

THE PUBLISHER'S DESK.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

The December issue is to be our CHRISTMAS NUMBER. It will be considerably enlarged, beautifully illustrated and admirably suited to send home to friends as a Christmas Greeting. Amongst other interesting features we may mention descriptive articles of some of the most attractive spots for Christmas trips in New Zealand, notably one on Rotorua, by Emily A. Parkes; "A Cycle Trip to the West Coast," by Ralph Austin; "The Northern Wairoa," by G. E. Alderton. There will also be a most interesting article on our Colonial Ferns by that excellent authority, Mr. H. C. Field, C.E.; "The Evolution of a Midsummer Night's Dream," by Laura Stubbs, will delight all lovers of Shakespeare. *Domett and His Work*, by J. Cowan, deals with that grand poem, *Ranolf and Amohia*, and will be characteristically illustrated. A Maori Legend entitled "The Courting of Te Rahu will be found especially interesting to lovers of Maori Lore. Several capital stories, etc., etc., specially selected as suggestive of the festive season will also appear. Professor McLaurin, M.A., LL.M., will describe the Wellington University in the Universities of New Zealand series. Elsdon Best continues his interesting contribution, "On the Trail of the Kawau Maro," and the Number altogether will be a most attractive one. Those desirous of securing extra copies should send in their orders early, as there is sure to be a very large demand. The price for extra copies will be 1/-.

PHOTOS OF CURIOSITIES.

We would remind photographers, amateur and professional, that we are prepared to publish and pay for Photos of Curiosities. They should be good clear photos, nicely printed, with good contrasts, otherwise they cannot be accepted. When required (and stamps sent for the purpose) the originals will be returned.

Articles on the following subjects will appear shortly:—

- VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—By Professor McLaurin, M.A., LL.M.
- OUR COLONIAL FERNS.—By H. C. Field, C.E.
- DOMETT AND HIS WORK.—By J. Cowan.
- A CYCLE TRIP TO THE WEST COAST.—By Ralph Austin.
- DEEP SEA FISHING, PART II.—By J. Wylde.
- OUR TRIP TO ROTORUA.—By Emily A. Parkes.
- MORE WELLINGTON MUSICIANS.
- THE EVOLUTION OF A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM.—By Laura Stubbs.

Storiettes by the following Authors:—

- "TOUCH & GO.—H. Dean Bamford.
- "CHRISTMAS ON A GOLDFIELD IN THE EARLY SIXTIES."—By John McGlashan.
- "HOW I TOOK UP LAND."—By Montgomery Barr.