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DISGRACEFUL CASE OF CHILD DESERTION.—It is with feelings of shame, not unminged with indignation and curiosity, that we have to chronicle a particularly gross case of child desertion in our midst. It appears that a few years ago, one Mrs. Mail, who has for some time borne a good character, was entrusted with the care of a very pretty and promising infant named Commercial Union. So far as appeared, the child was a decided favorite with its guardian, who made it her special and regular business

to sing its praises throughout the neighborhood. So far, indeed, was this enthusiasm carried, that cynical persons had been known to allege that Mrs. Mail was a crank on the subject. These criticisms frequently reached the ears of their subject, but so far from offending her, were regarded as flattering. In short, it was the universal belief that no truer affection could possibly exist in the heart of any parent than was entertained by Mrs. Mail for her adopted infant. What, then, was the surprise and consternation of the people when it became known that the miserable woman had actually deserted the child! It was hard to find anybody who would believe the report, but alas! it turned out on enquiry to be only too true. The base act was perpetrated in the most deliberate and hardened manner. For a few days it

was observed that the old woman had less than usual to say in praise of her charge; then she got bolder and began spreading a report that although the infant was a "pretty 'un," it was a source of trouble to her, and on account of the malign influence of one Jim Blaine, who entertained a spite against the child, it was not thriving as it ought to. This growing coolness culminated in the heartless desertion of the child, who was simply deposited in the public street and left to its fate, the wretched woman making off at her topmost speed. The only palliating feature in the case is that Mrs. Mail chose a moment for the desertion when she knew that Mr. Goldwin Smith was in the vicinity and would be sure to come to the rescue. This consideration savors of pity, but it is the most that can be said in palliation of the cruel act.

THE UNFORTUNATE UNEMPLOYED.—The skilled statesmen of the Reform party are in a sad plight. They are out of work, and can't find anything to do. The labor market, in their regular political line of talking small nothings, is overstocked, and unless something is done for them by the charitably disposed, there will be great distress in the party next session. These unfortunate gentlemen are too proud to beg, too honest to steal, and too stereotyped to look for anything out of their special line. If it were otherwise, it might be worth while to direct their attention to the dead walls all about them, which are plentifully placarded with advertisements for "men" who are "wanted" to do real political work for the country, for which excellent pay in the shape of fame and public gratitude are offered.

LANDLORDISM is clearly responsible for the terrible calamity at Quebec on the 19th inst., by which about one hundred people were buried by a rock slide, a large proportion of the number being killed. The locality has long been known as dangerous, several similar catastrophes having previously occurred. It ought never to have been the home of human beings. But land monopoly compels the disinherited to live where they can, without regard to considerations of safety, whether it be beneath an unsafe reservoir, or under an overhanging cliff—on the slopes of a volcano, or in the fever dens and pestilential slums of great cities. Over the graves of the crushed and mangled victims of the Quebec tragedy should be inscribed the words: "Murdered by Landlordism."

OFFENSIVE partizanship is the charge brought against Rev. Dr. Sutherland, the honored leader of the Third Party, by several Grit newspapers. It is not necessary to say a word in defence of the Doctor. As a party leader he is clearly a partizan, and that his course is offensive to the other parties is evidence that he is getting in his work. An inoffensive partizan would be a very poor sort of a leader. GRIP is pleased to learn that the old party organs do not like Dr. Sutherland's methods and advise him to stick to his preaching. It is always a good rule in politics to find out what your antagonists want you to do and then to do precisely the opposite—and no doubt the doctor will take note of the disinterested advice tendered him and govern himself contrariwise.

THE head and front of Dr. Sutherland's offending is that in addition to being an offensive partizan, he is a clergyman, and as such occupies an important and representative position. Therefore, argue his critics, he ought to eschew political prominence, or it may interfere with his usefulness in other directions. We freely admit that were he to descend to the unworthy methods which have characterized the management of the Grit and Tory

