

science, we may almost say, the utter neglect of science, in the Province of Quebec, may be attributed to the system of education we pursue.

Young men pass away from our Public Schools, Colleges, and Universities, ignorant almost of every branch of useful knowledge, more particularly of the application of science to Arts and Manufactures. Our system of education may attribute in some measure to the fact that amongst the wealthy and middle classes, scientific knowledge scarcely exists. Those who have chosen the profession of medicine, may have a slight knowledge of Chemistry, Zoology, Botany, Vegetable Physiology and Mineralogy, but they rarely possess a knowledge of those physical laws which brought forth a Dalton, a Davy, a Faraday—nevertheless, there is a knowledge which they ought to possess, viz.: The peculiarities of the atmosphere which affect the functions of organized bodies. It would be productive of useful results, if physicians of extensive practice, more particularly those attached to our Infirmarys and Hospitals, would make accurate meteorological registers, especially during the prevalence of any epidemic or contagious disorders; not that it must be considered that atmospheric peculiarities alone produce epidemic and other complaints, which must be regarded as having a compound origin, and as resulting from the operation of peculiar states of atmosphere on persons of particular states of constitution; otherwise all persons would be affected, which is contrary to experience. Of this there can be no doubt that the affect of atmospheric changes upon ordinary diseases requires more attention from medical men than it has hitherto received.

My object is not to write a treatise on meteorology; that task has been done by many able men — those who have the leisure to go deeply into the subject and wish to become acquainted with scientific meteorology, will find that the following works exhaust the topic, viz.:—

Luke Howard, 'Climate of London.'

Daniell, 'Meteorological Essays.'

Kaemtz, 'Meteorology.'

Drew, 'Practical Meteorology.'

Glaisher's, 'Hygrometrical Tables.'

James, 'Instructions for Taking Meteorological Observations.'

Fitz-roy, 'Weather Book.'

Proceedings of the Meteorological Society.

Journal of the Scottish Meteorological Society.

Symons, 'British Rainfall' and 'Meteorological Magazine.'