

numbers in this type. Of course it increases our expenses; but this we will submit to willingly, provided it be but properly appreciated by our Subscribers.

TO OUR PATRONS.

We have a few words to say to our Patrons upon a subject which deeply concerns our own interests—one which we have named a few times heretofore—it will not, therefore, be altogether new to them. We had hoped to have been saved from again calling the attention of our Subscribers to the fact, that many, very many, of those who receive the *Gem* are still behind in respect of the *cash*! Were there but a few, or a small proportion of our Subscribers, in arrears, we should never call on that few through our pages; but when by far the greater number of our Patrons thus neglect us, we have no apology to make for naming the circumstance as we do. A few of those who receive the *Gem* have cashed up; many thanks to them; they appear to understand that paper and ink cost something—that Printers cannot live upon the wind—that the expenses of a Printing Office amount in a year to no trifling sum—that an Editor, like any other operating man, cannot long live by his labors, unless paid for them. If all, or one half even, of our Subscribers were of the class of which we now speak, we could meet all our *cash* engagements, and devote our time and attention to the pages of the *Gem*, in a way that would render it tenfold more interesting than it is at present; but neglected as we are at present, we can do neither.

Many are now in arrears for two years subscription. Will not each of these Mail to our address, IMMEDIATELY, three dollars? that being the price for the Two Volumes *now*. Many more have not yet paid for the current Volume. Will not each of those cash up a dollar-and-a-half? that being the price for the Volume *now*. As it is inconvenient for the extra half-dollar to be sent in a letter, let two join and send three dollars in one envelope; where this is impracticable, let one dollar be mailed, and the postage thereon paid, and the balance can be arranged hereafter. Now, we flatter our-

selves that this call will not be in vain. This is a favorable season for persons to raise means to pay their small debts; and we doubt not our Subscribers are all *now* looking out for the little odds and ends, due them, from various sources, as well as for larger sums. Let those in our debt remember us; and do it in some tangible form. We want money. Our expenses are heavy, and must be met; and unless we are paid for our work and materials, we must abandon the publication of our Magazine, and turn our attention to something that will pay expenses, at least.

We commenced this Publication because we saw, or thought we saw, an opportunity to render ourselves somewhat useful in this, the land of our birth, and we should be glad to continue our labors in this way; but, this will depend much upon that part that shall be acted by our present delinquent Subscribers.

ANOTHER OFFER.

We have many Subscribers on our List who have not yet paid for the current Volume of the *Gem*, and who are now entitled to pay a dollar-and-a-half for the year, as they did not avail themselves of the opportunity to get the work at a dollar. Now, every one of these who will procure for us a New Subscriber, and send to our address two dollars, free of postage, shall have a receipt, for the pay for the *Gem*, in full, both for himself and his Subscriber for the year; and we will forward the back numbers to the New Subscriber at once. This will be equal to giving half-a-dollar for the Subscriber! We hope that all in arrears will accept of this offer. Every one that does will save to himself two-shillings-and-six-pence—help us to an additional Subscriber—pay an honest debt—and, save us the trouble and expense of sending an agent for the amount.

OUR ENGRAVINGS.

We are obliged to send out the *Gem* without an engraving, for two or three issues, but we will endeavor to make it up before the end of the volume, by putting more than one in several of the numbers.