

purely one of conscience and honour, and to be enforced principally by the forfeiture of membership, and the status which such a privilege confers in the community. The establishment then of a "Provincial Medical and Surgical Association" would appear to be a most desirable step towards the attainment of that which we contend for. An Institution under the more comprehensive title of the "British American Medical and Surgical Association," was organized at Three Rivers, in the month of July, 1850; and at the meeting at which this organization took place, a resolution was passed that its next session should be held at Kingston, in the month of May, of the present year. We apprehend that this meeting never occurred, at least we have never seen, to the best of our recollection, any record of it; nor do we know whether the association is still considered as extant. If however it has proved a failure, we ought not on this account, to be deterred from making the attempt to establish one for the Upper Province. There are many physical objections to so complete and extensive an organization as was then contemplated—obstacles which are removable, and which may eventually be surmounted, through the instrumentality of the Great Trunk Railroad! and other more complete means of intercourse than at present exist.

Our present wish is, however, to suggest the idea to those who are from experience better able to point out the means and manner by which such an Institution can be properly organized, and successfully carried on. Our pages shall be freely open to contributions towards this good work, and we earnestly invite a free discussion of the subject.

THE "BRITISH AMERICAN MEDICAL & PHYSICAL JOURNAL."

We are delighted to find our contemporary in such good humour and spirits, and congratulate him heartily on his convalescence. May his ink never be dry! As long as it contains no gall, we shall be happy to call him any name he pleases. We acknowledge the receipt of his *first* exchange. Our dentition proceeds rapidly and favourably, the teeth being strong and sharp.

MEDICAL NEWS.

We glean the following items of intelligence from recent publications:—

"MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN BOSTON.—There are two hundred and thirteen medical men in the city belonging to the State Medical Society, fifty-one are enumerated with it, acknowledging obligations to no medical association, twenty are denominated botanic physicians, who look upon all the others as dangerous dealers in physic; while six female physicians, quite independent of any of the rest, complete a catalogue of three hundred and fifty persons, who sustain themselves in a population of 130,000, by prescribing and giving medicines."—*Boston Med. and Surg. Journal*.