

WINTER EVENINGS.

If each person who lives to see thirty years of adult life, were to devote one hour of each of the six days devoted for man to labour, which would allow two and a half years for study, to the study of some useful branches of knowledge, how different would the state of society be at the present time. The proper and economical devotion of time is of first importance to mankind.

But the winter evenings afford by far the greatest advantages in this respect; books are now so plenty and cheap, that "he who runs may read, and he who reads may understand." The acquisition of useful knowledge does not so much depend upon the amount of reading as upon the character of the matter to be read, and the manner of reading it: all reading should be done with the understanding. While there are vast stores of excellent reading matter in circulation, still the world is flooded with a shoal of novel and infidel trash, which is more fit for the flames than to be allowed into our families. The number of the *Scientific American* of the 14th of November last, thus speaks on this subject.—

The season when King Frost enchains our country in his icy grasp, and throws his white mantle over the earth, will soon be upon us, and we must begin to think what we shall do with ourselves in the long winter evenings, when there is no comfort but at the fireside, or in sitting close around the stove. Those evenings contain many precious hours that ought not to be, as they too often are, wasted and lost. Reader, we will propose a scheme to you whereby you will find them pass pleasantly and profitably; and when spring again comes, with its gladsome sounds and beautiful vegetation, you will be happier and better for the winter that has passed. Our advice, then, is, learn to do something. No matter what—to draw, to paint, to put together machinery, to read or speak a language that at present you do not know; invent something in your own line of business that is wanted, and determine to make it by the spring. Learn something, read a useful book every evening, if only for an hour; but do whatever you determine regularly and punctually, and you will be surprised how

much knowledge you will have acquired in a short time. Do not idle away the precious moments in foolish conversation and story paper nonsense, although they are both very good in their place; but try and master a branch of science—each one of you knows which you like the best, and which is best suited to your habits and capabilities,—and should you meet with difficulties in the way, as no doubt you will, write to us, and we will give you the best aid and advice that is in our power to dispense."

So say we: Set to work, young men of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, in good earnest,—read useful books, ponder and weigh well their contents; and who knows but that some of the brilliantly minded youths of these fair provinces, may, ere long, shine forth in the field of literary, artistic, and scientific fame.

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