



*The guide said to me: "Listen!" And lo! he told me
Much that was wise, much that was new,
And not a little that savored of innocent merriment.*

—Norse Saga.

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With the first number for 1898, we make our bow to the many old friends of Home and Youth, and trust that the most cordial relations may exist between us and an ever increasing circle of readers.

As was intimated in the December number this magazine has passed into the hands of a new management and the office of publication has been changed from the Queen City to the Island City—from Toronto to Montreal. In these days when the tendency of everything is westward, this removal may seem a retrograde step, but our readers must remember that only the starting point has been changed and that Home and Youth will still go not only west but in every other direction where it may find readers.

Our lady readers will find an interesting announcement on page 39 of this issue.

Have you got a young friend who wants a bicycle? If so read our announcement on page 39.

We intend giving valuable premiums to parties obtaining subscriptions, full particulars of which will be published in a subsequent number.

Subscribers who receive this number enclosed in a blue wrapper will take that

as an intimation that their subscription has expired and they will confer a favor on us by renewing at once and save themselves the annoyance of missing the next number which we promise will be of unusual interest.

We must apologize for the delay in publishing this number, but it was unavoidable owing to the transfer. In future should you not receive your Home and Youth before the twentieth of the month, you will oblige the management by notifying them at once and the error will be rectified.

The publishers of "Home and Youth" want to add at least 5,000 new names to its subscription list during the present year, and with this object in view ask the co-operation of its present subscribers. If every subscriber would send in one name, our purpose will be served. Won't you send in one?

We are in receipt of a large number of complaints from subscribers who did not receive the December number of Home and Youth, to each of whom we have sent a copy by post. To those of our subscribers who did not receive the November issue we wish to say that copies will be sent to them as soon as they can be obtained from the late publisher.