

OUR HISTORY CONTEST.

A PRIZE OF ONE DOLLAR FOR SOME BRIGHT READER.

Four Questions in History To Be Answered—The Aim of the Contest—Same Rules as Govern the Bible Question Competition.

Almost everybody has studied more or less history. Much of it has vanished with their school days and questions which sometime ago could be easily answered are somewhat puzzling today.

The successful competitor of history competition No. 1 will be announced in next week's PROGRESS. Owing to the early hour of going to press with this portion of the paper (Wednesday morning) it is impossible to give this information in the issue following that in which questions appear.

HISTORY QUESTION COMPETITION NO. 2.

- 1. Where did M. deMonts first, governor general of Acadia, first make a settlement?
2. From whom did Acadia receive the name of Nova Scotia?
3. What was the name of Prince Edward Island previous to 1794?
4. Who was governor of New Brunswick in 1825, and what great disaster occurred that year?

History is the record of human actions, the deeds of human beings, individually and in the aggregate. In reading its pages—when they contain more than mere statements of names, dates, and dry digests of laws, political acts, etc.—the student, it may be supposed, endeavors to form some mental conception of the actors; to conjure them up in the chamber of his imagination in the form and habit in which they lived.

In this way the artist is a historian when he preserves on his canvass the lineaments of the noted characters of his time. To range through a gallery of historical portraits is to realize the past in a vivid manner; to receive, it may be, a clearer insight into the characters of famous or notorious men and women of the past than the printed historical page can convey.

England is very rich in historical portraits, and no more interesting exhibition could be given. It is a resurrection of the past, and a reminder that there lived many a strong man before the Agamemnon of the present day, and that neither good nor evil deeds enacted on a conspicuous stage are forgotten in this world.

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Severely practical men who believe that a country's greatness is best displayed by an exhibition of its products and manufac-

turing interests will scout at the idea of a gallery of national portraits. But man does not live by beef and vegetables alone, and all the interests of life are not confined to buying and selling.

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