



LONDON ASSURANCE.

FAIR CREATURE.—“DO YOU KNOW WHO THOSE TWO ARE MR. JONES?”
 JONES,—(A RECENT ARRIVAL FROM THE LAND OF COCKAIGNE,) “HAW!
 NO! TWO COLONISTS I S'POSE!”

THAT GLASS-EYE.

DIOGENES is always ready to publish in his columns a reply from any one who thinks that the Cynic has treated him unfairly. It is on this principle that he voluntarily reprints the following singular letter addressed

To the Editor of the Quebec Morning Chronicle:

RESPECTED SIR,—I am the afflicted boy with regard to whom some amusing remarks were made in the *Diogenes* newspaper respecting a glass-eye, which remarks you copied. It is true that I am unfortunately deprived of an eye, having undergone a painful operation skillfully performed by Dr. Racey, of this city, and that I have solicited assistance to procure a glass-eye in its place. My printed card, which I have presented to many charitably disposed persons, contains a misstatement to the effect that the glass-eye would cost \$92, a sum which bears the mark of a mistake on its face, the figures having been transposed, and they ought to have been \$29, including the cost of a journey to Boston. If I should fail to obtain the sum required, it will be necessary for me to look for some light employment which my weak health might enable me to bear,

for my daily bread, and I am hopeful that you would not desire to injure a poor boy, the son of a widowed mother, or to prejudice me in the public mind, and I shall be greatly indebted to you if you will kindly refer to Dr. Racey, and the Hon. E. Hale, and Jos. G. Robertson, Esq., M.P.P., who know me well as to my character for honesty, and sobriety and conduct.

Respectfully yours,

CORTEZ HALL.

Quebec, April 2, 1869.

DIOGENES cannot allow this document to pass into oblivion without a few words of comment and explanation. It seems to insinuate that he has unfeelingly sported with physical misfortune, and that he desires to injure an “afflicted boy,” “a poor boy, the son of a widowed mother,” or to “prejudice him in the public mind.” The Cynic earnestly repudiates this charge of heartlessness. He is able to affirm as truthfully as the poet Cowper:

“I would not enter on my list of friends
 (Though graced with polished manners and
 fine sense,

Yet wanting sensibility) the man
 Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm;”

But he despises cant and charlatanism.

The facts connected with the case of Cortez Hall are as follows:—

DIOGENES printed, in a former number, a *facsimile* of a card that had been sent to him by a friend in Quebec. The letter enclosing it stated that the youthful proprietor of the card “had thoroughly canvassed the city,” but with what success was not mentioned. There can, however, be little doubt that many benevolent persons would contribute to further the designs of the following memorandum:

SHERBROOKE, 1st. March, 1869.

The Bearer, Cortez A. Hall, whose health is not good, solicits subscriptions to raise the sum of \$92.00, to enable him to go to Boston to purchase a Glass Eye. He has already raised the sum of \$13.00.

The Lord Loveth a Cheerful Giver.

DIOGENES offered a few remarks on this “card,” in the course of which he stated, on good authority, “that the best artificial eye manufactured in New York could be purchased for the small sum of \$10.” Now, what is the nature of Cortez A. Hall’s reply to the Cynic’s statement? He writes: “My printed card, which I have presented to many

charitably-disposed persons, contains a mis-statement to the effect that the glass-eye must cost \$92,” &c: but with respect to this paragraph, DIOGENES cannot help saying, it is strange, in the first place, that a mistake involving \$63 on the right side should have been made by Cortez Hall’s printer, and it is stranger still that Hall himself never rectified the error on the card, or explained to those to whom he presented it that \$16 only, was the sum required. How stands the case now? What sum is still wanting to make up the \$16? DIOGENES is a poor man himself, but if Cortez A. Hall will furnish him with a detailed statement that he has collected only so much, the Philosopher undertakes to forward to him, without delay, the sum still needed for the purchase of this memorable eye. In return for the slight aid thus cheerfully proffered, DIOGENES expressly stipulates that no more cards are to be circulated by “the afflicted boy.”