

ence, and the image of infinity revealed on every side, whether we look upwards to the starry vault of heaven, scan the far-stretching plain before us, or seek to trace the dim horizon across the vast expanse of ocean."

If we can only be induced to look into the inviting face of Nature with an enquiring eye, she will surely not fail to answer, but will reward the inquirer by leading on imperceptibly, from one wonder to another, as she reveals herself in her manifold and mysterious beauties. To the gentler sex in particular, I would say: Devote your leisure moments, above all to the floral beauties of the field or forest, or the wonderful products of the sea-shore, bearing in mind the old and well known words of the Evangelist:

"Consider the lilies of the field how they grow! They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say to you, that not even Solomon, in all his glory, was arrayed as one of these!"

If we take that branch of Natural History termed Botany alone, which as you know treats of the vegetable organisms of the earth. It is one of the most fascinating and interesting studies any one could choose. It affords its devotees infinite pleasure, bringing them, as it were, into close communion with Nature itself, in one of its most beautiful aspects. A collection of our wild flowers, fruits, mosses, lichens, etc., properly arranged and classified would add much to our knowledge on this head. Very little has been done so far to enlighten the world upon what Newfoundland has to offer in this respect.

I look upon Botany as a study peculiarly adapted to ladies of means and leisure. Some who possess artistic skill would find much pleasure in depicting our wild flowers and fruits with the aid of the painter's brush.