

ple on which he acted, ventured in the cause :—second the increase of subscribers and *their* whims made an addition to the number of its pages, and the introduction of select pieces ;—and third, the desire to make such selections as will “ suit purchasers,” or the public, prevents in a great measure the regular insertion of such original articles as are worthy of publication. But surely such pieces as one month are worth a *promise*, are not unfit for the next, or succeeding Nos. or at least a notice of the cause why they are so. I am not friendly to regular notices, particularly in the work, but must say, I like occasionally to see the remark on the cover, for this reason—it often happens before a number is a month old, one or both covers are gone or defaced, and with them the promise or refusal ; whereas when in the work, they remain until bound, and on a reference to the volume your eye is attracted and your curiosity naturally excited to see promised articles, and if you are disappointed, it seems an annoyance which you can not easily forget. If this cannot be termed one of the causes why monthly publications do not long exist, it is at all events, evident, that it does not tend much to strengthen the bonds of affection between writers and editors ; and to many writers in this place, who have unfortunately not very strong nerves, and but a small stock of charity, such things tend to cast a damp on any exertions they may have intended to put forth ; (be it remembered I am speaking for others) nor are these the only persons whose observation is attracted, does it not give the enemies of the work (for it has them) a greater clue to stigmatize the exertions of the proprietors, and is it all likely they will lie dormant, when an opportunity offers to open their malignant ports ? no sir, their wills and eyes are ever on the alert. With this knowledge, and a sincere desire to have this periodical “had in lasting remembrance” as the best and most persevering ever commenced here, I have been prompted to make these remarks as a friendly hint to the person at its head, who is apparently too much engaged to observe such seeming trifles.

Yours, with respect,

A CONSTANT READER.

We take the above remarks as they profess to be offered—in good part. “ Never promise what you do not intend to per-