

## To the Readers of the Garland.



WHEN we issued our first number we had many doubts, as to the course we ought to pursue. Many of our readers are already aware that the Garland was not the first to make the trial. Already had its two predecessors sunk into the shades of obscurity, never to glimmer again, before we entertained the slightest idea of making the third trial. We well knew that in commencing a publication of this kind and in the manner we did, that many would be the rebuffs we should meet, and that it would be a long time before the public become fully convinced of our intentions. This in view, we issued our first number without the consolation of seeing the name of a *single individual* on our list, and distributed them through the country to such, as we then thought, would be willing to manifest their good wishes towards sustaining us, by ordering it continued. It is the custom; (and what is a custom is as good as a law) for the printer, after paying a penny on it, to send his paper to whom he pleases; and as much the custom among men, on the receipt of any paper, to return it, if they do not wish to have it continued: This is a *privilege* that every person has a right to enjoy. But it is one much abused. For within a few day past, after receiving four, five, and six numbers, some gentlemen have put us to the expense of paying postage on their letters, merely to inform us that they "wish to have our bill presented for payment, and the Garland discontinued;" when the usual method would have been preferable and much to our advantage, as these numbers are rendered useless to them, besides they are a loss to us. What can be the motives of such men, is to us a mystery; unless it is to subject us to as much cost as possible. It is true, that at the commencement we solicited the patronage and influence of all who had a desire to see us go on our way rejoicing, and by so doing we have made a valuable discovery. Much good will has been manifested by many, from unexpected sources, which has stimulated us to a constant increase of exertion to render our paper interesting, and has in no small degree tended to reward us for that exertion by swelling our list of patrons. To them, we acknowledge ourselves in a great measure indebted, for the unexampled success with which our efforts have been crowned; and to suppose us otherwise than grateful to such persons, would be accusing us of a want of that feeling, which we are certain we possess. None but the penury-pinched miser would ever think of discouraging a plan calculated to benefit his fellows in general, by every low artifice in his power.

Many objections have been made to the Garland on account of its small size.— It was commenced on a sheet of such dimensions as we were prepared to maintain for one year. At the end of the first volume, it was our original intention to increase the number of pages to sixteen, should the patronage at that period promise as fair as necessary to defray the extra expense. The size corresponds with the terms.— After paying the postage, and other incidental expenses, very little will be left us for our labor. But we shall be content if we succeed in gaining the object we had in view, viz.:—**TO RAISE THE GENIUS—TO MEND THE HEART, AND GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PUBLIC.**

Several communications were received too late for insertion in this number; they shall appear as soon as our limits will allow. Our thanks to "Spectator," and C. M. D.