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TO THE YOUTH OF UPPER CANADA.

MY YOUNG FRIENDS,

At the commencement of a work of this nature, it is natural to expect that the Publisher will fearlessly and undisguisedly make known to his readers his design in bringing it before the Public, and more fully explain the character which he intends it shall sustain. This he now would attempt to do; and he does it the more cheerfully, that his readers may have some grounds on which to build their expectations; and he hopes by a strict attention to the wants of the youthful portion of the population of this country, as regards their general improvement, to conduct the work in such a manner as to prevent a disappointment.

Although the Publisher has previously intimated his design in the Prospectus of this work, still he would again remind his readers, that he is "determined that nothing shall ever enter the pages of the *Youth's Monitor* but that which is calculated to instruct, and generally improve, his Juvenile Readers." He intends, therefore, to adhere to this determination most tenaciously, and present to the young people of this Province such subjects as will tend to produce that effect—as will serve to expand the mind, and lead it to relish that, and that only, which is truly noble and dignifying to human nature. It is to be regretted that the improvement of the Youth of this portion of the British Empire has been so long neglected by the generality of the conductors of Public Journals. The enquiry is, How shall we account for this neglect? Is it because the human intellect here is not as good and as susceptible of mental culture as in other climes? We answer, No. We say positively we need only to bring it to an equal state of improvement and its products will be just as luxuriant. The mind if dormant should have something presented to it as will call all its energies into a voluntary and actual operation. The chain of thought should be brought to run in a proper channel and pursue a correct course of reflection, and when once it is loosed from the shackles of ignorance, the element in which it then seems to delight becomes congenial to its nature and proves to be an essential principal in the mental machinery, so that when it is brought to bear upon any subject it searches to the very bottom and carefully investigates all its parts.