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POSTPONEMENT.

In view of the comparative indifference which the public has thus far manifested in our last great Bible Competition, we have been forced to postpone the award until the 30th of October. The manner in which our earlier competitions were received led us to expect that when the number and value of the prizes were increased the interest in the competition would increase in proportion. Such has not been the case, however. The results thus far have been very disappointing, the number competing being by no means commensurate with the liberality displayed by the publisher in his truly regal offer in another column.

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WHAT TRUTH SAYS.

The by-elections in several constituencies have afforded the party organs an opportunity for calling one another hard names and of holding each other responsible for the hard times, the hot weather, and the prevalence of the whooping cough. When the leading papers of the country are able to rise above petty personalities and rancorous jealousies, we may look for a better state of things in the political world. At present no intelligent discussion of public affairs can be had, either in the press or on the platform, because of the prejudice and wilful blindness which party feelings have engendered in the public mind.

The reappearance of small-pox in Montreal is due entirely to the insane prejudice of the French population against vaccination, and the culpable negligence of the authorities in not enforcing the vaccination law. The effect upon the commerce of the city of this visitation of the odious disease will be very serious if the scourge is not speedily stamped out. At latest accounts the epidemic was abating, but unless the Health Board of the city compel the *habitants* to submit to vaccination, the disease will re-appear at the first favorable opportunity.

There is generally a considerable amount of fear of injury from lightning during a thunder storm, but upon the whole there is not much ground for such fear. At such a time the safest position is in a wood, if the largest and tallest trees be avoided. The greatest risk is, undoubtedly, when people are travelling over a bare wide plain, because they are then themselves the most elevated objects. Cattle are frequently killed under a tree. This is because such a tree is generally isolated, and because the animals huddle

much together, and the moist column of steam arising from their bodies and breath form from the superior conductivity of water, a favorable passage for the electricity. A herd of cattle, even in the open plains, are always in greater danger than human beings. Under a tree they are exposed to a double danger.

Meantime the announcement of Parnell's programme has created a great sensation, especially as it is now believed that he and Davitt have come to an understanding. This understanding is nothing more nor less than a mutual agreement to unite for Irish separation and the disruption of the union. These revelations have made it necessary for the Conservatives to change their attitude towards Parnell. A later rumor is to the effect that the Tory and Parnellite party managers have arranged a scheme of local self-government for Ireland, which would be tantamount to Home-Rule. These rumors have lately been strengthened by certain occurrences which seem to prove the existence of a good understanding between the present Premier and the uncrowned King of Ireland. Under these circumstances it became very desirable to get an authorized statement of facts from Lord Salisbury, and the Cable News telegraphed to the Marquis asking him for a plain answer to the question, whether there was an understanding between the Tories and the Parnellites. The answer came promptly and was to the effect that no such understanding existed, nor has ever existed. The statement was made as emphatic as language could make it but the Liberals are still sceptical. Prominent Englishmen and the leading newspapers express the earnest hope that partisan strife is not so acute as to prevent a permanent understanding between English and Scotch Liberals on the one hand and the Tories on the other, to resist all special legislation intended for Ireland in the direction of separation.

The mania for roller skating is already subsiding. Capitalists who have invested largely in roller skating rinks are finding that the desire to glide about on wheels is measurably decreasing. Its principal attraction was the novelty of all classes intermingling on the polished floors of the rinks. A new standard of morality was created, and it was lower and more lax than that which obtains at park picnics or summer excursions. This has led people of better perceptions to refrain from patronising the rinks, and as a consequence the receipts at these resorts have shrunk to losing proportions. There is no disguising the fact that numbers of our young girls have become utterly depraved through frequenting the roller rink. It is therefore matter for sincere congratulation that the time is almost at hand when respectable people will refuse to attend them, and when these resorts will exist only by the support of the heedless and vicious.

Cholera is of Oriental origin. An acquaintance with Oriental climate, Asiatic people, their constitutional peculiarities,

and domestic customs, their cerebral powers, and mental exercises consequent upon these powers, will convince one of the teutonic race, that cholera is generated from a blending of these peculiar elements. The disease is never begotten in a cold country and transmitted to a warmer one. The sun's rays will give vitality to a certain quantity of rain water. The same properties, when acting upon the human system, carry with them a vitalizing germ for the production of a result foreign to health—the dimensions, color and organization of the germ are too minute for description—they are rather known as electricity is apprehended, that is, by their results. The probability is that this accounts for the disastrous effects which fear will often have upon the person who says he is sure he will have an attack of the malady. He diets himself, avoiding vegetables and looking with suspicion upon different kinds of meat. All the while a dread of what is to come pre-disposes him to the reception of the germ of the dire complaint.

On the other hand, take the cheerful person, who is cleanly in his habits, eats, drinks, and sleeps without an anticipation of dying within a few hours by the influence of the disease, and he will be less likely to succumb to its presence. Do not stint nature; do not check it in what it can receive and ask for. Treat nature generously and she will not repudiate your acquaintance. If nature says eat, drink and be merry, do it; if she says spare my hygienic powers, familiarity with such a quality of meat, with that particular vegetable, or with a beverage she fails to assimilate with her blood, then be careful and kind to her suggestions.

As we are speaking of cholera, we may as well say a word about small-pox and its remedy—vaccination. It is a simple thing to vaccinate; one would think that even the most uncivilized of all people would hear of and adopt vaccination as a protective act against a visit of the loathsome disease. And yet, not only they but the more favored of our race will take no trouble to vaccinate,—on the contrary they will not do it—having a prejudice against it. If we are not mistaken the prejudice exists in countries where alone the religion of Rome is professed, more than it does in those latitudes where it is not only argued against but put to the protest. Why this is so we do not at this moment explain. But we do explain how simple it is for almost every one to obtain from a medical man a small quantity of vaccine matter. Put a small piece about the size of the head of a large pin upon a piece of clean glass. Moisten it with water and rub it down to the consistency of cream. Scratch the skin of one of the arms above the elbow with a lance or sharp knife until the blood begins to appear; apply the softened vaccine matter to the abrasion and the whole operation is over with. A little care of the wound as it inflames and produces a healthy scab about the size of a large pea, will suffice to guard an individual against an attack at

all of small-pox, or at least against one which will destroy life. In visiting a small-pox patient nature is further protected by the visitor fortifying his stomach with healthy food and good beverage. Experience, in such an emergency, is rather against than in favor of the expulsion of potential liquids. Law should compel vaccination as peremptorily as it demands the payment of taxes.

TRUTH is not a sectional paper. It confines itself to no party lines as opposed to unanimity of policy in joining together and cementing colonial interests. A view of the Dominion geographically is sometimes presented to show that tropical productions are not indigenous to the north of the southern boundary. To the south of this line, it is asserted in disparagement of the country north, that all products of all climates are to be had. It is omitted to be stated that the colonial system covers this planet—"No pent up Utica" contracts its powers—the whole boundless continent is ours. What ever grows upon the habitable globe can be truthfully claimed as a product of the united colonial system. We are a comprehensive country, and the more we realize it the more intelligent we become. Steam travel, electric correspondence, and conversations over the telephone place, the grocer in communication with Ceylon, and he asks whether their crop of spices, tea, and coffee are a good yield this year? Is the plum-bago market full, and how are prices per ton ranging? Are you shipping ebony, white wood, and mahogany for furniture manufacturers in America? and how stands the market in respect to all your valuable wood? Then in respect to education. Philanthropists can ask about the graduates of Widyodaya College, the graduates of the Buddhist's Theological Institution at Colombo,—how many students they have, &c. The Principal, who is High Priest of Adam's Peak, and whose name is Sumaigala can be complimented upon the attainments of his pupils, thus opening an intercourse with these people of ancient philosophy and religion and preparing the way for enlightenment. While the Government itself can be interviewed respecting those civic questions which may more or less affect the prosperity of a sister colony.

Wool from the far colonies of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and other distant places can be enquired after, and if results are likely to be favorable, shipped directly to supply the twelve millions of pounds we annually use in Canada. Egypt is fond of making known abroad what it can do, and she can, and will do many things as to value and utility surprising to our inland population. So, in respect to all which constitutes to prosperity, political strength, and civilization a colonial unanimity is indispensable. We predict that in a few years the absorbing topic of the day will be this, and every one, uninformed upon what constitutes unanimity will be held to be disqualified for holding either honorary or substantial appointment.