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EDITORIAL.

With this number the publication of Many will be the PIONEER ceases. disposed to regret this fact, but we feel rejoiced to know that our mission has been fulfilled, because, after persistent efforts for a little longer than two years, we are rewarded by seeing the successful embarkation of a weekly Democratic and land reform paper We refer to THE VOICE. The publication of THE VOICE renders unnecessary the continuance of the PIONEER. Our readers may rest assured that in its columns will be found the genuine ring of a true, persistent land reformer, and we trust that those who have so nobly assisted us will do even more (if that be possible) for the success of the new weekly paper.

We may here be pardoned if we give just a very brief history of the PIONEER. It was born in Mr. Timmann's bedroom, but soon exhibited a strong, independent tendency-a great dislike to close confinement. After six months it refused to be longer confined in such a space, and ever since has regularly come forth from that business-like, Democratic office, QUIZ. The effect was It immediately doubled marvellous. in size and influence. Needless to say, the PIONEER has passed through some severe trials, but thanks to determined efforts and to friends rallying round, it has not only survived but maintained a bold front to the enemy. There have been several changes-Messrs. A. Timmann, H. S. Taylor, J. B. Allen, B.Sc., and E. J. Hiscock, in the order named, undertaking the editorial duties.

The work of the PIONEER has not been that of a paper alone. More than one hundred thousand leaflets and pamphlets have been reprinted from its columns and distributed throughout the colony. We should not think of lapsing now but for the issuing of THE VOICE, and in saying farewell to our readers we wish to sincerely thank all friends (and they are many) who have in any way whatever assisted the PIONEER, and we

for THE VOICE, which uncompromis. ingly advocates true reforms.

In another column will be found particulars of the arrangements made concerning our subscribers.

Let us not PIONEER readers, adieu. relax our efforts for land reform, but continue with renewed energy and renewed hope, rejoicing in the fact that we have a weekly VOICE in our midst fighting for the cause of Humanity, and feeling strengthened in the belief that success must eventually crown our efforts.

A CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXHORTATION.

With this issue the publication of the PIONEER ceases. Elsewhere the editor bows his exit from the stage of jour. nalism and details the circumstances and conditions under which the PIONEER lapses in favor of Medway Day's new weekly, the VOICE. For my own part as one who has carefully watched and tended the plucky little paper in its growth, and as one, too, to whom the humanitarian doctrines which it has been the chief object of the PIONEER's efforts, however unworthily, to enforce and promulgate, are sacred as fragments of a holy faith, I should like to say a parting word-a word of cheer and exhortation to those who have caught glimpses, however faint and distant, of a regenerated world and a perfected State, and whose hearts have sometimes throbbed and their pulses thrilled with the passionate desire to add their little weight to the movement for the bettering of our human kind.

I write more directly for all those who have been in any way associated with the movement for the restoration to the people of their ancient and imprescriptible heritage in the earth and in its fruits; and I do so, not because I fail to recognise the honest and the admirable efforts of enthusiasts to redeem society on other lines, but because, to my mind, this section of the community comprises in its ranks the most rational and the purest idealists amongst us.

I write to remind my comrades of the sacred and the holy nature of our mission. At such a time as this, when we are pausing on the very threshold of another year, and when the bells are chiming in memory of the birth of that great Teacher who came to humanize religion and to breathe into a cold and heartless world the enthusiasm of Humanity, at such a time as this, I say, earnestly ask them to do their utmost it is of especial importance that we