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OUR MAGAZINE

celebrates its birthday on the first of January, being just one year old, and although very young, yet, it has won the favor of thousands, many declaring it was just what they wanted to help them in their gardening operations, or in the care and treatment of flowers. Now as it has been helpful in the past and has given such unbounded satisfaction, it is the intention and determination of its Editor and Publisher to make it more so, than in the past, a help and guide to all gardening operations. And again we ask our friends to write for our columns short articles that will be of interest to cultivators of flowers, vegetables or fruits, and we will be happy to answer the enquiries of any who may be seeking for information in regard to those things.

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of "THE CANADIAN FLORIST AND COTTAGE GARDENER" are sent out frequently, so no one need be afraid of taking them out of the office for fear of piling up a debt of twenty-five cents, that may be asked or demanded from him or her in the future, let such rest contentedly and sleep sweetly, for no such demand will ever be made upon them, we don't carry on our business in that way. We have no accounts with our subscribers. If any should receive the magazine after the subscription time has expired, that will be our loss, and this we contend should be the stand taken by every publisher of periodicals.

CLUB AGENTS,

and all who are interested in the success of our magazine, will please put forth their best efforts at once to extend its circulation throughout the country. Anyone may get up a club at twenty-five cents each subscriber, and receive liberal recompense for time expended. See second page of cover. We have some noble workers, both ladies and gentlemen, who consider they are engaged in laudable work when taking subscriptions for a magazine that has for its object the uplifting of the nobler part of our natures, and causing a refining influence to be exerted on all who engage in the culture of that which is lovely and really beautiful in nature. Many good lists of subscribers for this year have already been sent in, but we expect greater things than these. We would not forget to mention that a number of boys and girls (old subscribers) are getting up clubs and sending in lists; this is right, we think of them many times when preparing matter for our magazine, and it is our firm belief that the young generation and those coming after will be head and shoulders above the fathers and mothers of the present, in the cultivation of plants and flowers and in the beautiful designs that may be arranged in and about the home when nature is more and more the model.

MRS. C. P. TRAIL,

authoress of "Studies of plant life in Canada," has been engaged to write for our columns. Her attractive way of describing plants will be most certain to captivate her readers. Two or three pieces from her pen may be noticed in this number. The above handsome volume, profusely illustrated with chromos, "Studies of plant life in Canada," may be ordered from this office or from her publisher, Williamson & Co., publishers, Toronto, Ont. Price \$3.50 postpaid, securely packed. See advertisement.

FOR PRIZES,

We have up to the present only received some three or four communications in relation to the "Letters on friendship," using the floral language. They will be inspected and judgment passed upon them during the month of January, if possible.