

which, as set forth in their published constitution, are, "Mutual improvement and support in acquiring and diffusing a more accurate knowledge of disease and medication, directing our inquiries more particularly to the diseases and natural resources of our own country, and to procure the enactment of equitable laws relating to the study and practice of Physic, Surgery, &c."

In adopting the name Eclectic, the members of this society would not be understood as committed to the abandonment of original research, or of any established principle. Whatever has been fully proved true by Thomson, or any other founder of a medical system, they gladly cherish; and, as Eclectics, hail with delight whatever is practically demonstrated to be safe and efficient in the cure of disease. And, thus uniting freedom of inquiry with stability of principles and purpose, we cordially invite the attention of our government to the results of the practical application of these principles and purposes, in full confidence that an impartial investigation would show the inexpediency and impropriety of past class legislative policy, and of all policy which aims to establish any species of medical despotism in this Province, curbing the spirit of free inquiry, and forbidding, under the plausible pretext of elevating the medical profession, the application, by the domestic practitioner, of the results of his investigations and experience in the cure of disease—which give to the medical productions of Canada a marked superiority over the foreign drugs and patent medicine, which now flood our land, by the constant use of which thousands are daily aggravating their physical maladies, and precipitating themselves, unwittingly, yet certainly, into the resting place of the dead.

But addressing, as we are, the Head of a professedly liberal and Christian Government, we are, therefore, permitted to appeal to higher motives than mere worldly policy or expediency. Our government places in the hands of every incumbent of office, legislator and juryman, a copy of the Scriptures, and requires him, ere he enters upon the discharge of his duties, to appeal to the Searcher of Hearts, that he will discharge them in accordance with the requirements of Divine Law. This we regard as a tacit acknowledgement on the part of our government that no neglect, or violation of that law, will be required of any individual. We open the Bible containing the revealed will of God, as well as an account of the introduction of moral evil, and consequent physical and mental suffering; and therein find as positive an injunction *to relieve the afflicted*, as to instruct the