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4 Very Liberal Offer for New subsoribern, and of Interest to Present subscribers to Truth.
Some little interest having been maniferted in the Bible Questions offered for solution during the last few weeks, and, as we have no doubt a great deal of satis3 faction will be expressed by the recipients of the handsome silver watch and other prizes offered, (the names of the winners will be found subjoined) we want more of our readers, ind every one else, to study up the Bible, the best of all books; and in order to encourage this study, we offer the following valuable prizes for correct answers to the subjoined questions:-

1st Prize.-One Gentleman's Heavy Solid Gold Hunting Case Watch, genuine American movement, ordinarily retailed at from $\$ 65$ to $\$ 90$.

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The above prizes will be given to the first seven persons giving the correct answer to all of the following five questions :-
1.-The shortest verse in the Old Testament.
2.-The shortest verse in the New Testament.
3.-The number of Books in the Bible.
4.-The number of Chapters in the Bible.
5.-The number of Verses in the Bible.

The Apocrypha is not included in the term "Bible."
The following are the conditions attaching to this competition :-
Each competitor must, with his or her answers, enclose $\$ 2$, for which Truth will be sent to any desired address for one year. Competition is open to old or new or non-subscribers. In the case of old subscribers, their term of subscription will be advanced one year.
Each question must be answered correctly to secure a prize.
The first seven persons sending correct answers to all the five questions will win the prizes.
The competition will remain open till New Year's day. The names of the winners will appear in Truth of January 5th, 1884.
No information beyond what is contained herein, will be supplied to any competitor. Now we want to give these valuable watches to some one. Who will be first?

## THE PRIZE WINNERS IN COMPETI. TION NO. 1.

FIRST PRIZE-Lady's Hunting Case Coin Silver Watch.
Mary Miniiken, Leamington, Ont.
SECOND PRIZE-A Solid Gold Gem
Ring.
Wm. W. Smith, St. Agnes-de-Dundee, Huntingdon Co., Que.
THIRD PRIZE - An English Neck Chain.
Mrs. Huntinadon, 514 Yonge St., City. FOURTH PRIZE-A Silver Plated Butter Knife.
Mrs. E. McGregor, Lambton Mills, Ont.

## [The answer.

The question was, Which is the longest verse in the Bible? The answer is, Esther 8, verse ix.

The Dominion Line of Steamships will make Portland their terminal port on this side the Afiantic, for the winter months. The first steamship starting under the new arkangement will be the Sarnia, which wilf leave Portland on the 67h December.

## WHAT TRUTH SAYS.

The 24th of November has, of course, one or two saints' and martyrs who are thus honored and remembered as far as possible, but the possible in their cases don't amount to much.

Parhaps the most remarkable man who died on that day was John Knox the great Scotch Reformer. It is three hundred and eleven years since that event took place. No man has put his mark upon the Scottish nation so much as has this strong, bold man. He gave his countrymen the Reformation and parish schools, and to these Scotland owes more than to anything else which could be mentioned. It was well said by the Regent Morton over Knox's grave, "Here lies one who never feared the face of man."

Are these mongrel dangerous curs by which Toronto is so much infested never to be routed out?. They are becoming so numerous and so fierce that in a very short time it will scarcely be possible to walk the streets in safety. Let there be a crusade proclaimed against these abominable brutes.

The Sanitary Convention lately held in London has been a great success, and much good is expected to flow from the discussions engaged in and the conclusions come to.

Some of the friends of denominational colleges are at present busy assisting University College in a somewhat covert, round about way. They may spare their pains if they fancy that in this way they will get back the Government Grants to their own pet institutions. University College may not be all it ought to be, but it is, at any rate, under public control, which the denominational colleges are not, and it is too late in the day to expect that any government is going to vote away public money to institutions over which it has no supervising authority. There was an agitation of the same kind about 20 years ago. It came to nothing, and the present will not be in the least degree more successful.
The Washington Territories Legislature has given women the suffrage by delet ing male from all election laws. The thing will come all round and sooner than most suspect. It would not by any means make the revolution so great as either expected or feared if it were passed in the Local Legislature of Ontario at its first meeting.

It issaid that the only objection to the byres across the Don is the fact of the liquid manure being sent into Ashbridge's Bay. Why not have it kept in large tanks and carted away for manure? or could it not be pumped through gutta percha piper and be made to irrigate farms in the neighborhnod? It would
pay, for of course it is the best manure. Michie, the great agriculturist, had his whole farm irrigated in that way.
The standard time is being everywhere adopted. There was some confusion on Sunday last, but everything now is serene and most of people don't know the difference, except that the mornings are a little longer dark after six o'clock, and the evenings vice versa. It will now be in order to have 24 hour clocks and watches.

Things are looking very disturbing in some of the lines of industry, both in the States and Canada. Factories are shutting down or working short time. Pity, but one can't shut hiseyes to the fact that the coming winter is likely to be a very hard one to many a poor family both here and elsewhere.

Dr. Stoecker, the great German preacher, is having a very rough time in England. His fame as a hater and baiter of the Jews has preceded him, and seemingly he is likely to get more kicks than coppers from his visit to the English Babylon. Well, as either men or women make their bed they must lie down.
There is nothing against which honorable men should more strenuously contend than the exaction of money by designing women on pain of very compromising revelations. If one is conscious of perfect innocency, he ought to resist at all hazards. Nay, carry the war into the enemy's camp. To be sure there are only too many who are not consciously innocent. What these ought to do, Truth will scarcely venture to say.

Some people wonder at an incident which lately took place not a hundred miles from this city at a lecture delivered' by a clergyman for the benefit of a Sabbath school and general missions. There was, on that occasion, never the slightest hint of asking the blessing of God either in beginning or closing the exhibition. Every one to his taste.

Even professional lecturers occasionally mistake slang for wit, and folly with its cap and bells are sometimes thought to pass muster for wisdom.

Some rather unfavorable criticisms are now the order of the day in certain English papers on Lord Lorne's Canadian Viceroyship. It is, at any rate, settled on all hands that the Marquis did his best and what more can anybody do? He was handicapped. He had not the blague and blarney of Lord Dufferin. Besides, his wife never well got over her first ball at Rideau. Truth is not surprised that she never did. The drunken brutes that on that occasion had the face to call themselves gentlemen! Oh, it was too, too bad. And some of the wretches have stlll the face to live on, It wal altoe gether too unutterable,

