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Editorial Notes

AGAIN we have to ask our readers to accept a double number covering two months' issues, the reason for this irregularity and for our non-appearance at the due and stated time being the absence of the Editor in bringing over the last immigration party and the heavy pressure of important work that he has found awaiting him on his return, and which has made impossible the preparation of "copy" for UPS AND DOWNS at any earlier date. We are not going to make any admissions upon the subject just at present, or concede to those kind friends that they were right who warned us, when we announced at the beginning of the year our intentions of publishing monthly, that we were biting off more than we should be able to chew; but we confess to having our own private misgivings in the matter, and begin to foresee the probability of our being forced to make an announcement later on that we flatter ourselves will be an unwelcome one to our readers, as it will certainly be a disappointment—not to say a mortification—to ourselves. Meanwhile, however, we can only assure our readers and subscribers that we have done, and shall continue to do our humble best for them in our editorial capacity, and that if we have to make a change in a near future, in any direction, it will only be because we are

compelled to it by sheer force of circumstances and the impossibility of the impossible.

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JUSTICE from the number of enquiries that have come to us from near and far respecting the Doctor and his condition of health, we feel sure that some tidings on the subject will be among the first things our boys and girls will look for in our columns. We heartily wish we could issue a more hopeful bulletin, but the most cheerful news we can give them is that when we left London on the 17th of July it was generally supposed, and on all sides sincerely hoped, that at the end of the month the Doctor would see his way to give up work for a few weeks and leave London for Germany to resume the treatment that did so much for him before, and which the present alarming condition of his heart and throat is rendering so urgently necessary. Meanwhile, however, despite the warnings of his medical advisers and the revival of all the most serious symptoms, the Doctor has bravely gone on working, conducting an enormous correspondence, attending meetings, exercising himself upon every detail of every department working far into the night, or, rather, morning, going himself to hospital, and making every effort to keep every