

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

TO THE READERS OF THE UPPER CANADA MEDICAL JOURNAL.

As will be seen by the prospectus upon the cover of this Journal, a new series is now offered to the public, and Medical profession of Canada ; as therein declared, it is intended to be a medium of communication for the profession generally ; the organ for the maintenance and defence of their rights and privileges particularly. As such, it is hoped that the *Upper Canada Medical Journal* will continue to enjoy its former measure of encouragement ; and while it is declared free and independent of every sectional view and interest, it is expected that it will obtain the patronage and support of *all* the profession, without reference to politics of any party or faction, and that it will be made the medium for recording the facts and deductions resulting from the practice and experience of the Medical Profession generally. It is certain that the profession numbers among its members in this part of the world many who are not to be excelled upon this broad continent ; and it would be both a crime and a disgrace, that they should not have a means in which to enregister each bright thought, or commendable confirmation of the rapid and glorious progress which medical science is making in our day, for the want of having an opportunity to record their individual experience, or the details of their particular practice. It must not be said that the soil and climate of the New World, and especially of British America, the seat of true freedom, and the location of the truth, is inimical to the progressive development of medical science. The spirit of the age, and the democratic elements of our communities, it is to be hoped, will not become demonstrative of a degradation of the *professions*. We confess we have our fears from what we see around us ; but at the same time our confidence in the sterling sense and truthful aspirations of the Anglo-