

TO OUR READERS

We begin the Object of Life, an interesting and practical story in this number.

POSTAGE!

We have received various communications from our subscribers within the last quarter relating to the imposition of postage on the Good News, and have refrained from replying through the paper till we could do so definitely.

By the newspaper law of 1859, religious periodicals, according to the opinion of most, were entitled to pass by mail free. In 1861, the Postmaster-Gen., who seemed to have received additional light on the subject, saw fit to impose postage on our Periodicals, after they had enjoyed the privilege of passing postage free from their commencement in January 1859. He then, however, gave to our subscribers the option of receiving a pound of periodicals for five cents, and of commuting the rate of postage to one half to those subscribers who prepaid postage.

This spring, however, he saw fit to withdraw from subscribers the privilege of commutation, and caused each copy to be rated a cent each. We altered the Good News in the beginning of March, so as to entitle it to pass free according to the Postmaster's own rendering of the postal law. We succeeded in the estimation of all whom we consulted, inside and outside of the Post-office department, except the Postmaster-General, who would not concede to our claim. We presented what we considered unanswerable ground for exemption, but it was no use. He was immovable, and unless we should appeal to the court of law, we cannot avoid the postage.

As however, a cent postage is a great expense to our subscribers, and a great hindrance to our circulation, we have resolved on making a change on the Good

News that will reduce the postage ONE HALF. Henceforth it will be issued monthly instead of semi-monthly. The July and August numbers will be each only the size of a semi-monthly, but (D.V.) the September issue will be a full monthly size, and before the expiry of 1865, the balance of the July and August numbers will be supplied. This arrangement will save each of our subscribers 12 cents per annum, and will give us the opportunity, by the commencement of another year, of making some desirable improvements.

We trust this change will be cheerfully concurred in by our subscribers,

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