

a reflex of monotheism it always embraces the universe in its unity, comprising both terrestrial life and the luminous realms of space. It dwells but rarely on the individuality of phenomena, preferring the contemplation of great masses. The Hebrew poet does not depict nature as a self-dependent object, glorious in its individual beauty, but always as in relation and subjection to a higher spiritual power. Nature is to him a work of creation and order, the living expression of the omnipresence of the divinity in the visible world.' 'It might almost be said that one single psalm (104th) represents the image of the whole world ;' while the Book of Ruth presents us a charming and exquisitely simple picture of nature ; and where can we find the phenomena of nature described with more vigor and grandeur than in the Book of Job ? They are subjects that leave a deep impression upon the mind of every one who thinks at all about the matter.

But I must leave the fair and luxuriant fields of poetry, and descend to the level of the earth ; certainly not clothed with the evergreen mantle of the sunny south, yet ever ready to yield an abundant crop to every one who judiciously tills the soil. Here then is matter for numerous essays from our farmers, and how can they be better employed than in recording the facts which they observe as the results of their different modes of culture or qualities of soil. A pint of observation is worth a sack of theory. Why does a garden produce more than a field ? The reason is obvious ; it is better cultivated ! The spade is a more perfect instrument, when properly used, for pulverizing the ground than the plough is ; and the regularity in the plantation of crops with frequent hoeings and freedom from weeds in the garden causes a yield that far excels anything that can be got from a field sowed broadcast, and then left to take care of itself. How interesting it would be, as well as instructive, if each farmer would measure the ground as well as the quantity of the different kinds of grain sowed, the dates of sowing and reaping, and also the yield per acre as well as per bushel. Observations regarding the dryness or wetness of the several months would also be useful for drawing conclusions as to the capabilities of this Province, for becoming a good farming country ; and although the winters are long, much work may be done in them, and the rapidity of vegetation compensates in a great measure for the shortness of the summer season ; and, I believe, that when facts of the above nature have been collected for a few years, that Nova Scotia will be found to yield crops equal to any other part of the world.

The clerk in the counting-house might give an instructive essay upon 'Double Entry,' and the way in which Hudson, the Railroad King, and other interested parties, used to 'cook the accounts,' so as to declare dividends when in fact there were none ; and though he never appeared to have a surfeit, yet the bona fide shareholders were constantly complaining of indigestion ; or from the abuse of arithmetical knowledge he might turn his researches to the spring,