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OUR SEVENTH VOLUME.

With the present issue we enter upon the seventh year of our existence. On looking back over our past career, we see abundant reason for thankfulness and encouragement; from small beginnings we have grown to a respectable sized periodical, while in mechanical execution, typography, paper, &c., we give precedence to none. The completion of our past volume and the advent of the present number have been delayed by untoward circumstances beyond the time intended, but we are making a fresh start now, and hope by persevering effort to catch up lost time and issue regularly hereafter. To meet the wishes of several of our friends who desired to have certain material printed before the close of the sixth volume, we published last month a double number, consisting of forty pages with index added, so that our readers have been dealt with more liberally than we had promised, having received a volume of 260 instead of 240 pages. Many kind friends have helped us in the past with their contributions, and we gratefully observe that the number of helpers is increasing, as is shown by the recently issued list of contributors to the sixth volume; we trust that none of these will weary in well-doing, but continue their needed assistance and enlist their friends as far as possible in the same service. Original observations on the habits and life history of insects are especially desired, to make our journal still more useful and interesting. With the kind aid of our coadjutors, we shall endeavor to continue the papers on our common insects, which will, as heretofore, be accompanied by suitable illustrations, and shall, as far as possible, provide in each issue other material which will interest the general reader.

We would also take this opportunity of reminding our subscribers that subscriptions for the new volume are now due, and will be thankfully received by the Secretary, Mr. J. H. McMechan, London, Ont. It is with pleasure, also, that we inform our many correspondents that by the recent postal arrangements entered into by the United States and Canadian authorities, all letters mailed after the first of February will require a three cent stamp only to carry them from any part of the States to any part of Canada and *vice versa*, instead of six cents, as heretofore; post cards also will pass from one country to the other without the additional stamp.

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