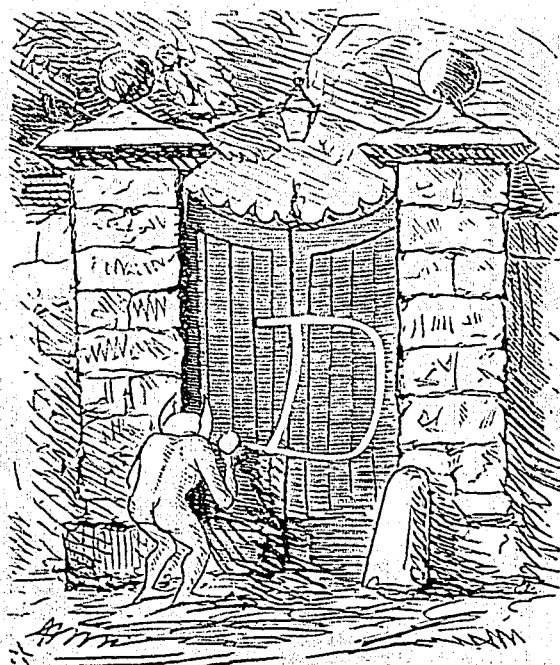


P R E F A C E .



DIOGENES has cast upon the waters his first volume, and enters full of faith and cheerfulness upon his second. Borne upon the tide of popular favor,—never so high as to-day,—he hopes yet to penetrate the remotest corners of the Dominion and find a place in the homes and hearts of his countrymen ; for DIOGENES, in his renewed stage of existence, is a true Canadian and will labour unceasingly to stimulate a healthy Canadian spirit. It will be his aim while doing so, to reprove the follies of the hour,—to satirise where satire is needed,—to cauterise where emollients are known to be ineffectual ; but less cynical than when a disciple of Antisthenes, DIOGENES believes the world is not all evil,—that it is made up far more of sun than shade,—that virtue beats vice hollow,—in a word that Society is not so bad as it seems when seen with jaundiced eyes through inverted telescopes. DIOGENES, therefore, prefers to regard the bright side of human nature, rather than to throw the light of his lantern on the shady and meretricious. He disbelieves in the stability of successful crime and declines to be a consenting party to the exaltation of criminals, save on the gallows.

DIOGENES has no fresh promises to make,—no material changes to announce. He will endeavour in the future, as in the past, to carry out his original programme,—to amuse and instruct without scurrility, or pedantry, and to tickle