

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The reasons for issuing the January and February numbers in one are several and sufficient, but in explanation of the otherwise strange proceeding we deem it proper to give them for the benefit of all concerned.

(1). Since the change was made in the firm of Bengough Brothers by which the present Conductor of the WRITER resumed charge of the magazine, the interests of the general printing and publishing business have made ever increasing demands upon his time and energy. As a consequence, the issues of the magazine for some time after the change fell behind time.

During the greater part of November the Conduc or was busy reporting and transcribing an important case. This delayed the November number more than a month.

(3). In December our business manager was taken ill from overwork, and his medical adviser promptly ordered him to go South for a Month. During this time work could be done on the magazine only after business hours; and amidst the pressure of Christmas trade no systematic and sustained effort could be made to issue the magazine till the return of Mr. Moore in the middle of January. The December number was thus thrown over for two months.

(4). At this time both January and February numbers were due, and in view of previous unavoidable delays it was thought wise to issue these two numbers in one, and dispense with the lithographed pages, so as to gain time. The March number will be issued about the 15th of that month, with shorthand specimens and reading matter.

We tender to subscribers our grateful acknowledgement of their kind forbearance during the past few months, and trust that we shall not have occasion to make further calls upon their patience.

NEWS NOTES.

CANADIAN.

Mr. C. M. Thompson, recently of London, Ont., is employed as shorthand to the Secretary of the Bridgeport Malleable Iron Co., Bridgeport, C't.

Miss Ashley, a talented female phonographer in Belleville, took the official report of the Dairyman's Convention recently held there. She teaches Pitman's system.

Prof. J. H. Brown has several phonographic pupils in Belleville. The most promising is Mr. Dickinson, a teacher in the Institute, who has attained a speed of 120 words per minute.

Mr. John Holland, recently stenographer to the Chicago and Indianapolis Air Line R'y, Chicago, has returned to the office of

Rose & Co., barristers, this city. He is studying architecture in spare hours.

Mr. W. H. Huston, B. A., of Pickering College, has started a junior class in phonography in that institution, with about twelve pupils. There are twenty in the senior class, who are able to read and write well, though not rapidly.

Messrs. Alfred Boyle and Wm. Perkins, two young shorthand writers who went from Toronto to Winnipeg, had so severe an attack of the Manitoba land fever that they have abandoned the profession and set up a real estate agency.

Mr. F. W. Wodell, formerly of this office, is now night editor of the *Hamilton Spectator*. His promotion came as a matter of consequence, his work as local reporter being of the best kind. We are proud of Wodell as a bright and progressive shorthand journalist.

William Tandy, political writer on the *Kingston Daily Whig*, died from congestion of the lungs, on the third inst. He was only 41 years of age. He was a gifted vocalist, and for years sang through Canada with his brother Rechab. Two writers on the *Whig* have died during the past six months.

Mr. David McCulloch, recently editor of the *Hamilton Spectator*, and now Collector of Customs there, is a self-made man. He graduated from a foremanship in one of the departments of the Great Western Railway into the editorial chair of the *Spectator*, and he has no cause to be ashamed of his record in either sphere.

Mr. W. C. Everett, of St. John, N.B., furnished a full report of the Maritime Baptist Convention, which was issued in book form by the publisher of the *Christian Visitor*. A charge was made against Mr. Everett, that he had dealt unfairly with some of the speakers, but his vindication was prompt and satisfactory. Did any one ever hear of a speaker being quite satisfied with a report of an impromptu speech?

Prof. O. S. Fowler, the veteran phrenologist, is on a visit to our Canadian cities, accompanied by his son-in-law, Mr. Eugene W. Austin. They were crowded with business while in Toronto, and called on us for stenographic help. We temporarily sent our amanuensis, Miss Frazer, and in the meantime secured Mr. Geo. H. Taylor, of Chatham, and Mr. T. J. Storr, of Hamilton. The former will accompany the party through the Dominion.