

When we consider the numerous exchanges, papers, and periodicals in Literature and Science, that have come to the office of the *Opal* within its brief duration, we are grateful to the very innermost and lowermost. That it hath been read within the circles of fashionable appreciation, and also by the moderate in means and attainments, and been welcomed by every man who understands its object, is a source of great gratification; and the five's, ten's, twenty's, of our wealthy friends would have been equally as acceptable, and as a mode of extending the circulation of the *Opal*, most certainly as agreeable. Let each good man consider himself a part of the sanitary corps, and act in judgement accordingly. Persons have come to this humanity, who felt that they were part owners of the stock in trade, because they were citizens of New York, and were taxed for general purposes; and this establishment consequently was in part theirs. The people are a curious variety; if the out-siders have such views of life and duty as American citizens, we implore to be delivered from their errors, and to cherish dear to our hearts, that silent spirit of good will, that would lend a help to every little adventure, which would promote the happiness in any work, whether of sane or insane.

For the patronage the *Opal* has received, our gratitude is obligated; and as we have perused the works of taste and sense, in its library, is it possible, thought we, that so great effects have been produced by apparent small causes? The regurgitation of the flood tide of intellectualities has awakened an interest for those who encouraged and patronised us, that will be as enduring as the humanities that suggested this enterprise.