

tention of the historian ; as well on account of their immediate effects, as their more remote and ultimate results. The present state of Europe, may in a great degree be attributed to those occurrences ; and the seeds of revolution were then sown, which at present are productive of agitation and alarm.

There are in this number, other papers which will be found worthy of attention ; and we have made the review of New Books, as copious as our limits would permit. A short article on "The Drama" and a Commercial Report for the month of January, will be found towards the conclusion of the number ; while notices of the Fine Arts publications, occupy a due proportion of its pages.

We gladly and thankfully avail ourselves of the communication from King's College ; and earnestly request similar ones from the respectable seminaries east, west and middle. Nothing can be more interesting to the Province, or more gratifying to ourselves

The work we have undertaken, is chiefly a compilation ; and so we apprehend it must be, for some time to come. Yet we are not discouraged by that circumstance ; for we look to the example of the first Nova Scotia Magazine. It did not contain many original productions, yet it succeeded to a wonder ; of which it is rather a singular proof, that tho' the work was dropped, we believe about 1790, the Editor having removed from Halifax, to a more important employment ; yet more than twenty years afterwards, at the sale of Dr. CROKE'S books, it brought more at auction, than the original charge to subscri-

bers. So much can a judicious selection effect.

What an encouraging contrast, does the present state of the Province, make with what it was then ? At that time even decent types could not be procured at Halifax ; and what was more, liberal education was but just dawning. Now what excellent seminaries are established in this and our sister Provinces ?

On these, and on all literary gentlemen in our society, we rely for such original articles as may interest, amuse or grace their country. Our humble task will be to cater, in the best way we can for the public taste.

As respects the mechanical part of this Number, we must ask the indulgence of our readers. It was our intention to have printed it with a new type, and experienced workmen were engaged in the United States. The difficulty of procuring a vessel by which freight could be sent, caused their subsequent detention, until the departure of the Brig Hopewell from New York ; and the extraordinary long passage of that vessel, caused a farther and unexpected delay.

In the mean time, after permitting the month of January to pass away, in the daily expectation of her arrival ; we commenced the present Number under manifold disadvantages,—pressed for sufficient time, and without adequate assistance. We trust therefore any errors which may appear, or any imperfections in workmanship, will be pardoned by the more fastidious of our friends ; with the assurance that in our future numbers, in this particular at least, they shall have no cause of complaint.