

The English Woman's Journal Advertiser.

A FEW WORDS TO OUR FRIENDS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

THE first six months of our experiment having come to a close, an experiment in which the majority of thinking women are more or less interested, we believe that a few words from ourselves to our friends and subscribers will not be taken amiss. The result of this six months' labor has, we think, most abundantly and satisfactorily proved that, judiciously urged, the claims of women to be allowed wider fields of work, and to take their place naturally among the industrial and money-getting classes of society, are sure of countenance and support from the best and most enlightened members, male and female, of the community.

To the liberal recognition of the press, metropolitan and provincial, we hold ourselves largely indebted, and we look upon this recognition as a sign that the work in which we are engaged has a sound and wide-spreading root, and is not based on a limited intellectual theory, shared by a few minds only. It is no slight encouragement to ourselves and other women to persevere in the same direction, to know that a long list of those who are most distinguished in intellectual and benevolent exertion are also to be numbered among the active supporters of the ENGLISH WOMAN'S JOURNAL.

But while our prospects are thus cheering, we must beg our friends and subscribers to bear in mind that the unrelaxing exertions of those who are interested in our work are absolutely necessary to ensure its continued prosperity. This Journal cannot rival amusing periodicals in its circulation, neither, being serious in its character, can it rely upon that principle of cheapness, which might otherwise ensure a large trade sale. It will, generally speaking, only be bought and read by those who really care for its objects, and the main source of its support must consist in subscriptions taken direct from our office. We beg therefore to invite notice to our prospectus, which states that we answer all applications by letter, by transmitting single copies or sets to all parts of the kingdom, postage free.

We will conclude by earnestly requesting our subscribers in the provinces to make the Journal known as widely as possible in the towns where they reside, and to endeavor to add to our list by engaging the interest of every lady devoted to benevolent pursuits; and with a sincere hope that the next six months will confirm the ample promises of the last, we inaugurate our second volume.

THE EDITORS.

A READING ROOM FOR LADIES.

The Editors of the English Woman's Journal have the pleasure of announcing that they have secured the use of a Large Room, in the house which contains their Office, for the purpose of establishing a Reading Room for Ladies during the morning hours. On the afternoons of stated days, the Room will be appropriated to the use of the Committees of various Philanthropic Societies.

Membership will be constituted by the payment of One Guinea per annum.

Committees desirous of securing the occasional use of the Room, are requested to apply to the Editors of the English Woman's Journal, 14A, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, W.

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Communications may be addressed to, and subscriptions will be received by, the Secretary, Miss L. TWINING, at the office of the National Association, 3, Waterloo Place, London, S.W.: or at 13, Bedford Place, London, W.C.

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