

OUR FIRST YEAR.

With this number ends the first year's issue of the "CANADIAN LITERARY JOURNAL." In a season of the year anything but favorable for such an enterprise, with many essays that our undertaking would prove a financial failure, with protestations that Ontario was not yet advanced enough in wealth and position to sustain a purely original Magazine, with manifold predictions that neither talent, energy or support would be forthcoming to maintain such a Journal as our prospectus promised, in fact, in the face of almost every difficulty did we a year ago venture before a critical, yet generous public with the first number of our Magazine. Some earnest advocates of our cause predicted us a life of six months, while many less sanguine kindly meted out its existence for three months at most. Although we were fully determined that the Journal would at any rate be issued a full year, let the support be what it would, yet we did not anticipate the flattering reception given us by the Canadian Press and people, which we so universally received. We very early found that there was a wide field for a native literary periodical, wider in fact than we anticipated, which led us at the expiration of three months to increase the size of our Journal eight full pages. Even this additional size we now find is by far too small for our demands, and with the beginning of volume two, we shall still further increase the size, making it sixty-four pages monthly, and adding richly to its appearance, by profuse and beautiful illustrations. The year, which in our efforts to establish a Canadian

Magazine has just closed, proves to us conclusively that there is ample room in the Dominion for good first-class literary periodicals. Hitherto the great influx of British and American publications have greatly tended to take the place of native productions, but our progressive tendencies, our rapid growth, our increasing wealth, our individual national proclivities, all demand home industry, home creation. We have emerged from embryo, and in the manhood of our might and importance should, and do look for the upbuilding of ourselves by ourselves in all branches of industry. In the western portion of the Dominion there is really no other periodical published devoted exclusively to original Canadian Literature, except our own, while in the east the only one of importance is Stewart's Quarterly, published in St. John's, N. B., which holds a prominent place with the best American Magazines, There is another monthly published in Montreal, but which falls sadly behind the mark, and which necessarily has a very limited circulation. We bespeak for our new volume, which will now be known as the "CANADIAN MAGAZINE," a generous and hearty support from all classes in the Dominion, and we can confidently promise a Journal which will vie with any Monthly published.

Miss Mulock, (Mrs. Craik,) has been specially secured to write for the Journal, and her new tale will begin in the first issue, while talented writers both at home and abroad will regularly contribute.

In conclusion we most heartily thank our many supporters for their past confidence and kindness, and trust that each succeeding year may witness our gradual, yet sure progress in the good work of upbuilding and fostering a pure, healthy and original Canadian Literature.

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