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WHO WILL GET IT?

The beautiful city residences which is to be awarded to the sender of the middle correct answer of the competition now running, is situated on Ross Street, in this city. The number is 12, not 22, as was stated in error last week. Ross Street is one of the most desirable residence streets in the city; it is boulevarded, block-paved, well lighted, well drained, etc., and the buildings in the street are exceptionally fine. No. 12 is one of the finest houses in the locality; it is well-built, is supplied with water, gas, and all modern conveniences, and is at present let at a rental of \$22 per month.

In the present competition there are also a number of other valuable and costly presents offered, and which are given as a premium to those who will subscribe at once for TRUTH.

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WHAT TRUTH SAYS.

Inoculation for cholera will soon become as common as inoculation for small-pox. May it prove equally as successful! It may yet turn out that the late discoveries in regard to cholera microbes can be turned to such excellent advantage that a cholera visitation will give little cause of alarm. In some parts of Europe thousands are being inoculated this year, and it is therefore quite probable that the practical value of what is yet but an experiment will soon be put to the test. The whole world has an interest in these experiments, and the whole world will have reason to rejoice if they prove anything like as successful as their advocates expect.

The discoverer, Dr. Forran, has inoculated over four thousand persons, and the process has thus far proved a complete protection against the disease. One inoculation gives immunity from the disease for three months, and a second within a week insures efficacy for a longer period. A commission has been sent from England to Valencia, the province mentioned, to test the efficiency of the new discovery, and will be looked for with very great interest.

The Franchise Bill is being advanced step by step through the House. At present the indications are that it will be passed. Whilst it is perhaps true that a good deal of the opposition which the introduction of this measure has looked is traceable to partisan zeal, there is not a shadow of doubt but that to a large section of the people of both political parties the Bill is exceedingly obnoxious. Standing, as TRUTH does, free and untrammelled amid the roar and din of party strife, there are plainly discernable through the smoke of the conflict several very objectionable fea-

tures. The Bill may not be the "enormous iniquity" and "atrocious outrage" which the Opposition press describe it, yet in some of its clauses it is a retrograde measure.

In Ontario the new Bill would certainly disfranchise a large number who can now vote under the Provincial Act. The raising of the property qualification is a grievous error, and it is to be hoped the Government will amend this clause before passing the measure. A genuine extension of the franchise is much to be desired, and if Sir John is sincere in his expressed intentions he will not push the Bill through the House without making the qualification at least as low as that of the Ontario Act.

Dr. Charles Pelham Mulvaney, of Toronto, breathed his last on Sunday evening last. His name was well known in Canadian literary circles, and TRUTH readers have been supplied almost weekly with his poems or essays for some time past. A much respected correspondent writes:—"On May 20th Dr. Mulvaney invited in a few of his friends, myself among the number, to share his kind hospitality. It was the evening of his fiftieth birthday. Little did we think, as we listened to his rich conversation, that the speaker would be soon silent—silent forever. Dr. Mulvaney was an Irishman by birth, but he used to say, a Canadian by adoption. He studied and graduated at Dublin University, taking there the degrees of M. A. and M. D. He possessed an extraordinary power of conversation, a very retentive memory, and an endless scope of brilliant poetic fancies—woman-hearted, kindly and genial. He had a large circle of kindly acquaintances. He was an industrious and versatile writer, with a very fine literary taste. Several published volumes of his writings, in prose and poetry, will tend to long keep his memory green."

A melancholy but apposite quotation from modern lyric poetry begins with the words: "When the enterprising burglar is aburging." The burglar business is being boomed in this city. The police and detectives indulge in a gay and festive indifference to their proceedings; indeed, if it were not for the comic effect produced, we shall be forced to regard its maintenance as a superfluous luxury. Brave, yet not incurably foolhardy, is the citizen who beholds the blank, dark circle of a revolver's mouth aimed at his left eye, which the burglar plagiarizes from the oft-repeated quotation, "Your money or your life." The enterprising burglar is like Scott's Melrose Abbey, to appreciate him aright you must "see him by the pale moonlight." You may see burglars, or, at least, equally dishonest persons, who prey on society, in plenty by daylight. You may see them in the City Council, and at the Board of Trade, and yet you shall know no fear. But at 3 a.m. the abhorrence of the character of one who confounds the grand distinction between *meum et tuum*, is heightened by the thought that the finger on the

revolver's trigger may be a nervous finger; that some slight reflex action may hasten it, perhaps, fatal pressure. It is much to be wished that the enterprising burglar should be subjected to, at least, some of the restrictions which conventional decency imposes on the no less enterprising banker.

Matters in our Canadian House of Parliament drag drearily along, and none can tell what the present session may bring forth. It is nearly five months since the present session opened, and it looks as though another five months may pass before it closes. Of course all the fighting and delay is over the new Government Franchise Bill. The Government appears determined to put that Bill through this session in spite of all opposition and all expostulations to the contrary. Of course it is well enough aware that it has at its back a well-trained and well-tryed majority strong enough for the purpose. The Opposition is determined to put every possible obstruction in the way of the passage, hoping that something may turn up in its favor in the meantime. Whether such a policy is a wise or successful one, time will demonstrate. There can be no doubt but the Bill is strongly disapproved of by a large portion of the people as an unnecessary measure, and dangerous in some of its most important provisions. The independent press of Canada appears to be unanimously against it. As the debate goes on the Government have yielded in some of the most objectionable features, but they evidently will not yield to the plea that no such measure is required at all, and that it will be well enough to go on using the Provincial voters' lists in the Dominion elections, just as has been done ever since we had a Dominion. TRUTH's decided conviction is that it is unfortunate the Bill was ever introduced at all, and that the time and wisdom of Parliament could be well spent on measures of more importance to the well being of the people than in providing the second entire set of machinery in preparing a second list of electors every year.

The Senate, on Wednesday of last week, did all it could to destroy the efficiency of the Scott Act as a real prohibitory measure by inserting an amendment authorizing the sale of wine and beer where the Act may be in force. This is about the only thing the Senate has done during the entire year to attract public attention, and for the public good this act of theirs must be undone again by the House of Commons. Of course this amendment must be adopted by the Commons before it can become law, and TRUTH has no idea whatever that the Commons will do anything of the kind. The Commons is amenable to public opinion, and that public opinion is in favour of the Scott Act as it stands, prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants, the most undoubted evidence has been given by the result of the many votes taken regarding its adoption. The test vote in the Senate on the amendment stood 31 to 20. A parliamentary correspondent says of the 20 favouring the integrity of

the Act, eleven were Reformers and nine Tories, and the 31 voting the other way consisted of two Reformers and twenty-nine Tories. The only member of the Government voting on the question in the Senate is the Hon. Minister of Justice, Sir Alexander Campbell,—a decided opponent to the Act as it now stands.

TRUTH is frequently receiving letters and criticisms for publication without the authors' names, or any guarantee from whom they came. It is simply a waste of time and postage stamps to send such to this office, as they are sure to find their way into the waste basket. Writers need hardly expect TRUTH to father their brats when they are so reluctant to father them themselves. So long as correspondents express their own convictions in a courteous way, and are willing to do so over their own signature, a good deal of latitude in discussion and in expression of even unpopular views is allowed, but unless these conditions are observed TRUTH would rather be excused than give them publicity in its pages. This note of explanation may be of interest to a good many correspondents who see or hear nothing about what has been sent here for publication. Will all concerned please make note of it!

Matters appear to be getting down to a dead level. Democratic basis in the United States. Mind and muscle appear to be nearly equally honored, but muscle has the best of it a good many times. The prize-fighter is said to be able to command more money, wear bigger diamonds, drive faster horses, and command a larger array of admirers than the prizemen of the best universities. A Boston authority says that the President of time-honored Harvard University gets about the same salary as the head cook in the Parker House restaurant. It is a well known fact that the champion base ball player goes to the front in point of salary and compliments before the leading editor or minister. Of course there is "a moral" in all this, as there should be in all good stories, and it is this: skill in almost every department of life, good or bad, is held in high estimation. TRUTH readers will please note the fact.

The indications are that it will require a good deal of able statesmanship and a good deal of skilful diplomacy to prevent a war between England and Russia even yet. It is evident enough that Russia has very covetous designs on India, and extension in that direction, and with its proverbial disregard to treaty obligations and solemn promises, not much reliance can be placed in any arrangements she may enter into, whenever it may suit her purpose to break faith. Dealing with such a nation, regarding such a matter, is a serious and difficult task. A less cautious and peace-loving Premier than Gladstone would soon have our nation involved in a great war, but whether even he will be able to avert it seems still a matter of a good deal of uncertainty.