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## TO OUR PATRONS.

This number ends the first year of *THE CANADIAN SPORTSMAN AND NATURALIST.*"

Last January we were sanguine, anticipating an increase of pages on the appearance of the second volume. To make it double its present size necessarily incurs a larger outlay of hard cash, which, we think, is not fully warranted at this instant. We, therefore, prefer to keep the magazine in its original form, adding, however, a beautiful illustrated title-page, which will appear with the first number of the new year. We are therefore guarded, as our prospects are thus far encouraging, many of our subscribers preferring to continue it at its current price rather than risk failure by adding a few additional pages and increasing the annual subscription. We intend to go on as formerly, keeping within the original groove on which we started, i.e., advocating pure Sport and Natural History; allowing nothing to appear in our columns which will in the least disturb the most fastidious. Correspondence will be thoroughly sifted and made as brief as the subject matter will allow, and we trust that by energy and attention to improve as we become older.

We must here return our thanks to Professor James T. Bell, of Albert University, Belleville, Ont., and to James M. LeMoine, Esq., Quebec, and many others for their kind efforts in bringing the magazine before the notice of their friends, and advancing our interests. Cannot we obtain a similar influence and support from

gentlemen who reside near the many sporting localities in the Dominion? We are impressed that this will occur, and ere the year 1882 passes away many new names will be added to the list, which is already large considering that we are only in our infancy.

As the above remarks will probably appear before our readers on the eve of the annual festive season, and, it being customary to greet friends on such occasions, we sincerely wish all "**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**"  
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## TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Gentlemen who are indebted to us for this year's issue, would confer a favour by sending the amount on receipt of this number.

## OUR SECOND VOLUME.

We will send the second volume to all gentlemen who subscribed last year, trusting that they will continue to take the publication. Those who do not wish to do so, will favour us by returning the number to 806 Craig street, Montreal.

## CHANGING GENERIC NAMES.

It would be in order when the American Science Association meet next year in Montreal, that one of the members of the Zoological Section takes up the important subject regarding the useless alterations in names occurring from year to year in the Department of Zoology and Botany. It appears to us that there is a School of Naturalists in the United States who persevere in diffusing a system of confusion in the nomenclature of Natural Science. We are extremely sorry to see our talented friend Scudder, of Boston, persistently sticking to old Hubner's generic names for the butterflies