

*CONCLUSION.*

When our first article was handed to the printer we had not the slightest idea of publishing a book ; but our object was to publish a monthly magazine. Circumstances, however, over which we had no control, turned the current of events. In looking over the pages of this work we now notice a number of typographical errors. This we certainly regret. We had not always the opportunity of reading the proof, and unless a work is stereotyped it is next to an impossibility to avoid the occurrence of an occasional mistake. A few articles, also, have been printed twice, an oversight of the printer, which was not possible for us to prevent.

We have, however, no further apology to offer, but hope and trust that the reading of the preceding pages have been both a source of pleasure and of profit. The poems here presented, many of them have been published in Canada and the United States, and re-published in England. The essays have been read at public gatherings on different occasions and we have frequently been asked for copies of the same. A goodly number of them have been published in magazines and newspapers in both this and other lands. But very few, however, have been written expressly for this work, and, in writing our valadictory, we trust that we shall not lay our pen down forever, but

The time draws nigh, we now must part,  
 And we for a time must sever ;  
 But no, O, no ! it cannot be,  
 We shall not part forever.

Oh ! no ! the Saviour now is gone  
 A mansion to prepare ;  
 We shall not part forever,  
 For we'll meet each other there.

