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TO OUR READERS.

WITH the present number we close the fifth volume of THE HARP. Our readers are the best judges as to how we have fulfilled the task we undertook some years ago to place in the hands of our Irish Canadian friends a magazine that would furnish sound and healthy entertaining and instructive literature to the rising generation amongst us. Certain it is that we have succeeded in maintaining our position so far not without sacrifice, and whilst we look back with a pardonable pride to the partial success that has crowned our efforts we would fain hope that in the early future the friends of the cause will rally around and give us that support to which the only Irish Catholic Monthly Magazine in the Dominion is fairly entitled. Had it not been for the generous and gratuitous contributions of literary friends the publisher must long ago have given up the struggle. To those he owes a debt of gratitude which he takes this opportunity of acknowledging in the most heartfelt manner. In the past we have endeavoured to furnish our patrons with reading matter on subjects of never-failing interest, and we are happy to be in a position to state that we have received the promises of several of our most gifted wri-

ters to lend a helping hand towards placing THE HARP in the position it should occupy amongst the literary productions of the country.

Within the last few months we have been enabled to present to our readers sketches of some of our most prominent Irish Canadians. This feature of our Magazine, which we have reason to know has proved very acceptable, will be continued for some time to come. New interest, however, will be added to our publication by a choice selection monthly, of memorable places in Ireland with Wood Cuts and brief historic notices. Each number will also contain a favorite piece of Music, and in every department the publisher is determined to raise the standard of THE HARP to the full extent of his ability. In the next number will be given the opening chapters of a most interesting story; and as a further inducement to subscribers a beautiful steel engraving—a choice out of two—

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