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TO THE PUBLIC.

WE now present to the public, the first number of our projected work, which we trust will be received with some portion of the indulgence, usually shown to infant undertakings.— We shall neither spare pains nor expense, to make our Magazine more and more worthy the patronage of every rank, in this our native country.

At present we have extracted for the entertainment of our readers, various pieces from the latest English periodicals. In making our selections, we shall always aim at procuring papers, which, while they may contribute to the amusement of the public, shall be marked by purity of morals, correctness of style and good taste. It will rarely happen, that articles which we may insert, can be of a length that will require a continuation from one number to another. But we have been induced in the present volume to adopt this course. The story of "The Demon Ship," is one of intense and powerful interest, and its length precluded its entire insertion at once.

Among our selections will be found an excellent article on the "National Importance of Yachts." The Regatta is a delightful and healthful recreation, which of late attracted attention in Halifax; and was calculated to produce much public benefit and enjoyment. The removal of the

squadron however, has checked it in its infancy: and there appears but little prospect of its speedy revival; as without the aid of our naval friends, the attempt would be arduous, and probably unsuccessful.

"The Forger" is a tale of deep and pathetic character. It professes to be copied from the "Diary of a late Physician," which at present adorns Blackwood's Magazine; and we hope it will frequently be in our power to obtain from this source, materials for the future amusement and instruction of our readers.— "The First Lord Mayor's Show" is replete with humour and good sense, and "The Enthusiast" contains a beautiful and instructive moral.

We have devoted several pages to the Memoir of His late Majesty.— During the period in which that monarch held the reigns of government, the most brilliant success attended the British arms. But it is on other accounts, that a review of the life of the late King, has claims upon the consideration of mankind. The lapse of years which that life embraced, was marked by great and terrific events; and whether we regard his career as an individual, or the perilous occurrences of his time, they alike afford cause for reflection and anxiety.

The scenes which then disgraced France, and afterwards convulsed Europe, will occupy much of the at-