

become the habitants of a peculiar flora and fauna—thus extending the range of life, and affording conditions of existence that other habitats do not supply.—*Text-Book of Physical Geography.*

### EDUCATION.

The great object of education is to develop all the faculties of our nature, physical, intellectual, and moral, and to endeavour to train and unite them into one harmonious system, which shall form the most perfect character of which the individual is susceptible; and thus prepare him for every period, and every sphere of action to which he may be called. It is only by means of the harmonious development of every faculty of our nature, in one connected system, that we can hope to see complete men issue from our institutions; men who may become saviours of their country, and the benefactors of mankind. To form such characters is more important than to produce mere scholars, however distinguished, and this is the object on which the eye of the educator should be fixed, and to which every part of his instruction and discipline should be directed, if he means to fill the exalted office of "being a fellow-worker with God."

### News of the Week.

The opening Lecture of the annual course under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, was given on Tuesday evening last, by Hon. S. L. Shannon. The subject—"The Past History of the Association," was handled in a very able manner by the lecturer. The most interesting portion of this lecture to many was that in which he gave a biographical sketch of three warm friends and Presidents of the Society, now gone to their rest, namely, Hon. H. H. Cogswell, Sir B. Hallibarton, and M. G. Black, Esq.

At a meeting of merchants, and other citizens, held on Wednesday, at the Reading Room, for the purpose of taking into consideration the presentation of an address to his Excellency Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, on his departure from Halifax, J. A. Moren, Esq., was called to the chair, and the draft of an address was submitted and unanimously adopted. A committee was appointed for the purpose of obtaining signatures thereto, copies of which will be at the Reading Room, and at several book-stores in the city.

The screw steamship *Olympus*, Capt. Muir, arrived on Friday, after a rather

protracted passage from Boston. About £10,000 in specie was received here by this arrival. She remained on hoar or two in port, and then steamed off again on her way to England, conveying thither about thirty passengers.

His Worship the Mayor has very properly issued a Proclamation in which is offered a reward of \$200 for the apprehension of the parties who recently attempted to fire the premises of Mr. Lane, Spring Garden, and of those who succeeded in burning the Pipe House on the Margaret's Bay Road.

Messrs. D. H. Starr and G. A. S. Crichton have shipped, per steamer *Olympus* for Liverpool, three packages of choice Apples for Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Newcastle. The fruit is the production of the orchard of Richard Starr, Esq., Corwallis. The apples consist of the celebrated Gravensteins, Pomme Grise, Bellefleur, King of Pippin, Ribston Pippin, Blenheim Pippin, Golden Pippin, and Baldwin.

**FAREWELL MISSION.**—Temperance Hall was crowded to excess on Wednesday evening last, by the friends of the Mission, anxious to take a part in the farewell meeting given to their devoted brethren. The platform was well filled by clergymen of all denominations, and with a number of citizens well-known in all benevolent undertakings. The Rev. Mr. Sedgwick opened the meeting with appropriate remarks, after which the Secretary of the Mission gave a clear and interesting account of the efforts of the Mission Committee, in Scotland, Australia and Nova Scotia; and the causes which led to Nova Scotia having the honor of building the "Day Spring." The meeting was also addressed by the Revs. D. Morrison, Wm. Gordon, and Wm. McCulloch, the latter of whom spoke at some length, and seemed fully to understand the difficulties to be encountered in this perilous work. Several other gentlemen spoke eloquently and feelingly, and the meeting closed with a prayer for the safety of the "Day Spring," and the prosperity of the devoted men and women who go out in her. The vessel sailed from Collin's wharf on Thursday afternoon.—*Rep.*

**FOR NEW ZEALAND.**—A fine brig of 212 tons old and 163 tons new measurement, was launched 24th ult. from the ship-yard of Robert Orr, Esq., New Glasgow. This vessel has been named the *Pakalia*, and will take her departure for New Zealand at an early day. She will convey thither quite a number of passengers. These purpose rejoining a number of friends who some time since proceeded from Pictou county to the Antipodes. There will consequently be a long race between the *Day Spring* and the *Pakalia*, the winning-post being Melbourne, Australia.

Numbers of vessels laden with coal from the mines in Cape Breton and Pictou, continue to arrive daily, and at present there is a large supply of this article of fuel in the market, but owing to the high price of coal in the States, the usual rates are maintained.

The brig *Polly Jones* left this port for New York last week with cargo of 120 tons of ice and other merchandise.

The *St. John Morning News* publishes an extract from a private letter from a Newbrunawicker in the Federal service, in which it is stated that Dr. Pines, of Wallace, N. S., holds the position of Medical Inspector in the Regular Federal Service, which is the highest and most honorable position in the gift of the Government to its Surgeons.

**THE APPROACHING DEPARTURE OF THE ADMIRAL.**—After a sojourn of nearly five years on this continent—during which time it may safely be said that nothing was left undone in the discharge of the onerous duties appertaining to his important command—our worthy Admiral is about finally to depart from our shores. This announcement will be received with very general regret by our citizens, as, apart from other considerations, Sir Alexander has always manifested a deep interest in the prosperity of Halifax, and in more than one instance rendered tangible proof of the fact. The troublous times of the last part of his term have afforded an opportunity for a display of that firmness and moderation so requisite at all times in a Naval Commander-in-chief, and more especially at this period; and which has secured for the gallant Admiral the respect and admiration of all with whom he has been brought in contact. Even in the neighbouring Republic, where party asperities are indulged in and the anti-British spirit predominates to so great an extent, he has left a most favorable impression, freely expressed in the leading journals. We are pleased to notice that in the City Council, yesterday afternoon, a motion was unanimously carried to present the Admiral with an address, previous to his departure. A committee, consisting of Aldermen Tobin, Jennings, and Roche, with his honor the Recorder, was appointed to prepare the same.—*Rec.*

**ACCIDENTS.**—A fine little boy, son of R. N. Beckwith, Dry Goods Merchant, Granville street, while endeavoring to climb a fence, fell and broke his arm above the elbow. Dr. Parker attended immediately; the bone was set, and the little sufferer is now doing well. A truckman named Dennis Hargan, in the employ, we believe of Albro & Co., accidentally fell opposite John Tobin & Co's office, Water street, and one of the wheels of a truck, heavily laden with iron, passed over one of his legs, breaking the bone above the knee, and otherwise severely bruising the leg and foot.—*Rep.*