

That reminds us of the saying, "Give a man a penny and he will ask for more."

We thank our subscribers are pretty well pleased with what they get.

If there are any who are not, we cannot help it, and we are very sure we'll not try to.

We feel assured that every subscriber now on our list will renew when his time is out.

When that time comes he will receive a circular, headed "Your subscription expires," &c.

We have *three times as many* subscribers on our list now as came to us from the "Ontario Teacher."

And still we are not satisfied. We want 5,000 and must have them.

Teachers—have you asked your Trustees to subscribe for the COMPANION AND TEACHER?

If not, relieve your consciences by doing so at once.

There are those in almost every section who will subscribe if they are asked to do so.

We thank our brethren of the Press for kind words spoken of us during the past month.

More than one hundred Canadian papers contained favorable editorial notices of the December number of the COMPANION AND TEACHER.

Patronize our advertisers. They are all reliable, and they help you to support our paper and make it a first-class educational journal.

All subscriptions to date have been dated from the November number, and back numbers sent, except when we have been directed to do otherwise.

Subscribers will please remember this, and not ask us for the two last numbers of this year when that time comes.

After January 15th, our regular rates will be strictly adhered to, and no reduction will be made to anyone.

After April 1st, the price will be \$1 per annum without premium; \$1.20 with crayon, or \$1.50 with chrome. We will give good value for the money.

Inspectors and teachers are invited to send us short contributions for any of our departments.

Educational items of general interest will always be received by us with thanks to the donor.

Look out for improvements in our "Educational Department" next month!

For each of the numbers already issued we have had about twice as much matter as we could use.

We will, therefore, in future issues "boil down" the educational news and present the same in short paragraphs, of which we can, of course, give a greater number.

Our next number will be issued more promptly than this, which has been unavoidably delayed.

We invite every reader who has not already subscribed to do so at once. Do it now.

COMMENDABLE.—We have pleasure in calling attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Jones and Yerex opposite our first page. This is just the time to enter the college for either the teacher's or commercial course. We can speak with every confidence of the thorough practical nature of the business course in this college, having ourselves taken a course under Mr. Jones' instruction several years ago. Any young man may rest assured that if he cannot fit himself for business at this institution he cannot do it anywhere. Mr. Yerex is well-known to be one of the best penmen in America.

We can also speak in the highest terms of commendation as regards Mr. Hands' qualifications as a trainer of teachers. Our readers will find a very useful paper contributed by him in the "Mathematical Department" of the present number of our magazine.

A DISHONEST AGENT.—We caution teachers and others against subscribing for the COMPANION AND TEACHER through any agent, 1st, who cannot show a certificate from us authorizing him to canvass, 2nd, who does not deliver to the subscriber one of our premium chromos or crayons at the time he collects; and 3rd, who does not give each subscriber a printed receipt for the money paid to him.

We do this because we find that one of our agents—Mr. S. T. Wicks has gone beyond his instructions, and in some cases (we do not know how many) collected from subscribers without giving them their premiums. At the head of the order book which we put into every canvassing agent's hands, among other instructions, is the following: "No agent is authorized to collect money until he delivers the premium chromo or crayon, &c." We are, therefore, not responsible if any agent goes beyond that, unless he reports all such orders to us, and remits therefor, and requests us to forward premium by mail. Mr. Wicks has reported no such orders to us, and we have only been made aware of their existence by the letters received from subscribers asking why the paper and premium have not been sent.

While, however, we are not responsible for the doings of this agent, we intend to prosecute him as soon as we can find him. If our subscribers will wait patiently until we can get matters settled, and ascertain to what extent he has committed himself, they will be as well served in the end as, if they write us a hundred letters, to which we have no time to reply. It is our intention to see that all subscribers lose nothing. We will plainly say to them, however, that they deserve to lose what they have paid. Some, at least, who have caused us this trouble should have known better than to have paid money without getting a return from the agent. Our plan is the same as that adopted by the publishers of all the leading American magazines with which premiums have been given. The agent shows his samples, takes an order, delivers and collects at some future time agreed upon, or, if he has the samples with him, delivers at once. The same plan is adopted in selling books through agents. This plan is an honest and safe one to both parties, and there are hundreds of honest agents who follow it, but there have been so many dishonest ones that we supposed the public were pretty well on their guard against them. We repeat, therefore, that we are surprised that many of those from whom we have heard should have been so duped.

Mr. Wicks, when last heard from, was between Stratford and Toronto. Before this reaches our readers we shall probably have had him arrested. If not, any one who hears of his whereabouts will oblige us by sending us a telegram to notify us. He is a young man of good appearance and address, of medium size, and his list is headed by persons residing in the different points between London and Sarnia.

Intending subscribers had better send money and order direct to us, and receive the premium post-paid by return mail.