

the "St. George and the Dragon," at Wargrave. The latter was painted in conjunction with Mr. J. E. Hodgson, R.A., Mr. Leslie delineating on one side an orthodox St. George spearing a dragon, and Mr. Hodgson represented on the other the saint refreshing himself after the fight with a tankard of beer. Mr. W. P. Frith, R.A., has also displayed his talents in this direction in one or two instances.

An English traveller stood looking at the glories of Yosemite for the first time. He had journeyed three thousand miles to see the wonderful valley. Before him in solemn grandeur rose the Cathedral Rock, the Three Brothers, and the Sentinel Dome. The Bridal Veil Falls, dissolving in a feathery mist as the waters descended the tremendous precipice, lit up with varied tints the sombre majesty of the scene; while El Capitan, mighty, overpowering, unapproachable, seemed to frown sternly overall. The traveller became conscious he was not alone. At his side, apparently lost in wonder, stood a stranger, looking at the marvelous scene. He addressed the stranger:

"Is not this stupendous?"

The stranger bowed his head, as if he felt the inability of words to describe his emotions.

"Do you think," pursued the traveller, "that this terrific gorge was caused by some Titanic upheaval from below? Or is it the result of glacial action? What are your views, if any, as to——"

"My views," blandly interposed the stranger, opening a bag he carried in his hand containing photographs, "are only one dollar fifty cents a dozen, and cheap at twice the money. Permit me to show you a few samples."

AMATEUR COMPETITION.

CLASS A. LANDSCAPE, ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRIZE WINNERS.

Esson's Photographic Atelier,

PRESTON, Ont., Dec. 15, 1893.

GEO. W. GILSON, ESQ.

DEAR SIR—With this morning's express I return box of photos, judged according to their merits, totally irrespective of size, according to the following points, viz., A, B, C, as given in JOURNAL. I have judged without favor, and trust in a manner satisfactory to all, according to the rules given. 1st prize could not be better in A, B, or C; 2nd prize good also but not up to 1st; 3rd prize work good.

Yours truly,

JAMES ESSON.

1st prize, Casket of interchangeable lenses, awarded to Alfred Stirling, New York city.

2nd prize, Silver medal, awarded to Floyd Vale, Kingston, Ont.

3rd prize, Bronze medal, awarded to W. Braybrooke Bayley, Toronto, Ont.

4th prize, Bronze medal, awarded to W. B. Post, New York city.

5th prize, Bronze medal, awarded to Clarence B. Moore, Philadelphia, Pa.

6th prize, One year's subscription to CANADIAN PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNAL, awarded to Robert E. M. Bain, St. Louis.

7th prize, One year's subscription to CANADIAN PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNAL, awarded to Harry English, Toronto.

Honorable Mention: W. Bull, Quebec, Que.; Mrs. R. M. Wilson, Boston, Mass.; Geo. Lees, Hamilton, Ont.; Roswell Goldie, Guelph, Ont.; J. A. Rueff, Ottawa, Ont.; A. H. Baker, Hamilton, Ont.; W. H. Moss, Toronto, Ont.

PRESTON, Dec. 15, 1893. JAMES ESSON,

Judge.

Owing to the great number of pictures received, and their very high quality, it is impossible to give at this time more than the above brief notice. We shall notice in detail, in the January number, some of the good features of the many deserving prints that have been sent in from all parts of the world.

OUR CERTIFICATES IN RETOUCHING.

The following gentlemen have passed our examination, and have been awarded first grade certificates: K. W. Snider, Hamilton; Robt. Dunn, Brockville; R. A. Nunn, Prescott; Amidie Archambault, Montreal; P. F. Pinsonneault, Three Rivers, Que.

Judges {E. STANTON,
J. FRAZER BRUCE.