

A Word to Patrons and Subscribers.

Our *Monthly* was the *first* and now the *last* of the Educational and Agricultural Magazines published in the Lower Provinces; it would almost seem, according to the usual fate of this class of Provincial Literature, that our Magazine has lived its full time.

It seems impossible for Monthly publications to exist for any length of time in the Lower Provinces: The *Journal of the New Brunswick Society*, for the encouragement of Agriculture, Home Manufactures and Commerce; throughout the Province of New Brunswick, though edited by the late, and much lamented, DOCTOR ROBB, only lived a short time; the *Farmer*, and *Guardian*, both ably conducted Monthlies, in St. John, did not live a year; the *Journal of Education and Agriculture*, Edited by Doctor Forrester, Principal of the Normal and Training School of Nova Scotia, did not see the end of its second volume. And several other ably conducted Monthlies, in the Lower Provinces, have shared the same fate.

And our Monthly has only lived to see the fifth number of the fourth volume, and it goes the way of all the rest.

We have used every legitimate means to procure a sufficient subscription list to meet the expenses of publication; our subscription list is double that of any of the Monthlies heretofore published in the Lower Provinces, still, in consequence of the credit system, into which we have drifted, in common with others; and postal impositions; the want of encouragement, on the part of the reading public, to indigenous literature; the want of Educational and Agricultural system and appreciation of these important departments; it is almost impossible to procure sufficient support to warrant the publication of a Magazine devoted to the advancement of the most important objects of a Provincial nature, without loss to the proprietor.

The amount now due us from subscribers is upwards of *one hundred and sixty pounds*; this is a large item, and we hope those in debt to us will remit, on the receipt of this number, to the nearest Agent, or direct to the Editor, Alexander Muir—Bay Verte.

We beg to return our thanks to the Press of the Lower Provinces, and our Patrons and subscribers generally, for the good feeling manifested toward us; and we are sorry that our humble efforts were not more worthy of your advocacy and patronage.

Those of our subscribers who have paid in advance, will have the balance of this year's subscription refunded to them, or receive *twelve* numbers of a previous volume in payment for the *seven* numbers of the *Instructor* for this year, which will not be issued.