

### The Examination Paper Scandal.

The inquiry into the theft of examination papers from the printing office of Hunter, Rose & Co., last June, and their circulation amongst Normal School students and others, has, at last, been brought to a conclusion. The investigation has been most thorough, and there is every reason to believe that the operations of the parties implicated have been conclusively traced. The principal facts proven are that the papers were stolen by a pressman, and through the medium of several persons, mostly printers, they found their way into the possession of about forty candidates, the majority of whom were students of the Toronto Normal School. It turns out that in addition to the pressman who stole the papers, three other members of the craft in Toronto are implicated in this unpleasant affair. One of the latter is said to have always borne a good reputation, and it is urged in extenuation that he had been out of employment for some time, and doubtless found it hard to resist the temptation to make a little money by the sale of the examination papers. The same excuse is not offered for the others, and it is to be hoped that all respectable printers will frown down any attempt to palliate their offence. Printers, as a rule, are jealous of their reputations, and we hope this scandal will make them purge their ranks of all who are in the slightest degree tainted. If this be not done, the end is not yet. Their work must pass to other and more honorable hands, and soon they will find their occupation gone. But we have no fear that the craft will suffer from this affair. There are too many honest, honorable and educated men in its ranks to allow such a stain to rest, let alone fix itself, upon their calling. Of course, in all ranks and stations of life and in all communities can be found the wolf in sheep's clothing, and why should the disciples of Faust expect to escape the blight brought on by the misbehaviour of a few. This affair teaches a lesson, and has a moral which employers should not be slow to understand. Let them be more careful in the selection of apprentices; taking only those who show superior moral and mental culture. Let them teach none the "art preservative" without they have shown in some way that they have been taught at least the initiatory principles of honor and honesty. And, then, when they enter the printing office, let them receive the proper instruction to render these principles

more substantial and themselves more able to resist temptation. Let them be taught (as we were) that it was one of the first and most important rules of the printing office that "everything in the office should remain in it," or, in other words, that during our communion with the outside world no allusion should be made to anything heard or seen in the office. A boy having this rule instilled into his mind in a proper manner is not likely to depart from it when he arrives at man's estate. If employers will give this moral a little more attention than they have done for some years past, there will be, we promise them, very few examination-paper-scandals to be investigated.

### That Agency.

We see Mr. Hugh Finlay underlined as the agent of the Dominion Type Foundry for St. John business! We had hoped to secure Mr. Finlay's services for ourselves. In any "case" we wish him luck.—*Printers' Journal*, Boston, Mass.

Thanks for your kind wishes, brother *Journal*, but we cannot allow the above statement to pass abroad without making a little note thereto. It is simply this: We are *not* the accredited agent for any one article or firm, that we know of, at present. *We are an agent for all who advertise with us.* This latter, we consider our bounden duty, and will be most happy to receive orders for any of them. We will even go out of our way, so far as time will permit, to recommend the articles, firms, etc., represented in our pages.

We publish to-day, among our obituary notices, the death of Mr. Henry J. Cooper, of Charlottetown, P. E. I. The deceased was a son of J. B. Cooper, Esq., of that place. He was only in his 38th year, and had been a sufferer for many years. He learned the printing business with his father in the *Monitor* office, and was, at one time, associated with his brother, James Cooper, in the publication of the *Weekly Bulletin*, in Charlottetown. For several years previous to his death he had been running a general book and job office on Water street. He was a young man of talent and a skillful printer, but physical weakness prevented him from giving that amount of attention to business which is necessary in these days of close competition. He leaves a wife and several children behind him. We sympathize with his family and friends in their bereavement.