universal, as ought to be the case. Where is the neglect? Is it at home? At the week-day school? At the Sunday School? Or in the pulpit? There must be neglect somewhere.

### DON'T PASS IT.

Perhaps the reason why so many people love to pass on some evil remark about another is a sort of feeling that to put another person down a notch is equivalent to being raised a notch ourselves. It is easy to pass an evil remark on, but it should be remembered that when it is once passed on it is beyond our recall.

If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale some one to you has told  
Abo' another, make it pass,  
Before you speak, three gates of gold.

These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"  
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind  
Give truthful answer. And the next  
Is last and narrowest—"Is it kind?"

And if to reach your lips at last,  
It passes through these gateways three,  
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear  
What the result of speech may be.

### TORONTO.

St. Andrew's church, Toronto, has added four new members to its session. On Sunday, March 18, Rev. Prof. Robertson was inducted, and Messrs. Angus MacMurchy, John King, K.C., and L. E. Embree were ordained and inducted to the office of the eldership. Rev. Prof. Ballantyne delivered the charge to the new elders, taking as his text St. Paul's words, "I magnify my office."

Rev. Robert Laird, general agent for Queen's University, is spending some weeks in Toronto in the interest of the endowment fund. The Presbyterians of Toronto have numerous demands on their liberality, nevertheless Mr. Laird is meeting with much encouragement, and it is hoped Toronto will yet contribute all that is expected.