

the influences imagination exerts. In view of this fact, and for the purpose of making these effects more apparent, let us consider the subject standpoint, taking for our starting place this fair country of Nova Scotia, which we will suppose in some imaginary way, cut off from all relations with all nations, and peopled with a race who possess every faculty which we enjoy except imagination. Conscious of the difficulties, which attend this undertaking, because experience has never afforded us with even one human being who was devoid of this quality; it will, therefore, understanding the general principles, only attempt to indicate, wherein there must necessarily exist a marked difference between this hypothetical land and our own, for any particular affirmations would be wholly speculative.

In order to get a clean conception of the condition of this imaginary people, we will take for the basis of our considerations the home, for here can be found, in miniature, every phase of life, and from this as a centre, we will follow the radiating lines, till we obtain a bird's eye view of the whole land.

Enter with me one of these dwellings. As we look about us in our strange surroundings, the first thing which attracts our attention, is the evident lack of all those conveniences, which are the products of invention and science, and which contribute so materially to the happiness and health of our own families. If we stop to think what this apparent destitution has to tell, we will at once be lifted from the sight of the family hearth and a broader view of the whole race will arise. Ay, with very little reasoning, we can infer, that these two departments of study, as they exist for the nation, are either unknown or else in their very infancy; for by our supposition the only tools this people have to work with are memory and reasoning powers. Therefore, whatever is acquired outside of experience and judgment must come by chance; as it is a well known fact, that the discoveries of the inventor or the scientist have been through an "enquiring searching mind," which "has always passed from the known to the unknown in the form of conjectures which cannot be reduced to conscious reasoning." Such being the mental road, which must be travelled before great attainments in invention or science can be reached. What this may mean to this people, we dare not think! There might be no advance in either of these directions, and thus the life would be more or less stereotyped, the son repeating, in his manner of living, the history of his father.