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Some little interest has been manifested in the Bible Questions offered for solution during the last few weeks, and, as a great deal of satisfaction was expressed by the recipients of the handsome silver watch and other prizes offered, we want more of our readers, and 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 an-

swers 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. Mention also must be made of the paper in which you saw this notice. 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?

WHAT TRUTH SAYS.

The proposal of Lord Dufferin, made years ago, in regard to setting apart a public domain about Niagara Falls met at the time with a general approval, and it appears now probable that before very long the people will be able to enjoy this grand natural wonder without so many annoyances and impediments as at present. The intention is to appropriate a liberal quantity of land on either side of the river for a distance about the Falls, and clear it of all its incumbrances, so that "nature unadorned" may appear to the best advantage. The commissioners for New York State are about completing their work, and last week at an official meeting the formal resolutions were passed locating the Reserve. It begins some distance above the Falls and embraces a strip of land of from 200 to 300 feet wide along the river, as far down as the Upper Suspension Bridge. Of course the State will take possession of this, the present owners will be paid, and their business moved elsewhere. On the Canadian side similar action will probably soon be taken, and the work will be pushed on to completion. Niagara will become more popular, and a greater resort than ever before, when the Grand Park scheme becomes finished. It will be the work of years, but the public must patiently wait for the good time coming.

The Free Trade party in the United States evidently feel that the election of Mr. Carlisle as Speaker of the House at Washington is a victory for them. The new Speaker has been considered a free trade Democrat, but it is just possible that, like many another Democrat,

his convictions on all debatable questions may hang somewhat loosely upon him. He certainly made a very compromising speech before taking his new position. The Iowa Free Trade League are preparing an address of congratulation to present to him, and intend to urge that steps towards a thorough reform of the present United States protective tariff be taken at once. The anti-N. P. party in Canada are evidently taking considerable comfort out of the fact of the election.

The time for the municipal elections draws near, and the professional wire pullers are at work to induce the electors to bring the grist to their mills. In Toronto and some other localities the wire-pulling politicians are urging that party politics should govern the election of municipal councillors. In Ottawa certain interested ones, it is reported, are urging that church leanings should be allowed to govern the choice, and in Montreal the cry will be to stand by one's nationality. So on it goes all through the country. Men who have axes of their own to grind, and who want the grind stone turned at the public expense, are usually ashamed to let the fact be known, and so some popular cry is raised, such as it is hoped their dupes will listen to. In all conscience, what ought party, or creed, or nationality to have to do in the election of trustworthy business men to look after the business of our streets, and lanes, and the score of other things that every municipal tax payer has an interest in having economically and well done? The tax payers of the country have been unmercifully fleeced, over and over again, by the men who have rode over their heads into place and power on the strength of some party or some sectarian cry.

Gentlemen tax payers and burden bearers, don't be fooled that way this year! Look to your own interests, whoever you are, and elect good, honest, fair minded men from among your neighbors, — such men as you could safely trust with your own private affairs. Send the wire-pullers off about their own business,—if they have any other business than feeding at the public crib, and TRUTH can assure you things will be managed all the more economically and all the more satisfactorily, because of your wise determination.

Some of the Canadian papers are inclined to indulge in considerable humor over the recent remarks made by Lord Lorne in regard to the salubrity of the climate of Canada, remembering that the Princess was away from the country fully half her time, seeking a more healthy climate for herself. TRUTH never believed that the climate had honestly much to do with the absence of the Princess, and it is quite possible that the Marquis knew that it was but a polite excuse for her awkward absence. The climate of Canada has developed as healthy a class

of ladies as can be found anywhere,—and gentlemen too. Lord Lorne does not hesitate to advise his country men to go to Canada, and take their wives with them, to stay, though his wife did not find the climate,—or something else, here, always very congenial to her feelings. It would be better for us if it was well understood that Princess Louise did not find it necessary to leave Canada because of its less healthy climate,—or if her physician advised her to go on that account she certainly was not well advised.

A political "rogue's gallery" appears to be one of the next fixed institutions in connection with Canadian party warfare. In view of the pending elections, west of us, several well-known political wire-pullers are having their movements very closely watched. A few days ago an active politician quietly disappeared from the streets of Ottawa, and at once a dozen or so copies of his portraits were mailed to party men in Middlesex or Simcoe, so that the culprit could be detected on sight. Are we to have a regular system of political detectives?

If one half that the leading party papers are telling can be relied on, there is now in existence a class of political scallawags flourishing, whose principal business is to go from county to county for the purpose of corrupting the electors whose votes may be required at pending elections. TRUTH is slow to believe that things have sunk to such a low level as that with us; but if they have not, then the prominent party papers are lying as basely from day to day as the most contemptible Arab ever did.

It is the fashion just now for the papers here and in other large cities to raise a great outcry against the telegraph and other poles and wires so prevalent in the streets. "Let them be buried underground," is the cry; "they are a perfect nuisance overhead, and the evil grows worse and worse." Matters are getting in a bad shape in this respect, undoubtedly, but TRUTH is much inclined to doubt if it would be much abatement of the evil to have the wires all buried under the streets. The fact is that the underground of our streets is now pretty well occupied by drains, sewers, water-pipes, gas-pipes, and the like, and the demands for such space increase every year. Would it be well, under the circumstances, to tear up our streets afresh for the wires, with the probability staring us in the face that almost every week they must be torn up again to accommodate additional wires, or to make such changes as business necessities almost every day demand? In many streets pavements have now to be too frequently torn up, in consequence of what is already buried. May it not be as well to endure the evils we have as to rush into others we know not of?