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"It is our duty to spread the gospel abroad in a self-chosen, but divinely imposed. 'Go' is the order. 'To every creature' the boundary line.

The late Hon. James Sutherland, whose estate is estimated at about \$450,000, left \$20,000 to the Woodstock Hospital; \$2,000 to Knox church, Woodstock; to the Home Mission schemes of the Presbyterian church, \$2,000; and to the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund of the Presbyterian Church, \$1,000. The residue of the estate, after providing for legacies to old servants, is left to near relatives. Mr. Sutherland carried \$30,000 of life insurance.

The fools are not all dead yet. The Vancouver World of the 16th inst. says: "Yesterday's Atlantic express was a very heavy train and was sent out in two sections. Attached to the second section were two tourist cars, filled with Australian people, who are en route to Zion City to join Dowie." Notwithstanding the prophet's "inglorious flight from the Australian colony he appears to have 'bagged' a number of dupes during his brief sojourn in antipodean cities.

A writer in the Living Church wants to know if the "Early Christians went to entertainments on Friday evening after the fast was over." To this the Presbyterian Standard pertinently replies: "Without presuming to determine the truth of such important contention we feel a conviction that if by 'entertainments' are meant the balls and theatres that the faithful are allowed to attend, the early Christians did not attend them on Friday evening or any other evening."

The thirty-fourth annual report of the Ontario Registrar-General shows us that Ontario's birth-rate for the year ending December 31, 1903, was only 22.1 per thousand of population, a rate lower than any of the European countries, with the exception of France. The latter country had, at the last enumeration, a birth-rate of 21.9 per thousand, a rate that scarcely kept pace with the deaths throughout the country. In New England the birth-rate is about the same as in France, and does not keep up with the death rate. Even in Australia latest statistical records indicate a quite rapidly diminishing reproduction. In 1880 the rate per thousand was 38, while in 1901, in New South Wales, it had fallen to 27.6.

### CANADA'S TWO NEW GREAT PROVINCES.

The Canadian Government is proceeding with the organization of its two new Provinces, created from the great territories of Alberta and Saskatchewan, each with an area of over 275,000 square miles.

Each of these provinces will be nearly six times as large as the great State of New York, with its population of seven and a quarter millions; each of them will be five times as great in point of area as the large State of Illinois, with its population of five millions; each will be six times as large as the large State of Pennsylvania, with a population of six and a half millions; each of them will be seven times as large as the State of Indiana, with its population of two and a half millions.

In point of fact, each of them is larger in area than the States of Massachusetts, New York, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Delaware, New Jersey, all combined together. Each of them is twice as large as England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, with their immense population of forty-two million people; each of them is much greater than the German Empire in Europe, with its population of fifty-six and three-quarter millions, each of them is much greater than the Republic of France in Europe, with its population of thirty-nine millions.

### HAVING MADE RESTITUTION.

Rev. R. J. Campbell, of the City Temple, London, England, makes reply in his column in the British Weekly, to one troubled in mind about the duty of making restitution for some small offences committed years ago. Restitution has been made well over and above the amount of the wrong, but the questioner would like to know if anything more remains to be done. Mr. Campbell replies:

"I am afraid you are a little morbid. It is a bad thing to dwell so much as you do on purely penal aspect of individual transgressions. It is wrong to dwell in the shadow of your own sins. You have done all that God expects you to do when you have repented sincerely, atoned as far as you can, and humbly and reverently left the rest to Him. Do not rob Him of that which He expects from you now, which is that you may be really good and helpful in the world. Morbid dwelling upon the past keeps you from growing strong in character and rich in grace. Your duty to God's kingdom forbids that you should linger round the Slough of Despond."

### MINISTERIAL RELIEF IN ENGLAND.

The Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Society of the Wesleyan denomination in England, seems to have hit upon a mutual ministerial relief scheme that relieves. By mingling social with economic features, they secure, as this year at Nottingham, a large attendance of members at their annual accounting, over 1,000 of the 9,165 members being present at their late session. More than 600 pulpits in and about Nottingham were supplied by their delegates the Sunday over which their session was continued. During the past year the society took in \$60,000, of which they paid out \$50,000 to superannuates, \$20,000 to sick members and \$5,000 in funeral expenses. The cost of administration is about \$6,000 a year. Over \$5,000 was received the one Sunday spent in Nottingham from the churches supplied by the members that day. The success of the scheme is thrown upon those who are to be benefited by it, not upon those ignorant of its needs and deeds. The scheme is at once a fraternal order and a board of aid.

"Whenever a man begins to talk to me about his conscience," says Mr. John Morley in a salutary epigram, "I always know that he is going to do something wrong."

### MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rev. Dr. Warden has issued the following statement respecting travelling arrangements to and from the meeting of Assembly at Kingston:

Each Commissioner must purchase from the ticket agent at the starting point a single first-class ticket to Kingston, and ask for a Standard Certificate, which he will retain as an acknowledgment that he has paid first-class fare. Where a Commissioner travels over two lines of railway, he must secure two Standard Certificates, one at his starting point, and the second where he transfers to the other line of railway. These Standard Certificates must be handed in promptly on arrival in Kingston. The railway companies have an officer to visit the Certificates, to assure themselves of the actual number in attendance who have obtained Standard Certificates or round trip tickets. If that number reach 300 Commissioners will be returned to their destinations free. The return portion of round trip tickets must be void in order to count. As soon as the officer has gone over the Certificates, and they have been signed by Dr. Warden they will be returned.

Tickets will be good going to Kingston, from June 2nd to June 13th. Certificates will be honored for tickets to return to destination leaving Kingston on or before 17th June.

The same arrangements hold good for Commissioners from Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, only that tickets will be good going from British Columbia from May 28th, to reach Kingston by June 13th.

Return Certificates of Commissioners from Manitoba, the North-West and British Columbia must be presented to the Ticket Agent, Kingston, within fourteen days of the close of Assembly.

Commissioners' wives and daughters, or any other persons having business with the Assembly, may avail themselves of these privileges provided they obtain the Standard Certificate and comply with the terms as above. It is specially requested that every Commissioner—no matter what form of ticket he may use,—will obtain a Standard Certificate from the ticket agent at the starting point.

Automobiles, says a correspondent, are mentioned in the Bible. Prophet Nahum, 2nd chapter, 4th verse, reads: "The chariots shall rage in the streets; they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches; they shall run like the lightnings."

The latest bulletin of the Inland Revenue Department deals with analysis of jams with a view to discovering evidences of adulteration. Of 74 samples examined, 55 were adulterated. The adulteration consisted of adding glucose, coal tar dye, salicylic acid and preservatives of some sort. This is a rather bad showing. In the interest of the consumer frequent analysis of foods is very necessary; especially so in the case of milk, bread and other articles of everyday consumption, and injurious to the public health if adulterated.

The dictum of science on the subject of moderate drinking is by no means ambiguous, says a physician of wide experience. It cannot support the plea that alcohol is a harmless, pleasant beverage. It cannot support the plea of the moderate drinker that alcohol is an aid to health, but it does support the position of the total abstainer with an emphasis which it is culpable to disregard. It shows that the abstainer can do more and better work, live longer and be healthier than the moderate drinker. Science, in short, shows that the abstainer lives the normal life, while the moderate drinker lives the abnormal.

Any man may make a mistake, but none but a fool will continue in it.