

—that the three essential requisites of good schools had been obtained,—good school houses, efficient teachers, and ample means to maintain them in uninterrupted operation.—*Abridged from a Belleville Paper.*

Literary and Scientific Intelligence.

— THE AUSTRIAN VOYAGE OF CIRCUMNAVIGATION.—The first Austrian man-of-war intended to circumnavigate the world, the frigate Novara, left Trieste on the 30th of April, for Gibraltar. The Novara carries 1,800 tons weight and 30 guns; the deck is 147 feet long, and 42 in width. The vessel draws about 19 feet water. The Novara has 354 men on board, seven of whom belong to the scientific commission, and will principally be engaged in scientific pursuits. The astronomical, meteorological, and magnetical observations, however, will be made by the officers of the navy, under the command of Commodore Wullerstoff. Dr. Hochstetter, from the Geological Institution of the Austrian Empire, will be occupied with the geological and physical; Messrs. Fraunfele and Zelebor, with zoological; Drs. Schwarz and Tellinek, with botanical; and Dr. Scherzu with astrological and national-economical researches and investigations. The last of these gentlemen will also keep the journal of the expedition, and make the reports on its progress and results to the different political and scientific authorities at home. The expedition is likewise accompanied by a renowned Austrian painter, M. Selliny, who will be occupied in illustrating the most interesting points visited by the Novara, and likewise make drawings for different scientific purposes. Alexander Von Humboldt honoured the expedition with a beautiful memoir on the volcanoes of the South Sea and the western coast of South America, which he called, in his modest style, physical and geognostical remembrances (*Physikalische und Geognostische Erinnerungen.*) This most beautifully written memoir had been addressed to the leader of the expedition, Commodore Wullerstoff, an excellent naval officer, who was formerly professor of astronomy at Venice, a man of excellent qualities, and a sincere love for science, whose appointment to the command of the expedition must be called an exceedingly fortunate one. The Novara is accompanied by the corvette Carolina, and will be towed as far as Messina or Stromboli, according to circumstances, by the steamer Lucia, Captain Littrow, an Austrian man-of-war. In Rio Janerio, the corvette Carolina will leave the Novara, and probably visit the La Plata territory; while the Novara will take her course to the Cape of Good Hope, and to two remarkable little islands, St. Paul and Amsterdam, south-east from the Cape, lat. 38 deg. south, which are yet, in respect to their nocturnal history, totally unknown. We hope to be able to offer to our readers a full account of the visit of the frigate Novara at St. Paul and Amsterdam, from the pen of one of the members of the expedition.

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