

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We beg again to direct the attention of our readers to the terms of subscription for the year 1860, as advertised on the cover. The money premiums are offered with the view of affording a slight remuneration, or rather complimentary distinction, in addition to the ordinary ten per cent bonus, to those who may send us in good lists of subscribers. The readers of the *Agriculturist* are aware that with the termination of the year our subscription list is at an end. No copies of the next year's numbers are despatched till ordered. We have therefore to say Farewell, for the present, to the thousands of readers who have accompanied us during the year now closing, but we also have great pleasure in wishing them a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," and hope soon to see their names, with a good many new ones along with them, on our books again. And the sooner subscriptions are renewed, the more convenient and satisfactory it will be, as we shall then know what number of copies we ought to print.

The premiums will be announced, with the number of subscriptions for which they are given, immediately after the 1st of April, and the amount forwarded to the parties.

PRIZES FOR REPORTS.

With the view of inducing the officers of Agricultural Societies to collect and embody in their annual reports more information of a character which will be valuable and interesting to the public at large, and to persons residing in other countries, than has heretofore been the case, and to draw up the reports in a more generally correct and painstaking style than the majority of those heretofore received, the Board of Agriculture offers the following premiums:—

For the best County Agricultural Society Report, adopted at the Annual Meeting and transmitted to this office before or on the 1st April next, a prize of\$30 00

For the second best do..... 20 00

For the third best do..... 15 00

For the fourth best do..... 10 00

For the best Township Society Report adopted at the Annual Meeting and forwarded as above along with the report of the County Society\$20 00

For the second best do 15 00

For the third best do..... 10 00

For the fourth best do..... 5 00

By reference to the 42nd and 47th clauses of the Act, which was given in full in the April number of the Journal and Transactions, 1858, it will be seen that each report should consist of four distinct parts:—

1. The names of all the members of the Society, with the amount paid by each set opposite his name.

2. The names of all persons to whom premiums were awarded, with the amount of premium, and the animal or article for which it was given.

3. Such remarks and suggestions upon the Agriculture and Horticulture of the county or township, and arts and manufactures therein, as the directors shall be enabled to offer.

4. A detailed statement of the receipts and disbursements of the Society during the year. (If this is voluminous, a condensed statement or balance sheet ought to be ad-