

observe but Belleisle and Boucherville Mountain, on the right, over the vast plain, after leaving St. John's. The old and comfortless houses of Laprairie, the gloomy nunnery, with spacious grounds enclosed with high walls, and the vociferous, French speaking people on the shore of the noble St. Lawrence, remind one of Europe.

The steamboats on the St. Lawrence and the Lakes have been often crowded to excess this season, by the emigrants newly-arrived from Great Britain, so much so as to render travelling for pleasure remarkably "unpleasant." And such a mixed company as has often been observed in these cargoes! While some of those obliging tourists, who occasionally write about us, have such subjects before their eyes, they might save themselves the trouble of leaving home. Among the emigrants, it has been remarked, there has been this year a much larger proportion of intelligent and wealthy persons than usual, and the western states have had the benefit of adding not a few of them to their population. But some appeared to be entirely unprovided with necessary information, as well as pecuniary means, to direct their course to advantage after their arrival. One person might be heard making inquiries about the country through which he was passing, that showed he had never been in a geography class in his life; while many were at best but extremely ill-versed in "the use of the globes," which the English school advertisements seem to regard as such an accomplishment. What will not ignorance do, and at the same time leave undone! I am persuaded that many of the emigrants might save years of time, and all the money they bring out, if they would but ask a few such questions as the boys in the New-York Public-schools could readily answer, and act on the knowledge thus obtained. One woman you will hear inquiring for her husband or children, who have come to America; another resolving to return to-morrow; one sick, and believing the climate is unhealthy; another amazed at the beauty and fertility of the country, the friendliness of the people, the abundance of work, the high wages, the cheapness of land, and in short, the superiority of every thing to his expectations. The only wonder to me was,