

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 back ground 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 auacious 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.

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:—Quinby'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 Hour* 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.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY.

As such a large number of persons took advantage of our last competition to compete for a prize, we now, according to our notice last week, announce a competition on a much larger scale. We are well aware that many of our readers would be quite willing to work for this paper gratuitously, but it is but fair that they should get some reward for their work. We flatter ourselves that the rewards we offer are exceedingly liberal and that all the articles below mentioned are well worth the strenuous exertions of our readers.

We now announce our new prize competition, which will last till the 30th of November next. 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, which we will describe next week.

(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 locket, 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.

ONLY A FEW WEEKS.

Our present competition only lasts for a month and there is consequently little enough time to make immediate action necessary on the part of those who intend to try for the highest prizes. The prizes and premiums will be sent when the competition is over.

WINNERS OF PRIZES.

We now announce those who won prizes in our last competition for subscriptions to January 1st, 1886. The list so far as at present appears is given below but as some of our readers have made mistakes in not stating what publication they wished for, and as some have sent separate lists under different names, we leave the underneath open to correction for one more week after which we will forward the prizes on application.

1st prize, \$5 and book—Jennie Manning, N.S.	\$5.25
2nd " \$2.50—Minnie Stockhouse, Que.	3.45
3rd " Book—Alex. A. Spafford, Mich.	2.40
4th " " Eliza Grant, N.B.	2.25
5th " " J. Murray, Iowa	1.65
6th " " Georgia Connor, Ont.	1.50
7th " " May James, Ont.	1.50
8th " " Fanny Badley, Mich.	1.35
9th " " Ella Little, Ont.	1.35
10th " " Ethel Bezz, Ont.	1.35
11th " " Mary Gleadhing, Ont.	1.20
12th " " Eva G. Adams, Ve.	1.20
13th " " Wm. E. Wright, Ont.	1.20
14th " " Mrs. Alex. McPherson, N.S.	1.20
15th " " Mrs. G. Good, Ont.	1.20
16th " " Mrs. John Moody, N.S.	1.05
17th " " S. McKee, Ont.	1.05
18th " " N. Cameron, Ont.	1.05
19th " " Eddy Pomeroy, Mich.	1.05

TO SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The kindly way in which school authorities and school teachers speak of the *Weekly Messenger* as a help in training the young is truly gratifying to us. It is recommended to be used as a supplement to the regular readers for the reason that it teaches such boys and girls such a number of things that would be entirely overlooked in the ordinary school course. It broadens the minds of school boys and school girls to read something about the important events which are going on in the world. They are far more likely to do so if the events are presented in such a readable form as they are in this paper. The following samples of letters received by us speak for themselves:

"I heartily recommend the *Weekly Messenger* as just such a periodical as should be taken by the school children of Canada. I would suggest that all school teachers should induce as many as possible of their scholars to subscribe to it, and do so themselves."

F. C. EMBERSON, M. A.,
Late Inspector of Schools.

A school teacher writes: "Will you please send me twelve copies of the *Weekly Messenger* and I will remit again before the year closes. It is the best paper for the schoolroom I have ever used."

ROBINSON CRUSOE has long been a favorite book among boys. No less strange than the adventures of Crusoe were those of the hero of our new story on the 7th page.

AT THE REQUEST of our readers we have sent off hundreds of sample copies of this paper to different persons of whom they have given us the addresses. We now offer to send sample copies for two weeks to those friends whose names and addresses our subscribers may see fit to send us.

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. No special rates will be allowed for clubs.

THE WEEK.

TWO-THIRDS OF THE SWISS NATION have voted in favor of cantonal local option. Many citizens abstained from voting on the question.

OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS was received for the Grant Monument Fund from the United States Consul at Bradford, England. The money was all contributed by Englishmen. The total fund now amounts to \$95,929.

WHEN THE 63rd Regiment of volunteers was called out from Halifax to go to the North-West, eight of the men "funkt." A few days ago their names were read out before the whole regiment and they had to march out of the drill shed amid the jeers of their late comrades.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF New York resolutions were presented condemning in good round terms the publication and reading of Sunday newspapers.

WHETHER OR NOT Blue Ribbon beer is intoxicating is a question which is being investigated in Toronto. It seems to be only a question of degree as the doctors who gave their testimony said that it depended upon the susceptibilities of those who drank it and the state of their stomachs at the time as to what quantity would be necessary to make them intoxicated. Some thought a quart and others said a pint would be enough.

AT EU, France, was celebrated the marriage of Prince Waldemar, the third son of the King of Denmark, to Princess Marie, daughter of the Duke and Duchess de Chartres. The wedding register was signed by thirty-nine princes, including the Prince of Wales. The bride wore a dress of white satin with a pearl-embroidered bodice. Her veil was made of Chantilly lace. At Copenhagen the day was observed as a general holiday and torchlight processions from neighboring villages marched through the streets.