

be acquired. But even ordinary ability, by practice and care, may succeed in prose composition. There are a thousand subjects connected with our native land, fit and suitable themes for the consideration of her children. Any and all of our correspondents might aid in forming a literature of this kind for our province, a literature devoted to the development of the natural, historical, and legendary wealth of Nova Scotia. Every town and village has some scene, or tale, or requirement, which might be pourtrayed or told in the compass of a brief article, thereby benefitting the country and reflecting credit on the writers. We commend this view of the subject to our correspondents, and trusting they will adopt our suggestions, bid them farewell for a season.

OUR MONTHLY GOSSIP.

WE take occasion to notice here a new publication we have received from the Agent, entitled, 'The United States, Illustrated in views of City and Country, with Descriptive and Historical Articles; by Charles F. Dana.' Amid the many pursuits which our versatile neighbours of the Republic, enter into with spirit and eagerness, none are more followed and appreciated than those which embrace the several varieties of artistic skill. In their newspapers, books, and magazines, the hand of the artist and graver is ever present to illustrate and beautify a subject whose merits in their opinion the simple force of language cannot sufficiently indicate. These trophies of their artistic power are lauded by the conductors of the publications in which they appear, and the majority of national readers follow the example, until the uninitiated are fain to believe that the Republic of America, in her monthly magazines, publishes more real gems of art than ever woke to light beneath the toil of the greatest masters. But among all these vagaries of vanity and opinion, from the mass of rubbish glittering in lavish coats of gaudy colour, we do frequently meet engravings that even justify the eponiums passed on them by their partial publishers, and of this class is the publication to which we have just referred. The engravings are executed, with a softness and finish which speak of a master's hand. The literary part is written in a clear, manly spirit, and the work, when completed, will be a valuable acquisition to the literature and art of the United States.

There is nothing to record in the way of provincial news. Mr. Crampton, the British Minister at Washington, paid Halifax an unofficial visit during the past month.

The Exhibition of Industry at New York, was opened on the 15th, by a brief Inaugural Address from President Pierce. Crowds of persons have visited the building daily, and appear gratified by an inspection of its contents, although neither building or arrangements are yet in a finished state.

Advices from Europe furnish us with nothing of importance.

Prince Albert and the Prince of Wales have had an attack of measles.

Affairs continue unsettled between Russia and Turkey. It is supposed the issue will be peaceable.

From China and the East we have nothing satisfactory.