

studies in natural science, literature and other fields of research, will be hailed with delight by many of the laboring classes as well as those with greater leisure who are anxious to explore these regions of thought but who have been prevented from doing so, or able to do so only very imperfectly, owing to the lack of proper guidance.

The plan adopted in the Mother Land will need many modifications before being applied in this country, owing to the great distance between the Canadian towns which could be chosen as centres of operation; and it is likely that for some years at least the classes will be confined to university and adjacent towns and that they will be conducted by the lecturers in the various colleges. We may rest assured that all who are interested in higher education and especially the clergy who, according to no less an authority than Emerson, "are, more universally than almost any other class, the scholars of their day," will give this scheme their hearty support, and that much will thus be done to lift the Canadians from intellectual torpor. By means of this movement education, so to speak, will be democratized; the wealth which has too long been hoarded in the universities will be more generally distributed to the enriching of many and the impoverishment of none.