

## EDITOR'S TABLE.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. St. A., Sparta. Our General Agent for the London District is Mr. N. M. Harris, therefore we cannot authorise you to canvass for subscribers, unless you put yourself in communication with him. Those who have heretofore acted as our local agents may continue to do so, but we are not at liberty to appoint travelling agents in those Districts already given out, until we find our interests neglected by the present agents. We beg further to remark, that our terms are in advance, from all but regularly appointed travelling agents.

J. W. R., Adelaide. Tares or Vetches are rather scarce, and sell for 7s. 6d. per bushel. Flax-seed 5s., and not very plentiful either.

Mr. Barnard Friel, agent for his Father, when he writes us again, will be kind enough to pay his postage. It is a small matter for him, but a pretty heavy item for us. The proper name was sent by our agent in his first letter from the District, therefore no blame can be attached to us. We can't understand how a man can say—"I subscribed," and "I paid my subscription," &c., when he did nothing of the kind. We are ready and willing to do all in our power to prevent and to correct mistakes, but dislike very much to be put to expense and trouble without cause.

J. S., Guelph. Mr. H. G. H. and J. G., are not on our books as subscribers for this year. They took the *Canada Farmer* for '47. The other names were on the proper list, except J. G.'s, whose P. O. was sent us as Eramosa.

Y. W., Napanee. Your queries respecting the wire-worm will be attended to as soon as we can find time to look into the matter thoroughly.

P. R., Cobourg. As we have not the honor of your acquaintance,—as we can't see why a "paper published in Canada" should not be prepaid as well as English or any other papers,—and as we have laid down rules for our guidance, which we cannot depart from, without injury to ourselves and injustice to those who have complied with them, we must decline your offer. For aught we know, your influence might be of service to us, and you might do as you say; but a man who expects the proprietors of a paper like ours, with a circulation at present of 5000, and we hope by the end of the year, of 10,000, to break through their rules and calculations, just to meet the private determination of one person, for the sake of his single subscription, does not, to say the least of it, display much public spirit or much common sense.

Subscriber.—We decline to insert your communication for two reasons. First, it is anonymous. We do not object to a writer's name being withheld from the public, when the subject does not require it to be given, but we must know it. This is, or should be a *sine qua non* with all publishers. Secondly, your strictures are not confined to fair discussion. You have not argued the merits of the question, but indulged in a vein of rather uncharitable hyper-criticism. Where you should have reasoned, you have dogmatized. We must protect our correspondents against abusive reply, though we are not bound to defend their arguments. We have shown your remarks to F. F. P., who may reap some profit from them. Should you choose to take up the question in a different style, and bring forward your reasons, if not as "thick as blackberries," we shall willingly find room for you.

COMPLAINTS OF SUBSCRIBERS.—It is not to be wondered at, that in mailing 5 or 6000 papers to all parts of the Province, there should now and then be an omission, misdirection, or miscarriage. But we have lately had so many complaints, and in cases in which it is impossible the blunders could have occurred in our office, that we must in our turn also complain. We have received much kindness and attention from Post-masters, and feel therefore very unwilling to blame them without strong proof of neglect. But when a name is on the proper list—when the whole number of papers for one P. O. are counted each time of mailing, to see that they correspond with the number on the list, when the whole are done up in one package, which is not opened till it reaches the place for distribution, and when a subscriber at that place states that he has repeatedly asked, but that "no paper has ever come for him," we can't understand it. A name might have been missed once, but that it should have been passed over five times in succession, is next to impossible.

One case has reached us in which we have proof. A friend happened to be at a house in Whitechurch, when a pound of tea came home wrapped up in a copy of the *Agriculturist*. The name was on the corner, and on turning to our list we found he was a paid subscriber! It is not likely he had "refused" his paper. If such carelessness as this be indulged in, we do not wonder that we have to pay so much postage for letters of complaint. On calculation we find that our paper will bring to the post-office revenue about £400 this year. It is not fair therefore, that the servants of the department should throw obstacles in our way.

AGENTS FOR THE AGRICULTURIST.—In the following Districts we have no travelling agents, viz: Huron, Niagara, Midland, Newcastle, Bathurst, Colborne, Johnstown, and Ottawa. We should like to employ an active person in each of these Districts, who will undertake to canvass it thoroughly. We allow a very liberal per centage, and require the agent to become responsible for the names sent. We should therefore require references and security to satisfy us. Some of our agents are doing remarkably well on the terms we allow. Persons willing to become local or township agents in any of these Districts, will be allowed one-third, by sending the cash with the names.

Letters from persons offering to become general agents, must be post-paid, and if satisfactory references are given, we will state terms, conditions, &c., and authorize them to proceed at once.

## PROFESSOR HURLBURT'S ACADEMY.

We enjoyed the pleasure on Friday last of a brief visit to this Institution, for the education of young ladies, recently established in our city by the Rev. J. Hurlburt, A. M., for a long time Principal of Upper Canada Academy, Cobourg. Mrs. Hurlburt was also at the head of the Ladies' department during the latter part of the existence of that Institution. We hail with high gratification, the establishment of so excellent a school in our neighborhood, as that under the superintendance of Mr. Hurlburt. A well conducted academy with a sufficient number of teachers to ensure by a division of labour, proper attention to all the branches necessary in the education of young ladies, was much needed in Toronto. The appropriate and thorough education of those destined to become the mothers of the next generation, and not the mere gilded butterflies that buzz and flutter in the saloons of fashion—the object of whose schooling is not merely to fit them to sing, and dance, and yawn out a worthless existence, is a matter of the first importance to this country, and to every country. The education of females has always been too much neglected. Strange, that she whose plastic hand moulds our infant thoughts, whose teachings are never forgotten, whose life, conduct, character, are ever before us—in our dreams—in our mid-day meditations; whose image follows us like a spectre through every lane of life; whose influence can no more be escaped from than the omnipresence of the Deity, though we take the "wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth," strange we say, that she should be regarded and treated with indifference as to education—as though her mind needed no culture!

If required to choose between the two, with reference to the effect upon the moral and intellectual character of the next generation, which the exclusive education (in schools and seminaries) of one of the sexes would produce, we should say without a moment's hesitation, let us have EDUCATED MOTHERS. Men, in their daily communication with the busy world, will become educated. Some of the greatest men of their day—the most useful to the world, have been self-taught. But woman, whose field of observation is limited by the domestic circle, whose appropriate sphere is "home," has little opportunity for mental culture, and if instruction be withheld from her during her school-going days, she will remain ignorant for life, and bring up and send into the world ignorant children. Fathers and Mothers of Canada, do not neglect the education of your daughters!

We were much pleased with the ready manner in which two or three classes went through their exercises during the half hour we were privileged to be present. One young lady shewed a most creditable proficiency in a branch of study not often pursued in schools, but of essential use in the after-walks of life; "Watts on the Mind." If she remember but a few of the important principles she seemed perfectly to have mastered, she will be in possession of a small capital that will yield her a steady and profitable income while she lives.

The "Adelaide Academy" is situated in a very pleasant part of the city. The Buildings are commodious and will accommodate a large number of pupils. Between 30 and 40 are in attendance at present, and we hope to hear of a large increase for the summer session.

The success of a similar Institution at Hamilton, under the able superintendance of Professor Van Nonnan, (whose advertisement appears in our present number) and the fair prospects of this one in our own vicinity, are gratifying indications of an awakening interest in the subject of female education.