


TO OUR PATRONS.

 NE number more will make one half of the current volume, and as soon as it shall be issued all our subscribers who were in receipt of the *Gem* at the beginning of the year, and shall not have paid their subscriptions, will be entitled to pay 7s. 6d. each. We shall be glad to have our subscribers pay up immediately. It will be a saving to themselves, and better for us. The sixth number will be sent out in three weeks from the mailing of this one. If all in arrears would come up to the scratch within that time, it would enable us greatly to improve the remainder of the volume. Nearly four hundred are yet behind for the first volume, and about twice that number for this one. Now unless these pay their subscriptions we shall be at a pecuniary loss, in publishing the work; a loss, however much we might possess the inclination, we have not the means to sustain. We call the attention of our delinquent subscribers to this subject now, because we want *money*, and we want it immediately. We trust there will be a general move, and that the old score will be wiped off completely, by our next issue.

We have some subscribers in different parts of the province, who pay for the *Gem* at the commencement of every volume. They take an interest in the prosperity of the work, and they have no mind that we shall be spending our time, energies, and money, to provide a pleasing and profitable work for them and their families, and receive no remuneration. Many thanks to them. But

their number is too small to meet our expences while so many withhold the payment. We engaged in this enterprise because we saw, in this province, a vacuum left, even after newspapers and standard works had been employed for the edification of families and individuals. And where books and weekly papers are not read, there exists a still greater need of a work of this description. A portion of almost every family have but little inclination and less time to wade through heavy volumes of standard and other works; and will take but little interest in news and newspaper topics; for this class of persons the magazine is well adopted. It will engage their attention, and lead them out into the world, and beget in their minds a desire for knowledge which otherwise never would exist.

And besides containing articles written in a style calculated to create a relish for reading, the well-conducted magazine will afford valuable information on various subjects of importance, and will tend to make its readers both wiser and better. This is a department in literature and morality that we love.— The employment to us is pleasing, when we are so supported in it as to be at liberty to do justice to the work in hand, and to ourselves; but under other circumstances it becomes a work of mortification and pain. We look to our fellow Canadians for aid in our undertaking. Send us your names and subscriptions, and we will give you in exchange a good Canadian monthly, well worth the subscription. And by patronizing our publication you will assist in the diffusion of a sound and useful literature through-