

THE END OF THE YEAR.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS :

It seems but yesterday that we placed in your hands the number for January, now we lay before you that for December. These pages have been filled throughout the year with useful information, such as will keep you abreast of the times on horticultural subjects, and be of service to you in this part of the world in which we live. There have been no serial stories, no humorous anecdotes, no column of witticisms. It is our intention to maintain this character for the *Canadian Horticulturist*. Does this meet with your approbation? If it does, will you kindly express your approval by promptly renewing your subscription so that it will reach this office by the fifteenth of December. The publishing committee has decided for reasons of economy to print only sufficient copies to supply subscribers whose names have been received at the time of going to press. This will make it impossible to supply back numbers. Subscriptions will run for one year from the date on which they are received. Therefore if you desire to secure all the numbers of the *Ninth Volume* it will be necessary that your subscriptions reach us by the day mentioned.

When you remit the subscription will you please mention which of the premiums you desire should be sent to you in the spring. If this is not done then there is danger that you will forget to do it afterwards, and be disappointed at not receiving the article you want, and by that time think you have asked for.

Another favor. If you think our *Canadian Horticulturist* worthy of being sustained, and its publication continued, please to show it to your friends, and use your influence to increase its circulation.

Pardon us. One more request. Please communicate the results of your

own experience, whether successful or unsuccessful. Your experience will be helpful to some fellow-toiler; and your giving of it to others an act of kindness so akin to mercy that it will be twice blessed.

"It blesteth him that gives, and him that takes."

SUBSCRIBERS' PREMIUMS.

The object which the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario has in view in offering these plants and seeds to the subscribers to the *Canadian Horticulturist* is two-fold: the first that these may be planted and tested in our Province; the second that the person testing will report his experience, favorable or unfavorable, as the case may be, through the medium of this Magazine, so that intending planters may have the benefit of that experience to guide them in their selections. The Directors regret that so few have taken the trouble to make a report of their experience. They consider that every subscriber who accepts of one of these premiums does so with the understanding and implied promise on the part of the recipient that a report will be made to the *Canadian Horticulturist* of the receiver's experience with the article received.

Every subscriber will receive, in addition to the monthly issue of this Magazine, the Fruit Growers' Association Report for 1885, which is already in the hands of the printer, and whichever one of the following articles the subscriber may designate to have sent in the spring of 1886, namely: (1) Three plants of the *Ontario Strawberry*; or, (2) a yearling tree of the *Russian Yellow Transparent Apple*; or, (3) a plant of the *Lucretia Dewberry*; or, (4) a yearling vine of the *Early Victor Grape*; or, (5) two plants of the *Marlboro' Raspberry*; or, (6) a package containing a paper of seeds of *Gypsophila paniculata*, *Aquilegia Cereulea*,