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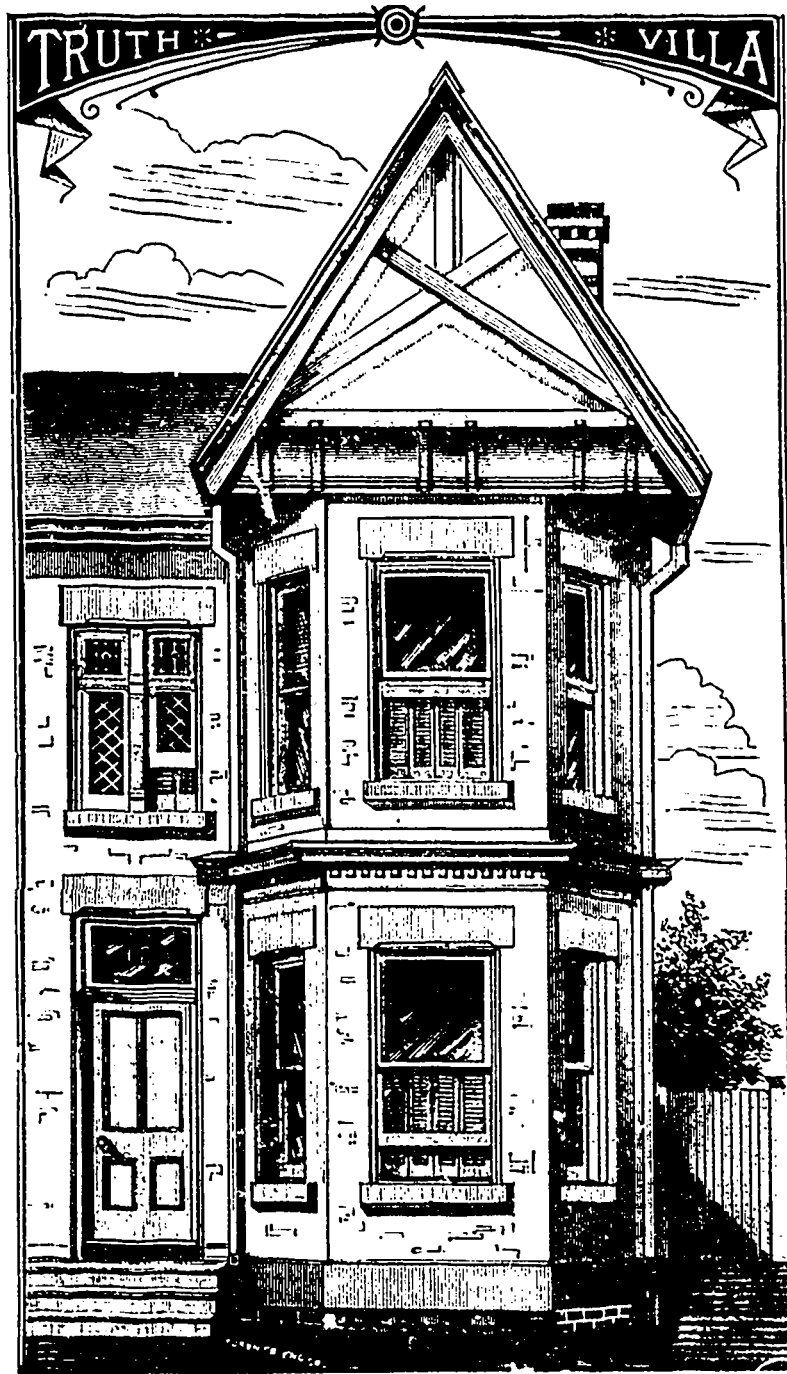
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WHAT TRUTH SAYS

Mr. Gladstone, with his recent defeat, probably closes a long and memorable official life. It has been the lot of few Englishmen to enjoy more fully the confidence of his countrymen. Candid men of all parties have given him credit for great personal ability and integrity of purpose. Whatever doubts there may have been about the wisdom of his policy regarding the administration of domestic or foreign affairs, few have doubted that Gladstone meant well at least. He has been successful in carrying through Parliament some very important reforms both as regards the affairs of church and state, and that, too, in the face of the most persistent opposition. He has stood at the head of his party and led on to success when the struggle was indeed fierce. At last, however, he has been defeated on the comparatively insignificant question whether a small additional tax shall be placed on spirits and beer! One of his admirers has compared this downfall to the fate of an able British general, who faced death on many a battle-field, and led on his men to victory in the face of many a danger, but at last met his end by being run over and fatally injured by a swill-cart in the streets of his own quiet town.

The defeat of Mr. Gladstone under the peculiar circumstances that attended his overthrow gives a pretty clear insight into the state of political affairs as they now exist in the British House of Commons. He was not defeated by a great party on some great party issue. It would look as though all the fag ends and all the disaffected ones or all parties united together to assist the Tory Opposition in this work. Of course the opposition of the regular Tory party was expected, but added to this the Parnellites took occasion to vote against him because of his policy regarding Ireland, and the Radicals, because of his too warlike policy, and the Jingoists because his policy was much too tame, and the liquor interests because additional duties were to be demanded on their trade. It was indeed a rare combination of men and of parties who agreed in nothing in common except in their attempt to overthrow the Government. In this they have been successful. It will be seen what the effect may be on the nation of such a combination. Whether, under the circumstances, peace may be maintained with Russia, and with France; whether a new line of policy may be adopted towards Egypt, and towards Ireland, and towards the liquor trade in Britain itself, are all questions of a good deal of importance to the well being of the nation, and they must all be settled in connection with the formation of the new Government to succeed the one just driven out of office.

The leading United States papers report the victorious Democratic party in a woefully divided and demoralized state over the spoils of office, since the inauguration of President Cleveland. There was, undoubtedly, a great "hankering for office" in the rank and file of the party, and they worked with a



A WORD IN SEASON.

The above is an exact copy of a photograph just taken, of TRUTH VILLA, to be awarded to the lucky prize winner in TRUTH competition No. 14, the full particulars of which are given on page 22 of this issue. The villa is beautifully situated on Rose street, No. 12, one of the fashionable and desirable streets of this city, off College street. It will make a comfortable and desirable home for some one. May it be yours, gentle reader! Surely the prize is well worth the effort. The publisher of TRUTH is determined to do the handsome thing in making good his promise—as he has always done—and award the prize impartially to the middle answer, whosoever it may be.

The competition has been on for some time now, and will continue for some time

yet. No one can tell when the middle answer will be reached until the whole competition is closed, but the probabilities are that about now is a capital time to send in. Look up your answers, therefore, and send in your name with your dollar subscription for TRUTH, to be directed either to yourself or to some valued friend, who will be sure to enjoy its weekly visits. Send as many dollar subscriptions as you like, and on whatever days you like, and be assured you shall have fair play against all competitors, no matter where you live, or who you are. Such another chance of getting a first-class journal for four months, and a first-class metropolitan residence all for one dollar probably will not occur again in a life time. Who knows but you may be the fortunate owner of TRUTH VILLA?

zeal bordering on desperation for success during the last Presidential campaign. Of course, when victory perched on their banner, joy filled the hearts of the hankering ones. Every man saw his way clear to "a soft place," but the trouble is that there are hundreds of expectants for every place vacant, and the bane of contention is being fought over in a terrible manner. A Chicago paper thus describes the situation:—"If the President appoints a member of one crowd to an office the others immediately telegraph him to withhold the commission as the man is 'manifestly unfit for public office.' If he withdraws the appointment and makes another from the other faction the disappointed ones then deluge him with complaints that he has nominated a man 'whose past record will bring the party into disrepute.' So it goes, lively. The fact is the appointing power is generally a source of weakness rather than strength to any party, and probably always will be. Only one man can be gratified by being appointed, while a score or a hundred are sorely disappointed. The experience of Canadian politicians is much the same as those at Washington."

Last week five young ladies graduated at the University of Toronto, and they took very honourable positions in the graduating class. They were the first female graduates of our Provincial University, but many more are to follow in due time. An excellent paper regarding Higher Female Education will be found elsewhere in this issue of TRUTH, from the able pen of Mr. Wm. Houston, A. M., Parliamentary Librarian of Ontario, a gentleman who has taken a deep interest in this important question, and therefore knows well whereof he writes. The present, and the papers to follow on this question, ought to be carefully studied by all friends of education. TRUTH would like to hear also from other educationists on the same subject.

The excellent paper of Dr. May's on another page of TRUTH, regarding the progress of our educational system in the Province, ought to be read with interest and care by every Canadian. There is nothing that the people of Ontario should feel more proud of than of their liberal provision for the education of the entire rising generation, and the history of our noble system is well worthy of a careful study. Dr. May has been for a quarter of a century officially connected with the education department, and is thoroughly competent to write its history. TRUTH readers are under obligations to him for his ability and pains in connection with these papers. More are to follow.

Amid the universal rejoicings which will be indulged in when the boys come back from the front, let none forget that to General Middleton the country owes a debt of gratitude for his care and solicitude for the lives of those under his command. Let the gallant General receive a welcome in some measure commensurate with the great service he has performed.