

gifted with a taste and talent for that science. It is for the public good that such persons should be able to procure thorough instruction in chemistry. Their peculiar gifts will not then be lost to society; and chemical science, and the various arts dependent on it, will be enriched by their after labours, if they have been well grounded in the principles and practice of the science, and placed in possession of the latest views and discoveries. So with mathematics, mechanics, botany, zoology, geology, classics, history, &c. In every community there are numbers who have such peculiar aptitudes; the means of thorough instruction are required for the development of these peculiar talents; and as the cities afford the greatest number and variety of such talents, it is in the cities, above all, that the means of cultivating them should be supplied. Some would attend the chemical class, who have little interest in other subjects; mathematics, geology, metaphysics, would be the attraction for others. Thus, the university in the populous city has the most powerful effect, not only in placing a superior education within the reach of the greatest numbers, but in promoting that great general good, the extension and improvement of the sciences and arts, and in eliciting that latent talent, which must lie dormant and useless if not thus called forth into life and action.

It is in this way that the Scotch colleges, notwithstanding some serious defects in their system, have been of very great service to the Scottish people. Placed in the large towns, perfectly accessible on easy terms, devoid of any sectarian character, and affording the opportunity of studying any subject without the necessity of taking others not required, (though, of course, there is a curriculum for a *degree*,) they have given a great stimulus to general education, encouraged the study of every department of science and learning, and fostered every variety of taste and talent.

What can be a better instance of the inutility of the present system, than the position of the one professor of chemistry in the province,

Wasting his sweetness on the desert air,

at Windsor, when Halifax, with its thirty thousand, wants him, and the whole country wants him, and would have access to him in