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The new year has been celebrated by us in a most hearty manner, as, owing to the great efforts of our many friends, THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE begins 1883 with the greatest number of subscribers ever on our lists.

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Our next prize of \$5.00 will be given for the best method of eradicating and preventing the growth of Rag Weed. The essay to be handed in before the 20th inst.

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Our prize of \$5.00 for the best essay on "The best class of horse to breed for farm and general purposes" has been awarded to Alex. Connor, of Springfield, Ont.

In answer to many correspondents, Mrs. J. L. Smith's essay upon cooking for harvest hands was No. 5.

Personal.

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The months of January and February have always proved most excellent, if not the best, for obtaining new names, so that during the next two months the kind friends who have done so well, and those who have not enjoyed that privilege so far, will make every effort to further increase the character and usefulness of THE ADVOCATE by adding as many new subscribers as possible. We heartily thank you for your generous assistance and wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

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The above are from among the thousands of such letters we have received during the past month. Such kind words do indeed bring increased responsibility to us, but we will earnestly and conscientiously strive to merit the same in the new year, and to improve by our experience.