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### Apologetic.

Owing to a very serious and protracted illness we are forced to ask the kind indulgence of our readers once more. Most of our friends know by this time that we are the lock-stock-and-barrel of this establishment, and, consequently, when we are unable to work after hours, the whole thing stops. We have taken the advice of numerous friends, subscribers, correspondents, etc., and have added eight pages of reading matter to this number, and named it for two months—August and September. We may possibly do the same with the next number, in order to catch up to time, but it will be our care that our subscribers and advertisers shall lose nothing by this arrangement. We will give the former the usual amount of reading matter, at least, and the latter shall have extra insertions of their favors.

### To Our Readers.

We return thanks to various subscribers for their kindness in sending us remittances for renewals and new subscribers, interesting items of news, etc. We shall be glad if all the friends of the *Miscellany* will renew their sub-

scriptions and continue their efforts in its behalf. They are sufficiently aware that our object is to improve the paper from year to year, as far as we possibly can, and we confidently expect their kind co-operation.

There are a few of our subscribers to whom, it seems, we will have to give a fullface hint as to their delinquencies in regard to paying their subscriptions for the *Miscellany*. We do not wish to resort to bold, black type in jogging their memories, and sincerely trust they will, one and all, render it unnecessary.

### Typographical Matters in St. John.

At the September meeting of the St. John Typographical Union resolutions were passed looking to an increase in the rate of wages, both for week and piece work, and committees were appointed to carry out some details and report to a special meeting to be called by requisition. Through some misunderstanding, all of the committees failed to act in unison, and, consequently, when the special meeting took place, no definite action was taken. In the meantime, on Friday, the 16th September, the hands employed by the piece on the *Daily Sun* asked for and received an advance from 25 cents to 28 cents per thousand ems, which advance was paid under protest. The contention of the hands in the above office was that, owing to the use of large type and solid matter, they could not make a decent living, even at their usual long hours of nightly labor. Matters went along smoothly in the *Sun* office until Saturday, the 24th September, when one of the hands (the one who had been acting as chairman of the office and spokesman for the compositors) was discharged by the foreman, and his fellow workmen, thinking he had been discharged on account of his having acted as spokesman, etc.,