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WHAT WE OFFER.

Next issue will complete 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.

To each subscriber, whether old or new, who remits us one dollar with arrears, if any, before the 30th of October, 1878, we will send post-paid any four of the following photographs, viz, Mrs. Annie Besant, C. Bradlaugh, Col. Ingersoll, B. F. Underwood, Mrs. Sara A. Underwood, Ed. Hanlan, W. C. 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.

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Let every Freethinker, Spiritualist, and Labor Reformer in the Dominion send in their subscriptions before the 30th of October, 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.

Those who are in arrears for the JOURNAL can, by sending us before the 30th of October the sum of two dollars, receive the same premiums offered elsewhere in this issue. If they do not want to continue the JOURNAL we must ask them to send us what is due us, as at the expiration of that time their names will be struck off and their accounts placed in other hands for collection. Some of them have not ordered the paper, but by taking them from the post office they become legally liable for the amount. We are compelled to take this course in justice to those who do pay, and to ourselves.

Owing to the non-arrival of certificate from Mr. Green to enable us to take advantage of the reduced fare, we were unable to be present at the Watkin's Convention. From our liberal exchanges we learn that the Convention was in every way, except financially, a great success. We regret exceedingly our inability to be present.

We leave over to the next number the conclusion of William Emmette Coleman's article, "Comparative Evolution of the Lower Animals and Man" to make room for an excellent article by the same author, entitled "Unity and Charity among Freethinkers." Mr. Coleman is an eminent Spiritualist and labour reformer, and we are sure our readers will fully appreciate and reciprocate the spirit of charity and good will which pervades the article.

Nine hundred copies of Col. Ingersoll's "God's, etc." were lately seized at the Custom House by our liberal Christian Government of Canada on the ground that being anti-Christian their sale was illegal. This is one of the first fruits of the judgment, in the now celebrated Pringle vs. Napanee case, in which the principle is laid down that whatever is anti-Christian is illegal. Under that