

A WORD AT PARTING.

A PAINFUL task is now before us. Fourteen years, during which our country has progressed very rapidly, and which have been marked by much vicissitude, and many a change, have come and gone, since the publisher first entered upon the publication of "THE LITERARY GARLAND AND NORTH AMERICAN MAGAZINE," and during all that long period, whatever our imperfections or our shortcomings may have been, we have striven earnestly and zealously to make the work alike interesting and instructive to our readers, and in some measure worthy of the position it held, as the only Magazine published in British North America.

How far our labors have proved successful in accomplishing the design for which the GARLAND was established—that of fostering and encouraging the growth of Canadian literature, and affording reading of a profitable and entertaining character, to the Canadian public, it is for others to say;—but we at least may be permitted to look back upon our exertions with pleasurable feelings, now that a painful necessity obliges us to suspend our monthly visits to those constant friends who have so long continued to welcome the GARLAND of native flowers, we tendered them at all seasons,—alike when all nature wore its gayest colors, and when the deep snows of winter, an envious mantle, hid the earth, erewhile so joyous from their view.

Very reluctantly then, but with a full conviction of the propriety and urgency of the step, we have decided upon discontinuing the publication of the GARLAND. While announcing this intention, we have no desire querulously to complain, although we do not disguise our regret at the suspension of the periodical. We did think, it is true, that a discriminating public would have given us a cordial support, and if that support, no doubt for good reason, has not been extended to us in such a measure as to enable us to defray the heavy expense of publication, we submit uncomplainingly,—cherishing however, the hope that the day will yet come, when Canada will be able to support, not one but several periodicals,—although at present the abundance and cheapness of foreign publications, render it either very difficult, or altogether impossible to compete successfully with them.

The announcement is made, yet we linger reluctantly over this page. We feel saddened, when we think, that we are bidding adieu to so many esteemed friends, who have long lent us their cheering countenance, and kindly interest. To them, each and all, and to those other friends who have contributed often and well to our pages, we tender our hearty thanks, and our sincere wishes for their welfare, and we bid them earnestly and sincerely, what we feel to be indeed "a lonely sound,"—"FAREWELL."

SCOBIE'S CANADIAN ALMANACK FOR 1852.—We have to acknowledge the receipt from the enterprising publisher of a copy of this excellent compendium of useful information, and we cordially give it our meed of well-earned praise. The paper is good—the typography is clear and distinct, and the Almanack as a whole is creditable to the Publisher as well as to the country. Published at a very low rate—it contains a large amount of Statistical and general information, and should be in the hands of every family in Canada, fully meriting as it does, the title its publisher bestows on it, that of a "Repository of Useful Knowledge" on all matters of general interest in Canada.