

he would see young men trying their *luck* at the *wheel of fortune* and other gambling concerns; and still further, would see a large crowd of well dressed folks who are looking on to see the fun. Jack, surprised at the sight, would exclaim in audible voice, *Why the churches have given a holiday to day!* Ah no! Jack, these are pleasure seekers.

But how great will be his indignation when he observes near this crowd, a *shanty*, put there to cover and protect that which its occupant deals out, not for the benefit of the people, but for his own gain.

If rage gives utterance to prayers, Jack will invoke the *powers that be* to sink them beneath his bridge with all their corruption.

Then calling upon the City Authorities will enquire, *Are there not laws in your land to prevent such Sabbath desecration!*

#### TEACHER'S PENSION FUND.

The Protestant Teachers of this city, have lately had under consideration, the reported intention of the Government to repeal the Act called the "Pension Act in favour of Teachers," passed in 1880.

By this Act, an allowance is guaranteed Teachers, on certain conditions and after having taught a certain number of years, if disabled by reason of ill health. At the age of 60 years the Teacher may retire, if he choose, from the profession, altogether.

By the repeal of this Act, the Government deprives the Teacher of the provision which the law now provides and leaves him, in his disability or old age to plod his weary way whithersoever he will.

The Teachers, of course, strongly oppose the repeal of this act but approve its amendment.

What seems to have struck them with astonishment however, is the hasty and inconsiderate action of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction, by which that body endorsed the Government's scheme and strengthened its intention (the very opposite of what the Roman Catholic Committee did) without the promise of an equivalent or a substitute.

The Teachers, we understand, have memorialized the Protestant Committee to reconsider their action—which memorial we hope will not be presented *pro forma*—ordered to be read and then *requiscat in pace*.

We have heard a rumor, that the sympathies of the Protestant Committee have been sought and obtained, by representations made them, by a Parliamentary delegation—who felt no compunction not long since, in augmenting their own and other member's allowances by a pretty fair fraction of the original unit—to the effect that a few aged Teachers (whose emoluments, by the way, have been very good) would be placed on the civil service list, for pensions; and also that the committee, in their turn, made strong appeals in favour of another or others for a like privilege, and let the others, who have taught as long and as faithfully, and whose salaries have been but small, compared with theirs, be shelved. This seems to us unfair and unjust.

It is our happy duty to join with the numerous friends of our venerable and esteemed Professor, the Rev. W. B. Clarke, in congratulating him on the thirtieth anniversary of his call to the pulpit of Chalmers Church in this city.

He arrived in Quebec in the month of March 1853 and in the same month commenced his arduous duties as pastor of that church which charge he continued to hold till the time of his resignation some eight years ago.

The ladies of the congregation in honor of the occasion celebrated his thirtieth anniversary by holding a social gathering of the friends and members of the congregation when choruses were sung, refreshments served, and speeches delivered by ministers of several of the sister churches. But the principal feature of the evening was the presentation made to him of his photograph handsomely framed by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Mathews in behalf of the ladies of the congregation.

#### COLLEGE ITEMS.

The Alma Mater Society purpose celebrating their annual reunion this year with a supper, to be held in the college. A full report will be given in our next issue.

All members of the Alma Mater are expected to be present. Tickets can be had from the treasurer.

It will take place on the 22nd inst.