

munications ; and we are encouraged by others to hope that our succeeding Numbers will be enriched with some valuable Articles in Agriculture and Natural History.

THERE are few People in the Country who can afford to furnish themselves with extensive Collections of Books ; and still fewer who, having made useful discoveries, can find sufficient encouragement to defray the expence of giving them to the Public in separate Publications : In the Nova-Scotia Magazine those discoveries, without any expence, can be easily communicated, and which, without such a medium of communication, would otherwise be lost. To adapt this Publication to the taste of all descriptions of our Readers, we have endeavoured so to mix the *utile* with the *dulce*, that instruction and pleasure might by no means be separated, and that, by the variety of the matter, the want of many books might in a great measure be supplied.

WE cannot, on this occasion, forbear congratulating our Readers on that prospect of National Peace and Tranquility which our late intelligence from Europe opens to us : For though War might present partial benefits to interested individuals, yet it must have proved fatal to the Province. Peace has ever been found favourable to the Arts ; and whilst the scarcity of Cash in this Country, and the consequent wants of its inhabitants, have excited a spirit of industry hitherto unknown, it must afford pleasure to every one to observe the establishments for the education of youth keeping full pace with our other improvements ; and what still more must insure the future prosperity of the Province, is, that the temporary jealousies which have heretofore subsisted between old and new settlers are entirely done away, and a spirit of harmony and good humour universally prevails.

To promote, as far as lies in our power, that harmony so essential to the welfare of the Country, and to assist the exertions of all descriptions of its inhabitants, by selecting from time to time the articles best calculated to throw light on their different pursuits, has been, and we trust will be, our uniform aim, convinced that our interests are involved in the prosperity of the Province, and that the future success of the Nova-Scotia Magazine, will ever be proportionate to the extension of learning and the increasing ability of the Country.