PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Chiefly Concerning Ourselves and Our Friends.

Unless some of the new advertisers who have gone in with us for the Christmas issue continue with us we will with the beginning of the new year have to reduce the size of our paper, as we have been running it for the past six months at a loss, and a hard cold winter coming on and sickness in the family will make it harder than ever for us to keep our head above water. To our good subscribers who have paid up so well this fall we owe the fact that we are able to get out this issue. We trust that the others who are in arrears will take the hint and respond when notified and not do as some two or three have done-when billed for the amount due, no matter how long they have been taking it promptly discontinue the paper.

In some few cases we make mistakes by stopping some good subscriber's paper who through carelessness does not respond when notified. This we are very sorry ever to have done, but it is very hard to distinguish and we have lost a great deal in times past by continuing the paper to parties at a distance, who either left the place or sent us a postmaster's notice of refusal in lieu of a two or three year's subscription, but if they are fair-minded and considerate they will do as our good friend, Thomas Babbit, of Swan Creek, pay all arrearages and a year in advance.

We are at a loss to know how we have offended Mr. John W. Esty of Upper Keswick Ridge whom we have always considered one of our firmest friends, to cause him to discontinue his paper, There has been nothing said in THE JOURNAL for along time that could possibly offend any one, and if there has been in the past he should forget and forgive, as many have done and give us his confidence and encouragement to help us along in our hard struggle.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following sums from subscribers in the city and vicinity. Rev. Father O'Leary, Central Kingsclear, \$1.00; Harry Beckwith, city, \$1.00; John Sheahan, Fredericton Junction, \$1.05; Wm. Kingston, Fredericton Junction, \$1.05; D. W. Hartt, Fredericton Junction, \$1.05; F. B. Coleman, city, \$1.00; Dr. Inch, city, \$1.50; Robinson Pettigrove. Marysville, \$1.05; Louisa C. Barter, city, \$1.05; Geo. W. Allen, city, \$1.00; Harry Beckwith, city, \$1.05; Thomas Gordon, Penniac, \$1.05; David Essensa, Newmarket. \$1.00; and others for smaller amounts. Mr. Hartt spoils it all by discontinuing his paper. We have the satisfaction, however, of knowing that not one in a hundred is disatisfied with THE JOURN-AL and but for the fact that we dislike blowing our own horn, we could publish numerous favorable notices both written and verbal.

We are pained beyond expression to have to record the sad and sudden death of Miss Rosalie Meehan, daughter of Daniel Meehan, blacksmith, which took place at her father's residence, Regent St., since our last issue. and extend our sincerest sympathy to her afflicted family and friends.

We are sorry also to hear of the seri-

ous illness of Mr. T. G. O'Connor of this city and of Howie McFarlane of Waasis.

"Peacher" Brady, the Rosebud, has arrived home from the Quebec lumber

Beginning with the New Year we intend to cut off several of our exchanges. We are thankful for the kindness which prompts them all to send us their papers in exchange, but country papers published at a distance are no possible use to us, and we do not care to increase our issue just to accommodate them. We will also cut off all subscribers at a distance who are in arrears for more than a year, and who have not replied to our notifications.

We are going to purchase a pair of scales from R. Chestnut & Sons to have in our office to weigh well our words before publishing them in THE JOURNAL.



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