

dent work. But let the friends to liberal principles, and a truly catholic spirit, not be disheartened; the air they breathe is pure; the principles which govern them are sound, and must be generally adopted, before "zions watchmen can see eye to eye," or, "The kingdoms of this world become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

#### CLOSE OF THE VOLUME.

**T**HIS number completes the second volume of the *Canadian Gem*.

Our readers now have the work for the year in their possession; or at least we presume so, for we have sent all the numbers faithfully to every subscriber. We have aimed to fill our pages from month to month with articles, on various subjects, that should be both entertaining and useful, how far we have succeeded we leave our readers to judge. We are far from flattering ourselves that we have pleased all; that would be doing what we believe has never been effected yet. But we do believe that we have afforded the means of mental improvement to all who have read our pages; and if any have been profited by our labours, we are glad. The *Gem* has now secured an extensive circulation, for Canada, and must exert considerable influence, either for good or for evil. Judging from what we learn from our patrons occasionally, we conclude that our time and labor devoted to this work are not spent in vain; and so long as we can have good grounds for believing that we are doing good, we shall be encouraged to proceed in our work.

The third volume will be sent to none but such as pay in advance. None, therefore, need order it unless the cash accompanies the order for the work. We have tried the credit system too long, for our own good. A subscription list of five hundred paying in advance, is far preferable to one of three thousand on the credit system. Those who have taken the *Gem*, and paid for it; will please accept our thanks for their support. And those who have taken the *Gem*, but, *have not*, paid for it we hope soon to be thankful to. We are a Canadian, by birth, feeling, and interest; and we love our country. We would be glad to serve its literary and religious interests. We have attempted to do so at no ordinary sacrifice; and we now look for that attention from our pledged supporters, that common courtesy, and honesty demand.

#### CHURCHES IN TORONTO.

**T**HIS city is supplied with a respectable number of churches, several of which are substantially built, of brick, affording good specimens of architecture. These churches are owned by the several denominations in the place, as follows; namely: two by the Church of Rome; four by the Episcopalians; one by the Presbyterian Church of Canada; one by the Kirk of Scotland; four by the Wesleyan Methodists; one by the New Connexion Methodists; one by the Primitive Methodists; two by the Congregationalists; two by the Baptists; two by the Disciples; one by the United Presbyterian church; and two by the African Methodist Episcopal Church.