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**ANNOUNCEMENT, CHANGE OF DATE.**

We have received a great many requests to extend the time of our second prize competition. As the number of such requests implies that the majority of exhibitors desire the time extended, we have decided to change the date of closing from July 31st to September 30th. We trust this date, being later in the season, and giving exhibitors the chance of using their present summer's work, will be satisfactory to all. We hope our readers, both professional and amateur, will send in their entries as early as possible to facilitate the arrangement of entries in the different classes.

**EDITORIAL CHAT**

MR. H. P. ROBINSON'S letter in another column, we receive with pleasure, as apart from the satisfaction of having praise from such a high authority on the subject treated, it expresses the general opinion that our report of the late New York exhibition as written by our New York correspondent, Mr. Floyd Vail, was the most extensive and complete, and also the most correct account of this exhibition that appeared.

IN another column will be found a letter from Messrs. Simpson Bros. containing suggestions for the raising of prices. The subject is a most interesting one, and should have the consideration of every true, earnest, photographer. Mr. Simpson's letter opens the way for suggestions as to the best means of