

gratifying testimonials of their literary attainments, confirming as they do, our own previous judgment, when we cheerfully consented to publish the articles deserving of such approval, of the taste and skill which they so happily combined.

We have every assurance that the Amaranth will improve in value and in interest—the promises of our literary friends will doubtlessly be performed, whilst our own exertions will be earnestly bestowed in rendering the periodical more and more deserving of public support.—And surely when we deserve encouragement it is but reasonable to expect that we may continue to obtain it. We will now toil on, cheered with the conviction that we have contributed, and are still furnishing, a goodly share of literary food for the enjoyment of our numerous readers; and whilst influenced by this determination, and firmly resolved to perform our part of the engagement faithfully, we may be pardoned for intimating to our subscribers the importance of being prompt in the payment of their subscriptions, as upon their punctuality the fate of the Amaranth must entirely depend. Surely, so small a sum as we charge for the numbers for a year, and the great variety of matter which we present to our readers every month, justifies us in the hope that each subscription will as regularly be paid at the period it falls due. But alas! in this reasonable expectation, how sadly are we doomed to continual disappointment! The expenses of our establishment require to be punctually discharged, and in the absence of the several amounts due from our subscribers—which individually are insignificant, but in the aggregate are large—we are frequently subjected to serious pecuniary inconvenience, which a slight endeavour on the part of each of our patrons, would at once relieve.

To such of our subscribers who have been punctual in the payment of their dues, we tender our best acknowledgments, and whilst they have been gratified in the perusal of our Magazine, they have the higher satisfaction in being apprised that their patronage is gratefully appreciated, and that through their instrumentality we are enabled still to continue its publication in a time of great commercial languor and of general depression.

Before the appearance of our next number, a season of mirth and of joy will again commence; and whilst the spirit of religion will influence many a scene of innocent festivity during the approaching anniversary of a stupendous era in the christian dispensation, and

whilst brotherly love and neighbourly kindness should extensively prevail, we heartily wish to all of our readers a reasonable share of the good things which Providence kindly permits us to enjoy, and that ere another CHRISTMAS again presents itself to gladden the heart, by the purity of its reminiscences, the aspect of commercial affairs will again brighten, and that peace, prosperity and plenty, will mark the progress of the ensuing year.

THE ST. JOHN AURORA.—This is the title of a new paper recently issued in this City, the first number of which is before us. It is Edited by Mr. Thomas Hill, and is devoted to the diffusion of Literature. The contents are choice, interesting, and instructive; and as there is no other paper published in New-Brunswick or Nova-Scotia, devoted to the same object, we are inclined to think the Aurora will be liberally supported. Its appearance is good, and being printed in a Quarto form, is well adapted for binding and preservation.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"A Legend of Ravensdale Ruin," and several other articles are under consideration. "Confessions of a Wanderer," we find, upon a more attentive perusal, to be better suited for the columns of a newspaper—we therefore decline publishing them.

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