

tipling an hundred fold all those virtues and graces which render her one of the purest specimens of nature's handy-work.—But the question may be raised how shall we establish Literary Institutions for the instruction of young ladies, desirable as such a thing may be, in the present state of our country's exchequer? Ah master Prudentius; not able! say not willing. *We are able.* We have now at least three or four Colleges in our Province;—and how many of them for educating young ladies. Not one;—no, nor if there were ten more erected would a female; for any scientific purpose, be permitted to enter their halls, under the present system.—To correct matters of this sort the *public mind must be changed*: and we hope that these humble remarks may be as leaven, there to ferment until this much-to-be-desired-change come. We cannot but think that if the subject were laid before our Provincial Parliament by a regularly-organized society, zealous and active in the matter, cheerful and liberal grants would be given: for be it known that while the gentlemen hold the reins of the Coach of State, the ladies instruct them how to drive.

The present system of Boarding School education—and we have every respect for it, but could wish that its advantages might follow an education, not usurp the place of one—is we believe for the most part enormously expensive, perhaps double that which an education at one of our proposed Institutions would cost, for equal periods. This fact certainly favors our object and must have its due weight in calling the attention of the Public to the establishment of an Institution conferring upon the young ladies of our land greater advantages than those which Boarding Schools afford, at a less expense.

COOPERATION OF LADIES REQUISITE.

For the speedy accomplishment of so desirable an object, as that which we have proposed, let the ladies, if their flatterers and tyrants, the men, who *pretend* to regard their interests, will not espouse their cause in this matter, band together, not in an unholy, but a holy alliance; arise in all their might of persuasion, to demand, modestly, yet firmly, *deeds* proving the attachment to them, which men profess, in the erection of a suitable Place of Public Instruction in Nova Scotia, for the young intellectual and amiable daughters of Acadia. Let such a spirit as this prevail through the length and breadth of the land and the work is done. A building erected—suitable teachers obtained, having the power of conferring degrees—a regular curriculum established, embracing languages, mathematics, natural and moral sciences, &c;—hundreds would eagerly flock to the sources of knowledge and bear off the noble palm, having obtained an education entitling if not for

bachelors of arts,—“*Maids of arts*” and “*Mistresses of arts*,” for which they are not now permitted to contend. A new tone and vigorous, would at once be given to our educational interests: then should we not have a Charlotte Elizabeth to grace the annals of our country, and her writings to afford instruction and pleasure to generations yet to come? Yes! answers a Sigourney, Yes reëchoes a Hemans! whose lines breathe exalted sentiments of refined taste, and purity, inspiring the soul, and bearing it in triumph above the corroding cares of life. Having *educated* our young ladies, we now recommend the cultivation of those graces and virtues which are the adornments of woman. A true refinement befitting such a being, obtained, cannot fail to raise woman to her rightful position,—to improve the whole machinery of social society, and to raise man himself infinitely superior to his present condition, both in point of domestic and social happiness. Then would the sweet strains of music have a double charm,—and a halo of intellectual brightness gathering around this noblest work of the Creator, proclaim her queen of earth and native of the skies.

CONCLUSION.

At this date of our Provincial existence, living as we are under the mildest, yet noblest, sceptre that can rule a free, enlightened, and happy people, it requires no prophetic art to raise the veil which separates us from the future, in predicting that Nova Scotia is yet to be radiant with the light of science, emanating both from the literary Halls of our sons, and of our daughters;—that her mines, and her fisheries are to afford the means of sustenance to thousands of her inhabitants;—that the busy throngs of our commercial cities and towns, lading and unlading the numerous ships which shall crowd our harbours, are to be the certain index of our country's prosperity; that the noise and bustle of our manufacturing establishments, and the rapid speed of our locomotives, as they bear the various products of commerce from one district to another, will be a like proof of the capabilities of Nova Scotia;—that her hills and dales, subdued by the plough in obedience to the principles of science, and covered with herds and bleating flocks are to gladden the generous heart of the rustic swain; that her picturesque scenery, painted by nature's pencil, relieved by the graceful meanderings of her numerous rivers as they glide softly on to the mighty ocean embellished by the student of nature, will in connexion with science enkindle all those pure, noble, and sublime sensibilities of soul which elevate the thoughts far beyond the starry firmament, to the throne of Him who is omniscient in wisdom, illimitable in benevolence.