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NOTICE TO OUR READERS.

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BY JULIAN HAWTHORNE.

We have in preparation a couple of intensely interesting serial stories, of which due notice will be given.

WHAT TRUTH SAYS.

The close of our first Biblical competition is approaching; and those who have delayed entering the lists had better delay no longer. No decision has been made as yet, nor will be until the close of the competition on the 20th inst., so that those who now send in their names and answers with 50 cents, may still have a chance of winning one of the prizes offered, and will, at any rate, get TRUTH weekly, for three months. Delay no longer, the time is short, and it is not every day you get a chance of winning a watch for fifty cents.

The battle of the school books still goes on. It will never be known how much has been distributed in the way of bribes for this and that one's patronage. In any

case the amount must have been simply enormous. Many along-tongued blatant philanthropist who pretends to be animated simply by the love of goodness, and souls knows right well that he has been bought to shout as if he had been a beast in the market-place. And why such a hurry after all! The present readers are as good as those that are paraded with such fantastic zeal. Nor is it to be forgotten that these old present books can be legally retained in any school in the Province till 1885. Why not wait and use up all the old books! By that time it may be much more evident which of the new series is the best.

It has generally been thought that the agitation for Government subsidies to denominational colleges had come to a final termination a good many years ago. Apparently this was a mistake. Principal Grant is knocking again at the door of the Provincial Treasury, or at least saying none shall get it if Kingston does not. The Principal is an astute, ambitious, and uncommonly zealous individual, with a great deal of plausibility, a great affectation of liberality and withal a large measure of something like jolliness. But like many meaner men he has a tendency to talk nonsense occasionally or something very like *blague*. He knows, and no one knows better, that Kingston University and College do not occupy the same ground as the University and University College of Toronto. He knows that the one is a Provincial Institution under Provincial control, and that the other is simply a private speculation, managed by private individuals without any government superintendence or control whatever, and that it would be as fair and as reasonable for the Government to give a bonus to every ladies' school in Toronto, as to this seat of learning about which he so often spreads himself so wildly, and with an air of such serene self-satisfaction. He has lately solemnly assured the world that it is an awful thing to be a fool. It is. But TRUTH would most respectfully ask the Principal not to believe that the people of Ontario are mostly in that unpleasant condition. When the managers of Queens are prepared to surrender the whole affair charter, and all, to the State and make it a Government Institution it will be time enough to talk of its having any claim to a bonus from the public purse, but not till then. Dear Doctor Grant, your tendency is to presume too much on the foolishness of your hearers and readers. Pray don't.

Perhaps before TRUTH makes its appearance this week war between France and China may have been begun. Those best informed seem to think that things have gone too far for a peaceful result. If so God forgive the blunderers or worse who have pushed things to such a disastrous issue. Any thing more monstrous than the people of two great countries setting about and cutting each others throats

for all the quarrel that can be between them is not easily imagined. Would any body tell distinctly what it is all about! Is it worth the sacrifice of two lives to say nothing perhaps of two hundred thousand?

The earthquakes are by no means over for the season. Smyrna and Bermudas have been lately getting some sharp admonitions, though in the latter case no very great damage was done.

Things are going to come all right with Victor Emmanuel after all. It seems he was not such a bad fellow as some folk said he was, and that he died within the pale of the Church, if not absolutely in the odour of sanctity. So far so well. His statue may go up in the Pantheon after all.

Last Saturday the Marquis and Princess left Canada for good. TRUTH is neither sycophant nor toady, but after all must be allowed to say a good word for those who have gone. In some respects they may not have been as popular as those who went before them, but upon the whole they had better claims to the respectful good-feeling of the community. The Marquis had not so much gush as his illustrious predecessor. But with most people he would not be thought any the less of on that account. That the Princess was not very enthusiastic about Ottawa and the people she met there goes without saying, and who can blame her? The drunken rowdies that made her first ball perfectly horrible were enough to turn any stomach in the least degree squeamish. God help the country where such wretches could pass for gentlemen. And half a dozen of them hailed from Toronto! So much the worse for Toronto.

The Salvationists are causing riots in England. Why they should is more than TRUTH can find out. If they are let severely alone they will hurt or disturb nobody, and surely they have a right to hold to their own opinions, and to propagate their principles so long as they do so peaceably. Any one who does not like their ways has simply to leave them alone. They may be quite mistaken in their ideas about what is calculated to do other people good, but that is no reason why they should get their heads broken.

The Luther celebration in Toronto is to begin on this day week, and is to be completed on the 12th. On the Saturday there is to be a meeting in St. James' school-room at 3 p.m., presided over by the Bishop of Toronto. A good many clergymen will take part in the meeting. The Rev. Dr. Thomas, of the Baptist Church, will read a paper on the necessity of the Reformation. The Rev. Principal Caven will read another on "Luther and the Biblical Scholars of the Reformation." The Rev. Canon Dumoulin will discourse

on the "Conversion of Luther," while Mr. Antliffe will speak of the Precursors of the Reformation, and the Rev. Mr. Burton will speak of "Luther at Home." The addresses are to be limited to ten minutes each, and from the names of the gentlemen taking part may be expected to be both able and interesting. On Sunday references will be made to the event in the most of the churches, while on the Monday there is to be a grand commemoration festival in the pavilion of the Horticultural Gardens, at which there will be a great deal of good music, and it is to be hoped equally good addresses. TRUTH hopes that the whole celebration will be worthy of the occasion, and to all appearance it will be.

The young rascal that shot poor Maroney a few months ago in York street, or thereby, may thank his stars, the Judge, and the jury, for his delightfully lenient sentence. The idea of getting off with five and four years running concurrently, which is, in other words, just five years and no more, for shooting a man, trying to shoot another, and carrying withal weapons contrary to law, is as absurd and monstrous an escape from so serious a spree as can well be imagined. It seems to say to all blackguards, "Go and do likewise." The suggestion made by somebody that all that Andrews earns in prison should be handed over to Maroney's widowed mother, who then lost her protector and support, is worth considering. Hurrah for the lenity and uncertainty of the law. And what is to be said of the Judge? The less the better.

Poor Irish Canadian, and poor Patrick Boyle, for shortness called Pat. Has it come to this that the organ of Irishism and Roman Catholicism should be edited by a gentleman who is, at any rate, not Irish, not Conservative, and devoutly Protestant and Church of England? How are the souls of the faithful to be assured in such circumstance? It is simply a confession that Patrick has labored in vain, and spent his strength for naught.

Ought Governments to see to it that the people be provided with respectable houses? Why should not the people see about that for themselves? Government can't do everything and ought not to be expected to try.

Who would be a candidate for Parliamentary honors? Why he may be unseated before he knows what he is about. If he calls a public meeting, and addresses the promiscuous crowd in some such terms as "Well, friends, I hope you will all do your best for me," these simple words constitute every man jack in that crowd an agent, and if any one of them do an illegal act, however much it may be to the poor candidate's injury, he is responsible all the same. This seems awfully hard. Still it is all the same.