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A WELCOME TO SIR JOHN YOUNG.

DIOGENES having recently paid his respects to the late Representative of Her Majesty in this Dominion, takes an early opportunity of welcoming his successor:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

There are certain foolish individuals in Canada who have called you "an unknown man." DIOGENES is informed that you can take a joke, and is therefore content to let the assertion pass, contradicted as it is by the most patent facts.

DIOGENES knows how well you served your Queen when a member of her Cabinet. He knows still better how judiciously you steered through the labyrinthine difficulties of the Ionian question. When DIOGENES was young the inhabitants of Corcyra were rather addicted to lying and other evil habits. When you left Corfu the most ardent Phil-hellenist was ready to bid you farewell with an *eis to kalon*.

If there be a good probation for a Governor General of this Dominion, surely it will be found in ministering to the necessities of our great sister colony, Australia. The wisdom and moderation of your Excellency's government at the antipodes is not unknown in Canada. The noble speech which you made on the subject of the burning of the Roman Catholic Cathedral reached us here, and was read by men of all creeds with openly expressed admiration. A statesman free from the chains of morbid religious bigotry is always a valuable acquisition to Canada.

One reason, perhaps, why you are called unknown is, that you do not carry a trumpet in your pocket to blow to admiring nations. You will be rather eccentric here from the absence of this convenient musical instrument—but, perhaps, after all, we have had enough of political boasters and swaggerers. Modesty is not a virtue peculiar to Canada, but a little harmless display of that infirmity is sometimes refreshing.

By the way, Sir John, there is plenty for you to do. We want to enlist your kindly peace-making qualities in making up rather an absurd quarrel between ourselves and the sister province of Nova Scotia. We have called each other hard names till we are both rather exhausted. A little of that soothing unguent which you used so successfully in the Ionian Islands, will, perhaps, answer better. If your Excellency will deign to keep an eye on the Intercolonial Railway, in order to prevent it from becoming a jobbery, DIOGENES will cheerfully lend you all the light of his lantern. He also respectfully suggests that the state of the tariff, the laws regulating trade, our means of defence, the question of emigration, and our relations with our powerful neighbour, are subjects not unworthy of your careful consideration.

EPIGRAM

ON THE VENALITY OF MODERN STATESMEN.

In ancient days,—so Horace says,—
The patriotic cry
Was "Dulce et decorum est
"Pro patria mori;"

And when the gallant Girondins,
The men of '93,
Were put to death, their motto was
"Mourir pour la patrie."

But modern Statesmen have preferred
To change this motto's tone;
They cancel "die for," as absurd,
And read it "live upon."

A BRACE OF ABUSES.

DIOGENES extends to the Dispensing Chemists all the sympathy of which his tub and lantern are capable in their crusade against a dishonorable and dishonoring system,—a system under which Doctors of Medicine demand a huge percentage on the charge for prescriptions furnished to patients. DIOGENES thinks if the Doctors are not satisfied with their legitimate fees, and want to make a profit out of their nostrums, they should, at once, become, as of old, their own dispensers. It might not be quite so gentlemanly perhaps,—there being small affinity between the pestle and mortar, and the high-stepper, brougham and buttons,—but it would be infinitely more honest.

At the same time the Cynic, while sympathising with the minor medicine-men, would express a hope that they will give the public the benefit of the change they wish to inaugurate, and cease charging a dollar for physic which, in very many instances hardly costs them a dime.

While on this subject, DIOGENES wishes to draw attention to a similar huckstering system in vogue with a class of city traders, from whom, perhaps, not so much ought to be expected as from professional gentlemen. He alludes to your money-making, money-grubbing, smug Auctioneers. Some of these gentry, noted for church going and charity, demand fifty and sixty per cent. discount on the advertising which they claim the right of distributing to the city newspapers, and unblushingly charge their customers full rates on accounts made out at the publishing offices—the "discount" being a private "business" transaction between auctioneer and publisher.

DIOGENES resolutely sets his face against this style of "business." He does not fear the knock-down of the Auctioneer's hammer, and not having a blanket on his hands he can afford to speak out. He therefore gives notice to the *bona fide* advertisers of auction sales, *i. e.*, those who have goods to sell, that he will give them the discount which properly belongs to them should they muster the requisite firmness to insist on making him the vehicle of their announcements.

Moreover, by way of encouraging the others, and in the interests of struggling journalism, DIOGENES will give a standing advertisement for six months to the first Druggist and the first Auctioneer who will publicly notify their adoption of the system of business indicated in the foregoing, and proclaim themselves the honest men of whom the Cynic is in search.

N.B.—The Auctioneer must not keep a store for the reception of furniture knocked down cheap to his own dummies in order to be resold at a profit ranging from 50 to 100 per cent.

IMPORTANT TO INVALIDS.

If you entertain doubts as to the state of your health and feel that your own medical adviser hesitates to tell you all he knows, announce yourself as an intending policy-holder in a Life Insurance Company, which, for its own protection, pays the medical fees for every one examined. If, after undergoing the requisite formula and answering all the questions put to you, the insurance is declined, make your will at once, and thenceforth, if you have not done so before, lead a sober and religious life.

N.B.—Out of gratitude to the Insurance Company you ought at least to recommend all your healthy friends to take policies.

A PAIR OF CONUNDRUMS.

When was the pleasantest season in Paradise?
Probably, before *the Fall*.

What is the earliest historical notice of gloves?
When Jacob cheated Esau, *he put kids on his hands*.



SKETCHES IN THE STREETS. No. I.

A WINTER PIECE:

Translated from Horace.

ODE IX.—BOOK I.

See, white with deep, untrodden snow
 Soracte stands; the cumbered woods
 Bend with their burden, and the floods,
 Curbed by keen frost, have ceased to flow.

Pile on fresh logs; dispel the cold,
 Dear Friend, and lavishly produce
 From Sabine jar the hoarded juice
 Of mellow grapes, four winters old.

Leave to the Gods all else. When they
 Have lulled the stormy winds asleep
 That battle with the boiling deep,
 Cypress and ash no longer sway.

Seek not to-morrow's fate to know:
 Set down as gain whatever chance
 To-day brings forth; scorn not the dance,
 Or youthful love's delicious glow.

Age soon will blight thy manhood's flower:
 Park and parade should charm thee now,
 And thou shouldst whisper passion's vow
 At dusky twilight's trysting-hour;

Or track the low, sweet laugh that tells
 The nook where lurks some playful girl,
 And snatch the forfeit, ring or pearl,
 From neck or hand that scarce repels.

"SOME HAVE GREATNESS THRUST UPON THEM."
 THE FOUNDER'S FESTIVAL.

This year's celebration of the birthday of the Hon. Peter McGill—a Canadian whose name is so intimately connected with University progress in Lower Canada—takes place this evening.—*Daily News, Nov. 27th.*

The Hon. Peter McGill has left this Province a legacy that will give his name an enduring honor among us.

It is a grateful tribute to the memory of one who furnished the corner stone of an institution of which our city is justly proud, to observe his birthday with fitting celebration.—*Daily News, Nov. 27th.*

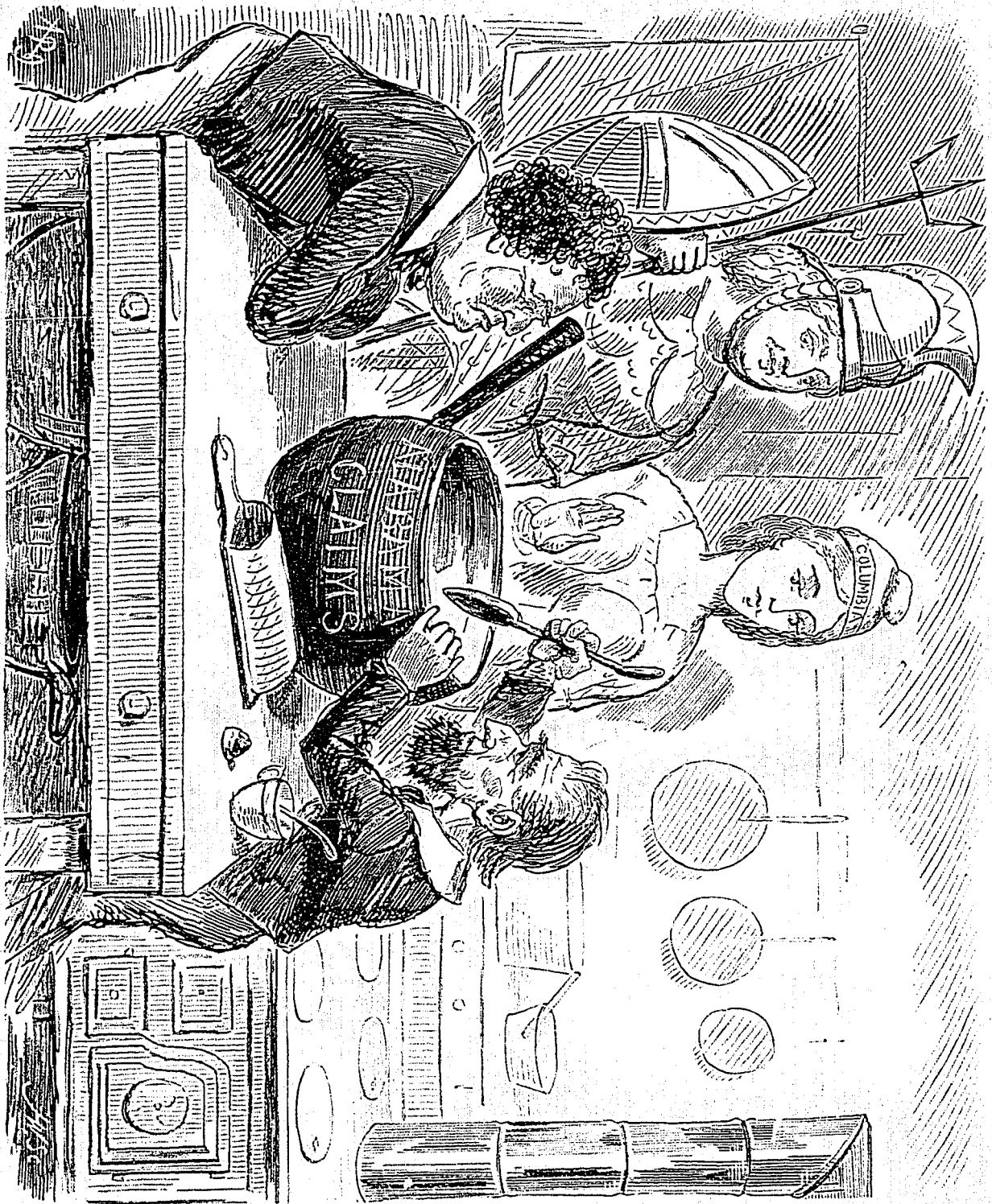
DIOGENES deeply regrets that he has to contradict any writer in the *Daily News*; but the love of truth, no less than the desire to assign honour to whom honour is due, compels him to state that the founder of McGill College was the Honorable JAMES MCGILL.

CORPORATION TABLES.

One defective Corporation . . . 50 Bad Side-walks.
 50 Bad Side-walks No Light in Streets.
 No Light in Streets 1 Old Lady Breaks Leg.
 1 Old Lady Breaks Leg 1 Corporation Suit.
 1 Corporation Suit 1 Loss of Money that had
 better have been spent on Side-walks and Lighting.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND TABLES.

1 Lack of Religion 1 High Church
 1 High Church Low Church grumbles.
 Low Church grumbles High Church stands firm.
 High Church stands firm 1 Bishop dies.
 1 Bishop dies House of Bishops sends
 House of Bishops sends names Synod rejects. [names.
 Synod rejects House of Bishops sends
 House of Bishops sends names Synod rejects. [names.
 Synod rejects House of Bishops gets mad.
 House of Bishops gets mad . . . 1 Adjournment till May.



(Mother Britannia to Mrs. Columbia,—"Come now—this mess will never get settled, if you allow that boy Jonathan to keep stirring it up.")

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

"WHELAN'S WELCOME."

TORONTO, Nov., 1868.

DIOGENES' curiosity having been excited by an account which he read in the *Globe* of the arrival of Whelan in Toronto last week, he has been enabled, by the exercise of back-stair influence (which is the characteristic result of the rays of his lantern), to obtain a view of the private diary of the Governor of the Gaol in which the "distinguished prisoner" is at present confined.

The Cynic will content himself with transcribing the entries for the day following the arrival of "*the murderer*," and will simply inform the public, in the words of the *Globe* reporter, that "The preparations for his reception were made in conformity with *the dignity of the prisoner*," and that "on being taken to his cell he expressed much satisfaction with it."

The diary commences thus:

7 o'clock A.M.—Awoke after a refreshing night's rest, and immediately desired Charles to take a cup of coffee, and two pieces of toast, to my newly arrived "guest," to give him my compliments, and say that I hoped he had passed a pleasant night. On Charles' return, I heard that Mr. Whelan had slept well, after his fatiguing journey on the Grand Trunk Railway, and would be happy to receive me in his *boudoir* at about nine o'clock. Having dressed myself with extra care, I knocked at his door, and was received with a round of oaths. Knowing this was an amusing peculiarity of my visitor, I walked in quite unconcernedly, and shook hands, warmly, with Mr. Whelan. He received me in a most gentlemanly manner, and apologised for his language to me outside his door, saying he was not aware who was knocking. He was dressed in a loose morning gown, and assured me that he had greatly enjoyed his breakfast, which, by my order had consisted of chocolate, grilled chicken and marmalade. I ascertained his wishes as to dinner, which he desired to have at seven o'clock, and then offered him the use of my gray mare for a little horse exercise in the yard. This he politely declined, as he informed me that "he had n't straddled a oss since last St. Patrick's Day, when he was Marshal, and he guessed how he'd got rather stiff." He asked me if I had a few volumes of the *Newgate Calendar* for him to read, and I promised, if there were any in the city, to obtain them for him. (I procured him two, afterwards; one with an account of Rush's trial and execution, and the other describing Palmer's last moments.) I left him soon after, and found two gentlemen of the Press (from the *Globe* office) waiting to see me, in order to obtain leave to visit my guest. They asked me many questions about him,—such as, "What wardrobe did he bring?" "Had he already given out his clothes for the wash, and how many were there?" "Did he take snuff?" "Did he expectorate freely?" "What was his favorite drink?" "Had I observed his prayer-book, and whether it was well thumbed?" and numerous other enquiries, the answers to which, they said, the public would read with great avidity. I gave them the necessary permission to converse with Mr. Whelan,—a permission which I understand they profited by to a very liberal extent.—In the afternoon one of my Wardens informed me that Mr. Whelan had roundly abused him in a very profane manner for having given him nothing but gruel for luncheon. I had most unfortunately forgotten to give any special instructions as to this meal, and he had been served out with the usual dinner given to less distinguished prisoners. I apologised for this when I went to visit him again in the evening, and promised that so long as he was under my care his diet should receive my personal attention. I also expressed my great regret that the stringent rules in force forbade my entertaining him as a guest at my own table. He told me that he had dined well off boiled shoulder of mutton and onion sauce, and pronounced our cook "a

regular fizzer at making coffee." His conversation is very varied and amusing,—not always strictly grammatical, and at times rather profane,—but, on the whole, I am agreeably pleased with my guest, and shall be sorry when he leaves me.

I retired to bed at eleven o'clock, perfectly satisfied that no pains had been spared to make Mr. Whelan's visit to Toronto as pleasant to him as circumstances would allow.

TO THE EDITOR OF "DIOGENES."

MONTREAL, Dec. 1st, 1868.

SIR,—In accordance with a request from the President and Committee of the St. Andrew's Society that I would prepare an original song to be sung at their banquet in the Mechanics' Hall on St. Andrew's day last, I wrote the accompanying; but, in consequence of strong opposition from some of the members, it was not unanimously accepted, on account, I believe, of its extremely *temperate* language. As an author I think it hard that my song should not have been laid before the public, tho' at the same time I freely forgive the St. Andrew's Society, thinking, as I do, that their refusal indicates that less *cold water* will be thrown on a genial meeting next St. Andrew's day. Yours, till death,

TORQUIL MCSPLEUCHAN.

A SONG WITH THE MOTTO "TEMPERANTIA DOES IT."

AIR—"Cauld Kail in Aberdeen."

There's water cauld in Montreal,
The whilk we mean to shew ye,
By banquets at Mechanics' Hall
Where water fills the cogie.

Chorus—When water fills my cogie, Sir,

I speechify as vogie,
The lasses wad na had their lads
Neglect them for their cogie.

When Father Adam, lang sin syne,
Wad tak a drop o' grogie,
He kenned na' usquebagh nor wine,
But water filled his cogie.

Chorus—When water fills, &c.

And what the deil care I tho' a'
Ca' me auld farrant fogie,
I'd dang down "Freeman's," "Queen's," and a'
Where sinners birl the cogie.

Chorus—When water fills, &c.

Then Heaven our Temperance feast attend,
If ony ane say no,—Geh!
Then I'll mak his hinder end
Acquainted wi' my broguie.

Chorus—When water fills, &c.

The following supplementary verse was suggested by a friend who remained until a late hour, and avers that the farther the evening advanced the less the temperance element seemed to predominate, giving as his reason, and parting advice to St. Andrew's Society,—

For when ye deputations send,
Led by a blythesome roguie,
They'll fill their quaich to some good end,
Wi' mair than's in your cogie.

Chorus—When water fills, &c.

UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE.

In the *Gazette's* account of the Dinner in the Mechanics' Hall, on St. Andrew's day, the Hon. T. Ryan is reported to have said that "*the Union of the Provinces is a Haggis*." Surely this is too hard on Confederation. Even the Nova Scotians never said more, than that the Canadian Government *had made a hash of it*.

WHELAN.

"We understand that the authorities in Toronto are in possession of full particulars of a plot which had for its object the rescue of Whelan, and that several persons suspected of Fenian proclivities, and living in Montreal, are implicated in it."—*Daily News*, Dec. 2.

TORONTO.—Public feeling here is shaky on the point of justice being carried out. Some apprehend that Whelan will slip through, either the meshes of the law, or the iron gratings of his present abode.—*Special telegram to the Gazette*.

Ye Warders, to whose care
A wily fiend is trusted for a time,
Watch the base felon, stained with bloody crime,
Like tiger in his lair.

Watch him with Argus eyes,
Morn, noon and night secure his lonely cell—
See that each turnkey, guard and sentinel
Promptly his duty plies.

Let prison bolts and bars,
Locks, gyves and manacles be stout and strong:
The blood of one the Nation loved has long
Been crying to the stars.

Think of that April morn,
When, while the Moon illumed the silent street,
A mighty soul was sent its God to meet,
From earth abruptly torn!

O loved and lost McGee!
Man fades from memory, quickly, like a dream—
Thy fate is nigh forgotten, it would seem,
By men once dear to thee!

Some paltry legal flaw
May snatch thy vile assassin from the grave;
But naught, if Justice lives, his life can save
Once forfeit to the law.

No mercy should be shewn:
He shewed no mercy to the man he slew—
He must not cheat the Hangman of his due—
Blood must for blood atone!

THE AGE OF UNREASON.

"Mr. Jervis Bellamy, a well known eccentric citizen of Hamilton, aged 76, committed suicide on the 27th, by cutting his throat. Cause,—Paine's 'Age of Reason,' and similar works."—*Montreal Gazette*, Dec. 1.

THERE is a meagreness about the foregoing paragraph which is extremely unsatisfactory. An enquiring public would like to know more of an eccentric citizen of the *green* age of 76, who, preferring a razor to a "bare bodkin," made his *quietus* because of Paine's "Age of Reason." In the absence of full information DIOGENES inclines to the belief that injustice has been done to Mr. Bellamy's memory. The Cynic is confident that Tom Paine's book never turned the head of Mr. Bellamy or anybody else—for the reason that no sane man could ever discover sense or reason in it. It is a wicked book, and its wickedness has not the merit of being attractive, which is dead against its popularity in these latter days. DIOGENES is disposed to take a more charitable view of Mr. Bellamy's infirmity, and to believe that that gentleman anticipated nature, because in his eccentricity he considered he had attained an *unreasonable age*.

This theory, the Cynic submits, is far more reasonable than the one which attributes the rash act to Paine's "Age of Reason."

MAKING LIGHT OF IT.

One of George Stephenson's favourite theories, as stated by his biographer, Mr. Smiles, was that "*Coal is only bottled light*." The belief in this theory may possibly account for the fact that so many Coal dealers use *light* weights when they are supplying their customers.



SMITH goes in wildly for furs, and has his photo. done with an Arctic back-ground. Now, considering that most of his time is spent in rooms where the Mercury is over 70°, of course this gives his friends at Home a very correct idea of his ordinary surroundings.

ESSAYS ON SOCIAL SUBJECTS.

No. 3.—FRENCH "PARIS."

WUNCE I went to Paris to the Expositieng. I went Express and might have gone Expresser with advantage. Paris is a big place—French Paris I mean. The Lumproor's paliss is called the Tooraloorals, and is a fine thing. The Gardens is laid out in grand style, with Stoopids and Screenuses fizin and squirtin all round. The Lumprooress goes to see em squirt reglar. When I got to Paris, two Munseers was parlee-vouin—"S'il est" says wun, lookin at me—"No, thankee," says I, "I prefers wheels."—I got wheels, you bet.—"Ou," says the carter. "Diable," says I, brushin up *Frangsay* (French word for their own langwige). "Bang," says he; "Allay vous ong," says I. He druv me to the Hotel de Vill, bein the most respectible house of its kind in French Paris. I ast for a bed and glas of rum. They brought me a strate weskit. N.B.—The French French is a stoopid people. I spent the nite in a loonytic asylum. In the mornin I was releesed on payin forty (40) francs, singin the Marcyllase Him, subscribin to the rattaticashun of the treaty of Amens, and promisn never to bear alms agin the French Publics. I was then humanely shoved over the front tier. I didn't see the Expositieng. * * * The French eats frogs' heads and snale shells.

PELEG PLUG.

"SAVE ME FROM MY FRIENDS."

Last week DIOGENES stated that a merchant who had recently "levanted" from Montreal, was not "the honest man" of whom he is in search. A friend of the defaulter suggests that although he has decamped for parts unknown, he is still, strictly speaking, a *non est* man. DIOGENES is content to leave the matter in the hands of his readers.

* * * WE are unavoidably compelled to hold over the fourth instalment of the "Hand-Book for Strangers visiting Montreal."