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WHAT WE OFFER.

This number completes the first year's existence of THE FREETHOUGHT JOURNAL. When the first number appeared many of our Christian friends (or enemies) confidently asserted that "no infidel sheet could exist six months in this 'Christian Canada of ours,'" and we have no doubt that the wish was father to the prediction, but their wish has been in vain and their prediction unfulfilled. Thanks to a few Liberal friends, we have been able to withstand the storm of opposition, and, if our friends will respond promptly to the liberal offers we make below, the JOURNAL will become a success and be placed upon a firm financial footing. The JOURNAL will continue to be strictly anti-theological, and its pages will be open for the discussion of all questions which are agitating this age of progress. If our Spiritualist friends, and those especially interested in Labor Reform, favor us with their communications a portion of our space will be devoted to their interests. Neither of these classes have at present any medium in Canada through which to advocate their cause, and we hope they will rally to our support—at least until they can each support an organ wholly devoted to their views.

In last issue we stated that all those who remitted cash for the JOURNAL on or before the 30th of October would be entitled to a premium in photographs, pamphlets, etc. We now extend the time for such remittances to the 30th of November, 1878. To all those who respond on or before that date we will send post-paid any four of the following photographs, viz.: Mrs. Annie Besant, Charles Bradlaugh, Colonel Ingersoll, B. F. Underwood, Mrs. Sara A. Underwood, Edward Hanlan, William Callen Bryant, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Tyndall, Darwin, Huxley, Herbert Spencer, Proctor, Earl Salisbury, Earl Beaconsfield, or any of the well-known actors, actresses, poets, divines, oarsmen; or one cabinet size photograph of any of the following, viz., Tyndall, Darwin, Huxley, Spencer, Mrs. Annie Besant, Charles Bradlaugh, Hanlan, or any of the celebrated oarsmen of America; or any Liberal books and pamphlets the retail price of which is not more than

twenty-five cents. The small photographs retail at seven cents each, and the cabinets at from twenty-five to forty cents each.

To any one who will send five new subscribers with five dollars, besides sending to each subscriber as above, we will send post-paid to the getter-up of the club a copy of the "Symposium"—a book which has created a tremendous stir in the theological world. Price, \$1.

For ten new subscribers with ten dollars we will send, besides premiums to each subscriber, a copy of "Greg's Creed of Christendom," noticed in last issue; price, \$1.50.

For twenty subscribers, ten of whom must be new subscribers, with twenty dollars, beside premiums as above, we will send post-paid a copy of D. M. Bennett's "Champions of the Church," a book of over 1,100 pages, and which gives the history of most of the eminent Christians, from Jesus of Nazareth to Henry Ward Beecher; price, \$3.

All the above books are elegantly bound, intensely interesting to every Freethinker, and should be in the library of every Liberal who can afford to purchase them. Here is a chance to obtain one or more of them by a little exertion in a cause which we should all have at heart.

Let every Freethinker, Spiritualist, and Labor Reformer in the Dominion send in their subscriptions before the 30th of November, and, besides receiving the premiums offered, help to sustain the only paper in Canada in which they can express an honest opinion. It rests with you, Liberals of Canada, to make THE FREETHOUGHT JOURNAL a permanent institution in our country. Shall it be done?

EDITORIAL NOTES AND NOTICES.

From want of space we are compelled to omit the last section of Mr. Coleman's article on "Comparative Evolution of the Lower Animals and Man," sub-headed "The Destiny of Man." We will give it in our next issue under the latter heading.

Mr. B. F. Underwood will be in attendance at and address the Liberal League Congress at Syracuse on the 26th and 27th insts., and will lecture in Toronto on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of November on the following subjects: "The Fallacies of the Rev. Joseph Cook," "The Influence of Christianity on Civilization," "What Liberalism Offers in Place of Christian Theology."

The Rev. Joseph Cook, of Boston, is to lecture this month before the Y. M. C. A. of this city.

Lecture committees who desire to secure first-class lectures on scientific, social, religious, and anti-theological subjects, should communicate with Charles Ellis, 8 Portland street, Boston, Mass.

Before leaving Ithaca for his home in Toronto, Mr. Goldwin Smith delivered a lecture on "The American Electorate." The lecture, we need hardly say, was marked by great ability, and it will, no doubt, be severely handled and differently interpreted by our Canadian journalists. Fortunately we can say: "*Non nostrum inter vos tantas componere lites.*" We have nothing to do here with political questions, but we should like to see our superlatively orthodox and "unco guid" contemporary, the *Globe*, test and try its teeth against this file: "Republicanism begins to be like theological orthodoxy—openly professed and privately derided." Effete orthodoxy! "None so poor to do it reverence!"