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## EDITORIAL.

### The Writers' Competition.

We have every reason to be pleased with the results of our "Writers' Prize Competition." It not only serves to bring to light the "hidden talent" of some of our readers, but it also serves to make the magazine more interesting. Although we have already received many first-class articles, we feel convinced that the time allotted for the competition is too short, and for the benefit of our readers who would otherwise be unable to contribute, we have decided to extend the time from Dec. 31st to Feb. 28th, thus giving all a chance. Now, we desire all who are so gifted to try "the fruits of their pens" in this competition. See announcement elsewhere. Our Christmas issue will be a triumph of Philatelic journalism, and we shall publish the best articles received therein. Bear in mind that every competitor must be a paid-up subscriber to this journal.

### Weekly Papers.

*Steele's Weekly Stamp News* still remains in full possession of the field. None of the weekly stamp papers announced have as yet materialized. The one we expected from New Chester, Pa., on Nov. 1st, under the management of Mr. Miller, of *The Collector*, has not shown up. A publisher must think twice before endeavoring to publish a weekly. It is no small undertaking. By the way, it is reported that we may expect a first-class Canadian weekly next year. Whoever the publisher or publishers are, we trust their venture will be a success in every way.

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