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The present number closes the 16th volume of this journal. It also completes our agreement with many thousands of our subscribers, many of whom have continued with us steadily from the 1st volume to the present time. We return you our thanks for your long continued patronage.

We have endeavored to do our duty to you as far as existing circumstances and abilities would permit. The past seventeen volumes must stand as a guide to aid you in deciding whether you deem it worthy of your continued support. You who have been with us in the clearing of the forest, in the tilling of the ground, in the introduction of the best seeds and stock, through the dairy and orchard, shall we still enjoy your company? It is for you to decide. Also those who have been with us at the agricultural exhibitions and agricultural meetings, must have formed opinions of their own. You have travelled with us in England, France, the Eastern, Western and Southern States; you have also been with us to the Maritime Provinces, to Manitoba, etc., etc.; if not personally, your minds have been with us. In the Home Department the ladies and children have their pleasant and useful talks.

Father Time has removed some of our old staid friends during the past year. It is but a few years at most ere we all must part, but while here let us each aim to do our duty. Remorse and regret will not then trouble us, though we may not always accomplish all we attempt to do. No great improvement is done hastily; it takes a series of years to accomplish much. If we have been working together for a good cause, let us continue to do so. Right and truth will stand the longest test. Some few have been induced to abandon the FARMER'S ADVOCATE every year, but every year our subscription list has been increased, and never before have we received so many renewals from old subscribers who had left and now return to our fold, as during the past few months. Our energies and our means will, as in the past, be devoted to giving you an agricultural paper, filled with such matter as we deem most interesting and valuable to you in pursuing the different branches of agricultural economy. We now have better arrangements than ever before for giving you a better illustrated journal, filled with the writings of better writers than could ever before be procured. We trust that each friend who can do so will send one new subscriber. Remember, "Where there's a will there's a way." You also are cordially invited to contribute to our journal.

The year just closing has been most propitious for the agriculturist. The crops generally have been very good and the prices received have also been highly remunerative. Not only have the farmers reaped a golden return, but mechanics and artisans have been overcrowded with work. Many of our advertising patrons have been under the necessity of increasing their factories and work

shops, and still have been unable to fill the immense demand. Wages for all kinds of labor have very largely increased, and a general prosperity prevails. To such an extent is this the case that improvements are being rapidly pushed forward to a greater extent than we have ever seen them. We truly live in a land flowing with milk and honey, and blessed with peace and plenty.

Trusting that each one of you are sharing in the general prosperity, and that you may feel grateful and thankful for these blessings that you are now enjoying, perhaps at this season of the year you might look around you and see if there is no deserving, worthy but pitiable creature that you can cheer or help. Perhaps you have not yet experienced the truism, namely, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Try and do some good act of kindness. Even some of your own family may really deserve a little attention. You are a steward; the more justly you act in your position the greater the pleasure and blessing will fall to your lot. Be just and fear not.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, and expecting confidently a renewal of your patronage,
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THE EDITOR.

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