

THE PUBLISHER'S DESK.

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

A very large issue of the present number of "The New Zealand Illustrated Magazine" has been printed to meet the demand that there is sure to be for the Christmas number of this periodical which has become so popular from the North Cape to the Bluff. But as there is nothing so difficult to gauge as the demand for a special number of a magazine with such a fast increasing circulation as ours we would ask these wishing extra copies to send in their orders early to avoid possible disappointment.

PHOTOS OF CONTRIBUTORS.

As a record of the work done by New Zealand writers this collection will be a valuable one. Then again, one often feels a great desire to see what an author whose work pleases one is like. Here is an admirable opportunity. There has been such a hearty response to the request for photos that we are compelled to continue the series in the January number, and possibly the February one too. It comprises many of the best known writers in New Zealand,

HOME FRIENDS.

At this festive season of the year friends at Home expect some token of remembrance. That a copy of this number of the Magazine will please them better than the most beautifully designed Christmas Card, goes without saying. Those who received them last year wrote in unbounded praise of the manner in which we can turn out such productions in the colony.

Articles on the following subjects will appear shortly:—

- THE EDITOR AND HIS CONTRIBUTORS—Continued.
- THE MASON BEE.—By H. L. Machell.
- SOME NOTABLE SHIP WRECKS ON THE NEW ZEALAND COAST.—By J. Blades.
- CARLYLE AND DEMOCRACY.—By W. G. McDonald.
- THE COLONIAL IN FICTION.—By C. E. Cheeseman.
- MAVELS OF THE MICROSCOPE.—By Henry Allison.
- EARLY TIMES IN VENICE.—By L. B. Saunders.
- THOREAU'S WALDEN.—By Edward Kempe.
- EDWARD GIBBON WAKEFIELD.—By H. Dean Bamford, B.A., LL.B.
- WITH THE FALLOW DEER.—By Deerstalker.

Storiettes by the following Authors:—

- A SPLENDID REVENGE.—By F. B. Crouch.
- MIRO ORA'S STRATAGEM: A Story of the Ngatiawa Raid.—By A. H. Messenger.
- THE MURU.—By R. Ward.
- THE MILK CART BOY.—By Edith M. Carman.
- ERIC.—By Laura B. C. Hill.