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TO OUR PATRONS.

THE Proprietor appeals to a generous public for countenance and support in aid of the present undertaking. Every effort will be made on his part, to render the work acceptable to its readers, and having made arrangements in England for some of the best periodicals of the day, THE AMARANTH—independent of containing a choice selection from these sources—will furnish to its readers, it is to be hoped, many original articles of undisputed merit, written by residents of New-Brunswick. This Magazine is the first attempt of the kind in the Province, and should it be favourably received, it is little to be doubted, but that a work of larger size will make its monthly appearance; and it is fondly to be wished that its contents will be wholly of original matter. The time will shortly arrive when the *literati* of New-Brunswick will furnish to its inhabitants, a large supply of periodical literature, and equal to the rapidly increasing demand for it, and in unison with the taste which creates that demand. American Magazines are now flooding the country, and many of them, it is to be regretted, convey principles of a leveling tendency, odious certainly in the estimation of every true Briton—it is a fact, that upon the sensible man, the only effect produced by the promulgation of such principles, is upon the risible faculties; but, as all readers are not proof against an antagonist impression, and as the minds of the rising generation are susceptible of receiving those which are erroneous, some substitute of *home manufacture* should be placed as a barrier in the way of the too free circulation of American publications, containing articles of a tendency wholly anti-British. It is to be hoped that the present humble effort will contribute its mite towards such a desirable object.

The Proprietor now promises on his part to use the utmost care in the selections for each number of The Amaranth; and his best endeavours to render the mechanical portion of the work neat and creditable;—to give to its readers the most interesting extracts, as well as a synopsis, in a compact form, of many of the Lectures which will be delivered at the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE during the course of the present season—in a word, to perform his part of the engagement, faithfully.

To several of our young friends, THE AMARANTH will present a favourable opportunity of conveying to its readers such of their occasional sketches of scenes and circumstances, of an interesting nature, with which New-Brunswick so amply abounds. Anecdotes connected with its early history, will, no doubt, be welcome to our various Patrons;—time may ere long obliterate many which it is desirable should be retained; but we trust that our periodical now so freely offered to correspondents, will induce them to display their good taste, in partially converting it into a useful record of events, in which the New-Brunswicker cannot but take a deep and permanent interest.

The best exertions will be made to render The Amaranth not only amusing, but useful, and we therefore with confidence appeal to the patriotism of the many who *can* write for us, to assist in crowning such exertions with reasonable success.

At this festive period, when youth bursts into boisterous enjoyment; and manhood forgets its cares and its troubles, and beholds only the brightest and the best; and old age relaxes its wrinkles, and benevolently smiles with internal approbation—the Editor avails himself of the occasion, to tender to his patrons the compliments of the season, accompanied with the hope, that their joys may be pure, and without a single shade of care to abridge them.