

## PRIZE BOOKS.

The following is the list of books from which we offer the choice of one volume to all who send us in ten new subscriptions to the *Weekly Messenger*;

The Popular Poets series handsomely bound with gilt edge:—Scott, Shakespeare, Burns, Wordsworth, Hood, Schiller, Campbell.

The following of Walter Scott's novels very well bound:—Ivanhoe, Waverley, Guy Mannering, Tales from French History.

The following of Dickens' works, neatly bound in cloth:—Pickwick papers, Martin Chuzzlewit, Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, Nicholas Nickleby.

These books by Agnes Strickland:—Tales from English History, True Stories from Ancient History, True Stories from Modern History.

A. L. O. E. series in gilt edges:—The Giant Killer, House Beautiful, A wreath of Indian Stories, The Silver Casket, Battling with the World, The Mine, Rambles of a Rat. Stories of Home and School Life by Mrs. Prentiss:—Stepping Heavenward, Flower of the Family.

The following books, any one of which may be chosen, are extremely popular, they are handsomely bound in cloth, extra, black and gold:—Robinson Crusoe, the Scottish Chiefs, Gulliver's Travels, Dickens' Child's History of England, Arabian Nights' Entertainments, Swiss Family Robinson, Don Quixote, Vicar of Wakefield, Paul and Virginia, Pilgrim's Progress, The Last Days of Pompeii, Dog Crusoe, Gorilla Hunters, Wild Man of the West, Bear Hunters.

Still other books to choose from are the following:—Quincy's Bee-Keeping; The Story of the Life of Jesus, a 220 page book, profusely illustrated and printed on very good paper; Self Formation, by Paxton Hood; Children of China; Half Hours with the Best Authors; From the Log Cabin to the White House.

There are no shoddy books amongst these, every volume being strongly bound. In most cases the books contain over four hundred pages, and in some volumes there are as many as between six and seven hundred pages.

## THREE COLORED PICTURES.

Three more pleasing and graceful pictures than the three large ones of which we offer the choice to all who send us one new subscription, it would be difficult to procure.

A written description is impossible in the case of such works. Only the artist's brush could do justice to the beautiful young "Foster-Mother," with her golden hair flowing in captivating negligence,—her sweet beseeching expression and uplifted hand together appealing for the safety of the frightened new-fledged birds whose mossy nest is gently borne in the other hand of their "Foster Mother."

The picture so appropriately called "Who Invited You?" is full of brightness, heightened by the rich dark background so happily chosen by the artist. It is a question which of the figures in this picture will be considered of greater interest,—the little miss with her dainty white frock and her masses of auburn hair, or the great dog who has slyly poked his nose on the table beside her, and at whom she is quietly looking down to see if he is audacious enough to take the biscuits he so covets.

Who can help falling in love with the motherly little damsel, so quaint and yet so natural, who stands there with her bare feet peeping from under the old-fashioned little gown? It is time she was in bed herself, dear little soul,—but "He won't go to sleep," she says, as she takes, from his cradle

the chubby little fellow, almost as big as herself, and as wide-awake as you please!

It would be difficult to recommend any one of these in preference to any other, when all are of such an extremely taking character. We can only call attention to the fact, that everyone has here an ample opportunity of exercising his or her particular taste.

## PRESENTS FOR EVERYBODY.

The *Weekly Messenger* has a better patronage than many an older paper and the reason is plain—True worth must always tell and it does so in the case of this paper. Many people have only got to be shown the *Weekly Messenger* to be made anxious to subscribe for it. From every quarter of this continent of North America we receive congratulations and praises. The subscriber in Texas joins with the subscriber in British Columbia, Ontario or Nova Scotia in praising such a valuable household paper.

In our last competition many persons waited till the last few days before trying to obtain subscriptions. Some of them sent in letters saying that they were sorry to be late but hoped to get a prize. Now though we were sorry for them, we cannot give prizes to those who are late. The letters must be sent in good time or no premium can be given.

Let everyone then send in the new subscriptions obtained at once and then add to these afterwards if possible.

No prizes or premiums can be sent out until the beginning of next month as many will wish to add to former lists and will consequently be entitled to more valuable rewards.

Our new prize competition will last only until the 30th of this month. Besides giving the *Weekly Messenger* for the

REST OF THE YEAR FREE,

we make the following offer of money prizes for those who obtain the five largest lists of new subscriptions at fifty cents each—these subscriptions only expiring on the 1st of JANUARY, 1887.

For the largest list we will give a prize of \$10.00; for the second largest list, a prize of \$5.00; for the third largest list a prize of \$2.50; for the fourth and fifth largest lists a prize of \$1.00 each.

Besides getting the remaining two months' issues of the paper free, and the chance of winning one of these five money prizes, everybody throughout the Dominion who sends in even one new fifty-cent subscription will be certain of receiving a present, and the more subscriptions any one sends the more valuable the present which will be received. Here is our promise:—

For one new subscription—A large and exceedingly bright and beautiful colored picture—your choice out of three.

(Second List.)

Everyone sending in two new subscriptions will be entitled to his choice of one of the following articles:

1. A pair of scissors.
2. A jet brooch.
3. A pocket, with place for miniature likeness.

4. An illuminated Family Record, with scrolls for births, marriages and deaths.
5. A gilt watch chain.
6. A History of the Riel Rebellion.

(Third List.)

Everyone sending in three new subscriptions may choose one of the following:—

1. A pocket toilet case.
2. An assorted package, including needles, thimble, cuff-buttons, brooch and chain.
3. A silver thimble.
4. One of the articles in *Second List* and the picture besides.

(Fourth List.)

Everyone sending in five new subscriptions may choose one of the following:—

1. An extra copy of this paper, to be sent to any address free until 1st January 1887.
2. A two-bladed pocket knife (Rodgers' steel.)
3. A fancy silver thimble.
4. Any one thing mentioned in *Third List* and any one thing mentioned in *Second List* besides.

(Fifth List)

Everyone sending us ten new subscriptions may choose one of the following:—

1. A nine carat gold ring, handsomely engraved.
2. Any one of a large number of valuable and handsomely bound standard books, the full list of which will be published next week.
3. Any one thing from each of *Second, Third and Fourth Lists*, besides the picture.

Every letter sent in for this competition must be plainly marked WEEKLY MESSENGER COMPETITION on the envelope as well as on the paper on which are the names of the new subscribers. In stating what prizes are wished for, in the list you are entitled to choose from, do not forget to give the number of the list and the number of its subdivision as well as the names of the separate articles.

THE CLUBS sent in for our present competition are so far extremely small and there is a splendid chance for someone to win a money prize for very little work. Remember that in our last competition the person who won the first prize sent in under \$6 for subscriptions.

THOSE WHO SEND us in subscriptions to the *Weekly Messenger* should, in choosing their prizes, state the number of the list (second, third, fourth or fifth) and the number in that list which has been chosen. Also be sure and state all the separate articles wanted. For instance, if a subscriber sends us ten subscriptions and wishes for No. 3 in the fifth list, he should say so before enumerating the articles he has chosen from the former lists.

THERE ARE TWO THINGS which we must beg leave to impress on our readers. One is that all letters sent in for the *Weekly Messenger* competition must be marked "Weekly Messenger Competition" on the envelope, and also on the top of the paper on which the names are written. The other thing is that in every case fifty cents must be sent in for each subscription. The paper is already cheaper than any other similar one, and no reduction will be made on the regular subscription rates.

## THE WEEK.

THE AMOUNT OF RISK to life and limb taken by robbers to obtain possession of other people's goods is something wonderful. A few days ago a number of robbers boarded a train on the railway between Naples and Benevento, shot down the guard, secured 11,000 francs in money and safely jumped from the train while it was going at full speed. No arrests have been made.

THE CHELSEA HOSPITAL for women, situated in one of London's prettiest suburbs, is about to found a ward and a bed for poor Jewish women, as a memorial to the late Sir Moses Montefiore, who was one of the first governors of the hospital.

MISS ELIZABETH MARRIOTT, a cultivated young lady of Stanfordsville, Duchess County, N. Y., owns a farm, and does quite as much of the work as her hired man. She does the mowing, raking, loading, and sometimes the ploughing. She has a young horse which is the terror of all the blacksmiths near, and it is quite impossible to have it shed unless its mistress is on hand to ensure the safety of the man's limbs.

NEWS FROM BALTIMORE contains a terrible account of how things are managed in the Maryland house of correction. General Bond, superintendent of the institution, is charged with the most inhuman treatment of prisoners under his charge, as well as of gross mismanagement of the affairs of the institution. In August a white man was given thirty-nine lashes with a rawhide on the bare back. A colored man, who was ordered five lashes with the cat, was given twenty with a rawhide, because, it is claimed the cat has four straps, and five strokes with it equals twenty with a rawhide. The Board of Managers unanimously voted that Bond should be dismissed.

FINDING THAT ALL persecutions of the Chinese, so far resorted to, have failed in removing them, the citizens of San Francisco have got up an anti-Chinese league. They hope that by a peaceful but systematic effort the Chinese may be got rid of.

NINE HUNDRED and fifty-five farms in Iowa are owned by women.

A FLOURISHING English society is the "London Association of Schoolmistresses," whose members meet to discuss school teaching and management.

A NEW YORK Prohibition paper, speaking of the results of the elections in the States of New York and Ohio, says: "The Prohibition party is again seen to hold the balance of power in two of the most important States of the Union—New York and Ohio. In the one State it defeats the Democratic candidate for Governor, in the other it defeats the Republican candidate. Our position is taken and our campaign urged without reference to the result on either old party. We are hewing to the line, and letting the chips fly where they will."

THERE STILL SURVIVES in Boston a humorist, Mr. E. P. Shillaber, who delighted newspaper readers before the time of "Josh Billings" and who survives him. The old man has passed the allotted three-score and ten years of human life. He lives in the modest comfort earned by diligence in the active years of manhood. In many a household works by the immortal "Mrs. Partington" are an unfailing source of innocent fun. The sayings of "Mrs. Partington" are almost as widely known as the English language.

HEREAFTER killing Indians in Arizona will be a profitable occupation, as an old