

Editorials.



TO OUR READERS.

We have a word or two to say to you and, as this is our last number, we must say it now or never. Perhaps you don't realize just how good an opportunity this is to speak our mind.

If we regarded you as critics merely and not friends, if we had any editorial spleen to vent, or any abuse to shower, what an opportunity this would be to do it. Before these lines reached you we would have been disbanded, as the air invulnerable, and any indignant protest or dire vengeance on your part would have fallen, not upon us, but upon the innocent heads of our successors.

Such conduct on our part would not have been generous of course, but it would have been quite safe. And really, we must have yielded to the temptation and have seized the opportunity, but for one consideration—we had no grievance of which to complain.

Therefore, our farewell shall be dignified and seemly. We made no promises at the beginning of the session, and so cannot have broken any. At least, then, we have not to beg your pardon.

We have not wholly satisfied ourselves in what we have done, but we have done what we could, and we venture to regard your financial support and the kind words of encouragement which have often accompanied your subscriptions, as an indication that we have not wholly failed to please you. This silent approbation has made our editorial work pleasant, and easier than it would have been. It is, therefore, with some feeling of regret as well as relief, that we push paper and pen across the desk to those who follow us in office. We are no longer needed, for our places are filled. We turn to other, and in some sense, more serious work; but before doing so we again thank you all and severally for your consideration, appreciation and encouragement.