

Ups and Downs

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We shall be obliged if subscribers will notify us *at once* in the event of delay or irregularity in the delivery of their papers.

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It will not come altogether as a surprise to our readers to learn that this is the last copy of UPS AND DOWNS as a "12-page monthly" that they will receive.

The fiat has gone forth that UPS AND DOWNS must be changed to a quarterly, and it behooves us to see to it that as our journal will henceforth appear only every three months, it shall be three times as attractive as when it appeared every month. To do this we need the assistance of our friends in even greater measure than heretofore. But of this we shall speak more fully later on. We must first deal with the change as a matter of business between UPS AND DOWNS and our subscribers; and we would ask our friends to remember that business relations *do* exist between them and ourselves.

Not a few of our subscribers have fallen into very unbusinesslike habits. Although they are very anxious to receive their copies of UPS AND DOWNS regularly and punctually, and write us very businesslike little reminders if the paper does not reach them on time, they do not display any anxiety about remitting us the small amount of their annual subscription. We are charitable enough to suppose that it is the smallness of the amount that alone causes some of our friends to forget their part of the contract entered into when they asked to be placed on the subscribers' list.

Henceforth it will be necessary for us to conduct our business on the more businesslike basis of "no credit," except in the case of younger lads who are working under agreement for a number of years and who do not receive their wages until the expiry of the agreement.

In such cases all that is necessary is for a lad to ask to be placed on the subscription list and to undertake to pay the amount of the subscription when he receives his wages. Our friends who have emerged from the apprenticeship stage must "pay as they go."

This rule is absolute, and those subscribers whose subscriptions are not paid up to date must send us the modest "quarter" or be prepared to find themselves left in the cold at the end of next month when the first number of UPS AND DOWNS as a quarterly will appear.

To learn if you are in arrears, and if so, how much, look at the date on the label on the cover of the copy of this issue.

If the date on your label is *earlier than Aug., '97*, you are in arrears. If there is one cross (x) *after* the date on your label you owe one year's subscription *from that date*: if there are

two crosses *after* the date on your label you owe two years' subscription from that date: if three crosses, three years' subscription from that date.

If the date on your label is Aug., '97, your subscription expires with this issue and you owe one year's subscription, if you wish to continue receiving the paper.

We very earnestly ask our friends to give their immediate attention to this matter of arrears of subscription. We do not wish to have to write "dunning" letters in order to secure payment of accounts of twenty five or fifty cents, nor do we think it will be necessary once our friends realize what an amount of unnecessary trouble and loss *their* forgetfulness inflicts on *us*.

Neither do we wish to receive, about Oct. 1st, a large stack of letters from lads with a grievance—subscribers who have not received their copies of UPS AND DOWNS. It must be clearly understood that henceforth "subscriber" means to us "one who has paid his subscription."

So far we have dealt only with those "subscribers" who are our debtors, but there are those whose subscriptions are paid up to three, six or nine months hence, and who are doubtless wondering what we propose to do for them. It is our intention to deal with them in a manner which we hope and believe will meet with their fullest approval.

While UPS AND DOWNS will in the future appear only once in three months instead of once a month it will be a far more bulky volume than the familiar friend of the last two years. Instead of a twelve-page journal of the same size as heretofore, UPS AND DOWNS will consist of 48 pages of regulation magazine size and shape, so that our subscribers will have little reason to complain of the change on the score of "quantity." They will receive it in larger but less frequent instalments, and in dealing with those subscribers whose paid subscriptions have not yet expired we shall calculate what proportion the unexpired period covered by their subscription bears to a year's issue of UPS AND DOWNS, as a monthly, and credit them with the same proportion of a year's subscription to UPS AND DOWNS as a quarterly.

We will illustrate in the case of "Tom Smith," whom everybody knows. Last March Tom paid a year's subscription, which will expire in February next year. When a copy of this issue reaches Tom he will have received six monthly copies of UPS AND DOWNS, and there will be owing to him another half year's supply.

There being four issues of the quarterly in the year Tom will receive copies of two quarterly issues before we can call the account "square."

Every three months of unexpired subscription to the monthly UPS AND DOWNS entitles the subscriber to a copy of one quarterly issue. When the unexpired period is two, five or eight months, or other number that will not divide by three without a fraction, we will shoulder the loss and give the subscriber the benefit of the shortage: a subscriber whose subscription has two months to run will be treated as if he had three months to his credit; five months will be treated as six, and so on.

We have nothing more of a commercial character to add to what we have already written. We have reminded certain of our friends of their obligation to us, and we have shown others that we are not unmindful of our obligation to them. We sincerely trust all concerned will feel satisfied and will be prepared to give a kindly welcome to the first number of UPS AND DOWNS as a quarterly, which will be in our subscribers' hands by Oct. 1st, and in which our friends may look for a full account of what transpires

at the Home during the second week of the Exhibition, and also for interesting items of news relating to the progress of many of those who will be with us on that occasion.

We shall expect greater activity than ever in our various departments. Making only four demands in the year on the intellectual energy of our large army of capable young essayists, the Literary and Mutual Improvement Society ought to teem every issue with contributions of the most interesting character.

The more evidence of active participation by our friends our journal contains the more satisfied we feel that UPS AND DOWNS is fulfilling its mission as a bond of union among Dr. Barnardo's young people in Canada.

We regret to have to record a very serious accident that befell our esteemed friend and colleague, Mr. Griffith, during his recent trip to Winnipeg in charge of a party of boys. At Schreiber the requirements of the commissariat department necessitated Mr. Griffith leaving the train, and while crossing the track he tripped over some obstacle, falling heavily across the rails along which a shunted engine was approaching. The force of the fall stunned Mr. Griffith, but he was quickly drawn from the perilous position by someone who fortunately was close at hand. He was placed on board the train and the conductor telegraphed to Fort William for a medical man to be in attendance at the station when the party arrived there. A hurried examination showed that Mr. Griffith was seriously injured. He was made as comfortable as possible and continued his journey, suffering much pain. Upon his arrival at Winnipeg a closer medical examination revealed two broken ribs. News of the unfortunate accident was wired to the Toronto Home by Mr. White, in the care of whom and of Mrs. White Mr. Griffith remained for two weeks, when it was deemed safe for him to make the journey to Toronto. After several days further nursing at home Mr. Griffith has returned to the office, but freedom from exertion for some time has been enjoined by his medical attendant. We are sure that the many hundred lads to whom Mr. Griffith is personally known will join us in congratulating him upon having reached the convalescent stage and upon his escape from a still more serious accident.

We had intended to publish in this issue full particulars of the harvest excursions to the North-West, that those of our friends who are looking forward to an early departure for that country of vast possibilities might make themselves acquainted in good time with all particulars of rates and dates of excursions and acquire other useful information. Up to the time we go to press, however, the railway officers still "have the matter under consideration." We tried hard to obtain a little advance information, but the only satisfaction we received consisted of a promise from the representative of the Manitoba Government Agent in Toronto to forward us the particulars we asked for as soon as they come into his hands; and an assurance from the local railway office that as soon as the powers that be had decided upon their programme it would be published in the papers throughout the country. Under these circumstances all we can do for our would-be Manitobans is to urge them to watch the papers during the next week or two very closely, and, once they have made up their minds to go West, to take advantage of the first excursion, for in all probability there will be a bigger rush this year than ever before, and "first come, first served" is a rule which holds good the world over.