

articles as enforced by Emperor William, yet we do feel bound to maintain that President Thiers has assuredly done a great good by securing peace to his vanquished country, which, though dearly purchased, must prove a great blessing to France, and put an end to a conflict, the story of which will ever stain the page of history, and reflect most lamentably upon the intelligence and integrity of the Nineteenth Century.

NEW CONTRIBUTORS.

New names of acknowledged merit are being added to our list, and we are pleased to assure our readers that our articles from month to month will be of excellent merit, instructive and entertaining. This month begins a series of papers on popular Astronomy, which promises to prove of great interest. The author of them (Omicron) is well versed in the science he deals with, and we have read articles from his pen in the English Press which are of acknowledged merit for originality of thought. These papers while dealing with a science generally considered deep and intricate will be characterised by plainness of facts rendered interesting and readable by freedom from abstruseness. Another talented writer will contribute to the April number, upon the subject of the "Origin of Organic Existence," which owing to the great speculations now prevalent upon this theme will cause it to be anxiously looked for. We regret that our space forbids its insertion in the present number. A new tale of considerable interest will shortly be commenced, in fact we are determined to maintain a good entertaining class of literature in the pages of our Journal.

OUR FUTURE.

The first year of the publication of *The Canadian Literary Journal* is fast drawing to a close, and we would thus early wish to kindly thank a generous public for the patronage conferred upon us in the past. Our pretensions when we started were not very extensive; our paramount object being if possible to

establish a journal devoted exclusively to Canadian Literature. Our attempt has been very well encouraged, and confidence in our enterprise appears to be daily increasing. Our whole efforts have been to the end of effecting our original intentions—with you kind reader rests the judgment. We are now considering the subject of still further enlarging the *Journal* as we at present find it by far too small for our purpose. From month to month articles which are aptly worthy of publication are crowded out, and we are sure our friends feel dissatisfied with this procedure, but we are unable under existing circumstances to do otherwise. We will very soon appear before you practically with our intentions, which means as you are well aware to solicit a renewal of your subscription. We do not adopt the policy of a certain contemporary which nearly fills its pages with selections. We aim at establishing a journal thoroughly original, thoroughly Canadian. We believe the impression our magazine has made generally has been very favorable, and now as we are about beginning a new year of publication we call upon our friends to rally, and with their assistance a journal may be maintained which is so much needed in the Dominion. We will take occasion to refer to this matter at greater length at some future time, only ask our friends to keep us in mind.

CONTEMPORARY PERIODICALS.

APPLETON'S JOURNAL.—D. Appleton & Co., New York.

Before us we have the past month's issues of the above magazine. It undoubtedly ranks among the best American periodical publications, being replete with excellent literary productions, from the pens of the ablest writers of the day, and is profusely illustrated. In the number of March 4th, we find several entertaining articles. N. S. Dodge gives an instructive paper on "Illustrious Old Men of 1871," briefly referring to Guizot, Lord St. Leonard, M. Thiers, Thos. Carlyle and Earl Russel. 'Ralph the Heir,' a novel by Anthony Trollope is being continued from week to week. Several short articles appear which with the *Varieties*, *Table Talk*, *Poetry &c.*, render it a literary treasure.