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TRUIT readers are furnished with an excallent variety of varied reading matter this week by the several able gentlemen who have so kindly sent special contributions to its pages. Each of these valuable papers is well worthy of a careful reading. Proably no other journal in Canada presents sch a variety from gentlemen of such well nown prominence and ability.

Another racy letter from the Sunny South famished by Rev. Hugh Johnston, A. M., of he Metropolitan Church. Such a well writm description of the South, as seen through anadian eyes, is sure to be of interest. farm hopes for still further favors from its ovent friend.

Rev. J. Wild, D. D., the highly popular erento minister, contributes a characteric article on England and her troubles. Many besides the Doctor's numerous friends rill read it with great interest. Is England bout to enter a great contest by which the stiny of nations will be greatly changed? The Doctor thinks so, and as he is a careful at of prophesy and history what he es to say is well worth careful reading.

"Life in Barbados," by Rev. H. W. Atster, for many years a resident, is certainvetinterest. Very few Canadians have from themselves much information respectg the little English colony so comparativebear at hand.

Col. D. Wylie, of Brockville, the father Canadian editors, now in his seventylith year, writes of his recent trip to Otta-. The venerable politician will have still see to say in future letters. All may not es with his views, but all may read his Her with interest.

John Fraser, Esq., one of the oldest reaidents of Montreal, has kindly sent a series d kttera describing some stirring incidents which he was an eye witness, in the hisrical times of the Canadian rebellion of 8367. Young Canadians will find these aluable contributions to the history of our wa country. More are to come.

All who are interested in the history of the J. E. Loyalists will road with interest the rell written paper of Mr. J. B. Ashley, of elleville, himself a descendant of that nobio tock of pioneers. Mr. Ashley is an exsienced journalist, and never writes mere sthusiastically than when refering to the able deeds of the noble men who did so whtowards making Canada what it now . More papers are to follow.

William Burgess contributes s oughtful paper in regard to "Compensation the Liquor Traffic," a question occupying soh attention in Parliament just now. his views on this important subject. bern will cheerfully open its columns to article of equal length on the other side of a question.

Rev. D. V. Lucas, of Montreal, the eneric secretary of the Quebec Alliance, gives

WHAT TRUTH SAYS. ance work in Quebec, and will continue to supply such information from time to time. Few aubjects are of so much interest and importance as the present prohibitory agitation.

> In consequence of the unusual amount of space required this week for the publication of TRUTH'S Contributors' articles, a good deal of editorial and other interesting matter has been unavoidably crowded out. All could not appear, however. The others will appear as early as possible.

> If subscribers to TRUTH, in answering advertisements in its pages, will kindly mention the name of TRUTH, when doing so, as the paper in which such advertisements were seen, they will be conferring a favor which will not put them so much trouble, but which will greatly oblige the publishers.

> There seems to be a great deal of ignorance on this continent concerning the meaning of the term "Cockney." A New York paper last week went so far as to contemptuously allude to Lord Wolseley as "the Cockney general at Korti." Now I believe that I am right when I say that a bona fiele Cockney is a person born within the sound of the bells of Bow Church in the city of London, though all natives of London are now included in the term Cockney. I presume the word comes from the French pays de Cocaigne, a sort of Utopia-a land of imaginary luxury and abundance, as London has always been famed for its luxury, and was therefore christened the region of Cocaigne or Cockayne, which by gradual corruptions became Cockney.

> One thing is very certain and that is, that to be a genuine "Cockney," a man must be born in London if not actually within the sound of Bow Bells. Therefore Lord Wolseley, who was not born within the sound of the Bow Church tintinnabulation: was not born in London at all: did not even first see the light of day in England, but who claims Dublin as the place of his nativity, is four removes from being a Cockney, and the New York paper is egregiously wrong. Canadians are very apt to dub all Englishmen as Cockneys, but they are quite as much in error when they do so as an Englishman would be if he classed all Canadians as blue-noscs.

I see that obituary notices in England now frequently contain the statement that by the wish of the deceased his relatives will not wear mourning. It will be a good thing when this practice becomes universal, as the purchase of mourning has frequently been a heavy expense to those who could ill afford it. It is, of course, right and proper that all due respect should be shown to the dead, but there are other ways of doing it besides the donning of expensive mourning carments. If some people were a little more careful to carry out what were known to be the wishes of the decessed instead of neglecting them and putting on black suits and six inches of crape round their hats, they would be evincing more respect to the memory of intendent of Asylum for the Insene, in this

inconsistent, to use a mild expression, when bably no observant person will dispute I see young men with a wide piece of crape round one arm roaring with laughter at some jest of their companions : it is evident in such cases that the mourning is merely an outward form, and it would be far better to dispense with those symbols of grief altogether than to display them where they are totally out of place.

There is considerable distress in England just now, and times are not as good as they might be, and it does look as if the immense sums of money spent in paying high salaries to men whose offices are mere sinecures might be put to a better use. The cost of maintaining the royal family is something enormous and the, worst of it is that it increases every year, and it must make John Bull wince every time he hears that a royal personage is be to married or is coming of age, for these things mean the loosening of his purse-strings. Luckily Her Majesty has no more daughters to get married now that the princess Beatrice is about to be taken off her hands-off her hands, mind, not off those of the long-suffering British people who will be called upon to help to keep the Battenburg pot boilingand John may breathe a little casier when he reflects that he will not be compelled to provide for any more destitute German princes.

Such carelessness as that evinced by a man in Montreal who, a few days ago, left a loaded revolver in a drawer within easy reach of his little children, is nothing less than criminal. As might have been expected, two of the little ones got hold of the weapon and the result was that one of them was shot dead. There are scores of men who are quite as careless as the one referred to, only the public never hears of them because, through some strange luck, their gross carelesaness does not produce fatal results. The sooner some law is passed that will have the effect of banishing the didn'tknow-it-was-loaded, light-the-fire-with-coaloil, and jump-on-a-car-in-motion classes to some desert island, the better.

Toronto might learn something from Montreal in some matters, one of which is that one or two of her bakers might take a lesson in the art of making a four pound loaf that will weigh four pounds. Doubtless the majority of them supply bread of honest weight, but there is a black sheep in every large flock. Read this, from a Montreal paper:- "Sergeants Richard and Bernard visted the bakeries in No. 2 police district and found all satisfactory, not a loaf being underweight-indeed, most were one or two oz. over on the six pound losf." Fancy getting over-weight in bread or anything else here; not that Toronto is worse than other places, as a rule, but she seems to be behind Montreal in this respect.

The March number of the Canadian Methodist Magazine contains an admirable paper by Dr. Daniel Clark, Medical Superaliable information in regard to the temper the departed. It always strikes me as very city, on the subject of "Worry." Pre- man,

the truth of the following opening passage of the article: "Worry in business or any other annoyances whose name is legion, cause loss of appetite, want of sleep, restlessness, nervousness, general physical prostration, low spirits and all the brood of human ills which flow from them. One member of a family being in this condition, and who carries evidence of it in his face and conduct, will unsettle the comfort and peace of mind of all with whom he may come in contact. He is like a piece of yeast in dough and sets up fermentation or at least disturbance in a household.

We have all of us come in contact with people who allow themselves to be too great. ly worried by some cause or another and we knew how uncomfortable they made us feel. But that jan't the worst of it. Dr. Clark goes on to say: "It need scarcely be said that the probability is, children of such a parent, born under such untoward conditions, may inheritin a fixed and permanent form a like organization, and thus by natural law spread the evil tendency in one form or another." The article should be read by all who are inclined to think that "worrying " and " fretting" are trivial matters: they cannot fail to be impressed when they are informed, or such authority as that of Dr. Clark, of the grave evils resulting from these, to them, apparent trifles.

This is what the London Advertiser says, no doubt ironically: "One way out of the Soudan muddle would be for Wolselev to summon El Mahdi before one of the London bureaus. The matter should be compromised on payment of costs, and after El Mahdi had entered a counter charge and this was in the same way disposed of, everything would be serene." A very good way of settling the matter, no doubt, but there is one obstacle in the way of the plan being put into practice. To read of the doings of there London, Ont., "detective bureaus" would convince one that the Mahdi could never pay the costs, judging from those that are piled on the other unfortunates who are brought before the J. P.'s who preside in these burlesque rolls of justice.

A Chicago woman threshed a man till he howled, a few days ago, because he had sent her a valentine alleged to be comic, but which was really insulting; and the press thoughout the country say she did perfectly right. Mean men take advantage of the supposed privilege granted on the 14th of February to send insulting missives to people sgainst whom they may have a grudge, and who they are afraid to talk to, as they would like to, openly. The sender of an anonymous insulting letter to anyone must be a coward, and when the recipient is a woman the sender is worse than a coward. Luckily, in the case above mentioned, the woman found some clue by which she identified the man who had sent her the valentine, and that he was a coward was proved by the manner in which he yelled for mercy under the whip of the justly indignant wo-