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A Critic Criticised.

The accompanying letter has been sent us by a gentleman holding an important public position in this Province. He has not been, to our knowledge a prize winner in any of the Bible competitions, but evidently is of opinion, as are hundreds of others, that he did not "draw a blank" in getting TRUTH for the money sent:—

Editor TRUTH.

SIR:—A correspondent over the signature of "L," in the *Canada Presbyterian* of the 7th inst., with passionate ardor denounces TRUTH for what he terms "gambling with the Bible." The principle of awarding prizes for the greatest proficiency in learning, (to which he takes exception,) permeates our entire educational system, as well as our harmless muscular competitions in laudable amusements which as yet have not been characterized as gambling. Even Oaleb, who was unquestionably as good a man as the writer referred to, proffered his daughter and a goodly portion with her, as a prize to anyone who would undertake to reduce the city of Kirjath-sopher. Othniel took the place and obtained the prize. Had he been slain he would have "drawn a blank," at great cost; minus an equivalent.

TRUTH's subscribers deny the charge of gambling in a matter where they are endeavoring to gain by mutual strife what others are seeking to obtain at the same time. They also ignore the possibility of drawing blanks, seeing that TRUTH is a newspaper held in repute; in fact, it is simply immense, and its subscribers receive full value for the investment, good measure pressed down, sufficient to satisfy any complete embodiment of grinding penuriousness.

"L," strenuously alleges that the whole affair is "a game of chance." My contention is that nothing comes to us by chance, because Providence orders and directs those things which to us are perfectly casual; nor is any event determined by a blind fortune. Sometimes solemn appeals are made to Providence by the casting of lots, to settle matters of

great moment which could not otherwise be so well decided, for example, direction is given to Moses, to divide the land among the Israelites by a general rule of equity and the application of this rule was determined by lot, and according to it the possession was divided. The first King of Israel was also chosen by lot, and the different tribes and families were pleased at having a throw for it; although there was just one prize among the tens of thousands of blanks drawn.

This correspondent will have it that the competitors in TRUTH are being demoralized by a profane use of God's Word. His proposition is simply preposterous, and for which he deserves to be credited for pharisaical bawling. In fact his moribund argument is just a trifle righteous overmuch. The drift of the questions enunciated in TRUTH are calculated to lead the competitors to search for the pearl of great price. By having recourse to the Bible they consider the scope and drift of the texts comprising the questions. And like the Boreans they examine, compare and search the Scriptures daily; thereby growing nobler than the peevish, prejudiced, Thessalonian strait-laced bigot, who figured last week in the *Canada Presbyterian*.

J. W.

Toronto, 13th May 1884.

GALT, May 6th, 1884.

MR. S. F. WILSON.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the Cabinet Organ you kindly sent me as my prize for Bible answers. I am highly pleased with it and return you my sincere thanks for such a handsome instrument. I am also pleased with TRUTH, it is really an excellent weekly journal and well worth its price.

Yours fraternally,
W. S. WALKER.

UPPER NINE MILE RIVER, HANTS CO.,
N. S., May 8th, 1884.

MR. S. F. WILSON.

DEAR SIR,—My prize, a nice Watch, came to hand all right, I am very much pleased with it and trust you will pardon me for not acknowledging its receipt and thanking you before this.

I was the first person in this locality that took TRUTH, but I hear with pleasure that there are quite a number taking it now and I hope that its circulation will extend more and more. Every home should take it.

Yours with respect,
MAGGIE JANE MACKENZIE.

ORANGEVILLE, May 6th, 1884.
S. FRANK WILSON, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Silver Watch I was fortunate enough to win in No. 9 competition. I am very much pleased with it and have been assured by competent judges that it is in every respect a thoroughly good and reliable time-keeper.

I wish you success and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,
J. J. FLISHER.

EDGAR, 6th May, 1884.
S. F. WILSON, Esq.

"TRUTH Office," Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—I am rather late, owing to business, in acknowledging receipt of a copy of *Shakespeare's Poems* awarded to me in the late Biblical contest. Having seen TRUTH I thought and know it worth subscribing for, but was very skeptical regarding the prizes and had no idea that they were ever awarded only to a "ring," but my doubts speedily vanished when I saw the fine copy of "Glorious Will." You will please accept my thanks. Regarding TRUTH I think it the magazine of Canada and a paper that should have a place in every household.

Yours cordially,
W. A. LAUDER.

HORNBY, May 5th, 1884.

S. FRANK WILSON, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the ring won by me in TRUTH competition No. 9, I am well pleased with it.

Yours truly,
FRED FOX.

From the following we have letters written in a similar strain:—Watchos:—John Leslie, Beaverton, Ont.; Peter Munro, St. Elmo, Ont.; Annabel Messenger, Bridgetown, N. S.; E. A. Robins, Beamsville, Ont.; May Sunbury, North Littleton, N. B.; W. Quinn, Stanleydale, Ont.; F. F. Mencho, Nanticoke, Ont.; Mrs. A. Althauson, Regina, Man.; Lizzie Rosebrugh, Glenmorris. Set of Silver-plated Spoons:—V. Moore, St. Louis Tollgate, Que.; Mrs. J. Forman, Kirkfield, Ont.; Books:—H. McKercher, Fallowfield; E. C. Laurie, Wroxeter, Ont.; Josephine H. Graham, Brampton; Edwin Clarke, Port Elgin, R. B. Wallace, Simcoe.

HALIFAX, N. S.

To the Editor of TRUTH.

SIR,—I have been wanting to write and add my little mite of congratulation on your most excellent publication. I had not the faintest idea that a paper of the high order of TRUTH was published in Canada, and when I sent my subscription I must confess it was more from curiosity to see if it was another fraud than any other motive. I did not get a prize, as one of my answers was wrong, but I got full value for my money in the paper itself. But although I missed it last time I am not at all discouraged. As Jacob Faithful says (not your one but Captain Marryatt's) "it's no use crying, better luck next time."

Yours very truly,
W. M. TAIT.

D. G. CAMERON, Nelson, Man.—We don't think anything is to be gained by continuing the controversy. Thanks for your good wishes.

Another Bible Alphabet.

In our next issue we shall submit, for the amusement of our young readers, a Biblical Alphabet, which has been carefully prepared by a gentleman connected with our office. We shall offer two valuable books as prizes for its correct solution. Particulars and conditions will appear along with the Alphabet. Look out for it next week.

How Gerster views it: Reporter—I suppose you heard about that kissing affair between Gov. Crittenden and Patti? Gerster—I heard that the governor kissed Patti before she had time to resist, but I don't see anything in that to create so much talk. Reporter—You don't? Gerster—Certainly not. There is nothing wrong in a man's kissing a woman old enough to be his mother.

The north of Scotland recently came in for the tag end of a shower from Hecla or the other Icelandic crater. Between the Orkneys and the Shetlands ash has fallen so thick that it had to be shovelled off the deck of passing vessels. When Skapta broke out violently some years since, the fine dust fell in such quantities over Caithness that it entirely killed the crops.

"Your fare, young lady," said the stage-driver, as a pretty miss stepped from his vehicle, and was about tripping away. "O, thank you," responded the absent-minded little beauty; "I think your mustache becomes you real well, too." She got her ride free.

Not another Pill shall go down my throat again, said a citizen, "when I can get such a prompt and pleasant cure for my Bilious Attacks, such as Dr. Casson's Stomach Bitters. It renders the Blood Pure and Cool and makes a Splendid Spring Medicine. Large bottles 50 cents.

\$7,500 REWARD.

IN "TRUTH" BIBLE COMPETITION.

Number Ten, Closing June 10th.

We do think this time that we far surpass any of our many other very liberal offers for correct answers to Bible questions. Some say "it is a marvel how he can do it." We can assure our readers that all the rewards offered below will, as in the past contests, be cheerfully and promptly handed over to the six hundred and twenty-five persons who send correct answers to the Bible Questions given below by one of the leading clergymen of the Methodist Church. The questions are very difficult this time, all of which must be answered correctly in order to secure any of the rewards offered.

THE BIBLE QUESTIONS.

1.—Is there a single verse in the Bible in which consumption and ague are both mentioned?
2.—Is there another verse in the Bible where consumption fever, and inflammation are all referred to?
3.—Mention a passage in the Bible in which a lump of figs is ordered as a good plaster for a boil?

It is our aim to increase the study of the good old Book, somewhat out of fashion nowadays. The interest now taken in these Bible competitions is somewhat keener than at first. Here are

THE REWARDS.

1	1 Elegant Rosewood Piano.....	\$25000
2	1 Twelve Stop Cabinet Organ.....	25000
3	2 Gentlemen's Solid Gold Stem-Winding and Stem-setting, box cases, elegantly engraved Elgin Watchos	23000
4	3 Magnificent Triple Silver-Plated Tea Services, 6 pieces.....	33000
5	2 Ladies' Solid Gold Stem-Winding and Stem-setting Genuine Elgin Watchos.....	20000
6	2 Celebrated Wanzel Sewing Machines.....	12000
7	5 Gentlemen's Elegant Solid Coin Silver Hunting Case Watchos.....	12500
8	3 Gentlemen's Open-Face Solid Coin Silver Watchos.....	7200
9	9 Solid Nickel Silver Hunting-Case Watchos.....	14400
10	9 Solid Nickel Silver, open-face, heavy Bevelled Crystal Watchos.....	13500
11	9 Aluminium Gold Hunting Case Watchos.....	12600
12	5 Beautiful Solid Gold Diamond Rings.....	3500
13	11 Solid Gold Gem Rings.....	9900
14	12 Renowned Waterbury Watchos.....	6000
15	11 Half-Dozen sets solid triple silver-plated dessert spoons.....	8800
16	11 Half-Dozen sets of solid triple silver-plated Countess Tea Spoons.....	6600
17	109 Copies, sumptuously bound, of Shakespeare's Works.....	25250
18	139 Elegant triple silver-plated butter knives.....	13900

Bear in mind that each competitor must send with their answers one dollar, for which TRUTH will be sent for six months. You, therefore, PAY NOTHING ADDITIONAL for the privilege of competing for these costly rewards, getting full 20 and big value for your dollar investment in receiving TRUTH for six months. The regular subscription price of TRUTH is two dollars per year. Remember, to the sender of the first correct answer to the questions proposed the piano will be sent. The second correct answer will take the organ, the third, one of those beautiful solid gold watches, and so on, until the two hundred and forty-seven rewards are disposed of. Then come the