

discontinue it. We shall now wait for the answer of the question proposed.— It all rests with the parties named whether the *Gem* shall be published another year or not. We never expected all our subscribers to pay in advance; but we did suppose that one-half, at least, would pay for the work in some kind of season. But we now look for the tangible part of the business. If the question be answered in the affirmative, we will off coat and roll up sleeves, and go into the work for an other year with all our might. And we will guarantee to be as prompt and as regular on our part, as our subscribers shall be on theirs. Come readers, and patrons, what say you to the question?

LATE APPEARANCE OF THIS NUMBER.

WE are very late in getting out this number of the *Gem*, but it can make but little difference with our subscribers, provided they get their full compliment of numbers for the volume. A *newspaper* requires to be issued regularly and in season, as all readers of newspapers are anxious to get the current news as early as possible.— With a magazine it is somewhat different. It is not expected to convey the news of the day to its readers, nor to discuss or attend particularly to any local matter; but it comes out in the character of a book, issued in parts, containing articles written upon various subjects which are not expected to be read but once and thrown aside, but to be preserved, and read repeatedly; and its pages will be just as agreeable and profitable years after its publication as

on the day of its issue from the press. These things considered a magazine has lost none of its value by coming out late. True, it is very desirable and better for all parties; particularly for the publisher, that it should be issued regularly, but if subscribers receive the volume complete in any reasonable time they can ask no more.

But we are asked by many of our patrons, "Why is the *Gem* so long coming?" Well, you shall now know the reason, and the only reason. It is because our subscribers do not pay up. Now you have it in plain english. The amount now due from delinquent subscribers on the first and second volumes is three hundred pounds. The amount kept back has been so large, and the sum paid by subscribers so small, that we have found it impossible to do by the *Gem* as we should have done under other circumstances. Some of our numbers have been late but we will complete the volume in less than a year from the time the first number of it was issued. Will not our subscribers in arrears send their subscriptions at once, and by that means give a lift at the end of the year?

OUR FUTURE NUMBERS.

THREE more numbers will complete the current volume of the *Gem*.—

These we will issue in about thirty days. Our subscribers may look every eight or ten days until the twelve numbers are completed; as we intend now to "pull out" in order to make up for what time we have lost. Let inquiry be made accordingly at the Post Offices, so that the numbers may all be procured.