

our country. We say, the "published," because we are well convinced, that, *great* as the amount of original contributions have unexpectedly been, these are merely an index of what might be produced without searching beyond the bounds of the twin Provinces. There cannot exist a doubt that, with the advancement of the country in political and social worth—in *moral* and *physical* wealth—its literary and intellectual riches will be equally developed. In this, then, in addition to the patriotic feelings which all, more or less, possess, we have a motive, and a good one, for offering our congratulations, humble though they be, on the auspicious character of our present prospects.

Taken altogether, we look upon the contemplation of our literary future, as exhilarating. In the "darkest hour" our efforts were generously seconded. As the horizon lost its clouds, encouragement grew into support, and from the "dismal past" we have already seen the

"Dawn of a luminous future."

Well aware as we are, how little of this success is to be attributed to ourselves, we trust no reader will accuse us of an egotism we do not feel, when writing thus. A reference to the index will shew how little of our success is to be attributed to merits of our own. Indeed, our task has been less a call upon our own limited abilities than the exercise of such trifling judgment as we may possess, in selecting from the heaps of "matter" which have been, with a liberality unparalleled, placed at our disposal; a liberality claiming our thanks even before we pay those justly due to the generosity of the public, whose "patronage" has enabled us to lay them before the world.

We are, however, trespassing upon the patience of our friends. Our intention was to offer a few words of thanks on the occasion of the close of another year. These words have grown upon us, and we must hasten to a close; and, in doing so, it affords us pleasure to be empowered to state that the several pens which have so greatly contributed to render the *Garland* a welcome visitor, will still lend their valuable and valued aid; assisted by many others, which we confidently trust may yield their share to the fund of intellectual pleasure, we flatter ourselves we shall be the medium of communicating to the Canadian world.

In conclusion, we beg only to repeat what we have before remarked, that it will be our study to shew our gratitude, by unceasing exertions to render the *Garland* worthy of the favourable consideration it has received.

END OF VOLUME II.