

step occasionally into the charmed circle of the sciences, and feast their eyes upon the broad expanse there spread before them. But with the majority, the "Day-Book and Ledger" demand, and get too much attention. Diligence in business is a duty, but business alone will not call into play the finer traits of the mind, or fit man for immortality. Business, alone, degenerates his lot into one of servile devotion to a narrow sphere,—fills up his precious probation-time with thoughts that rise no higher than the masts of his merchant ships, or the well-stored lofts of his warehouse, and leaves him at the end of life,—on the borders of a world with the grandeur of whose scenes he has had no previous acquaintance.

Domestic life in Canada, exhibits a decided difference of intellectual cultivation in the male and female members of families. A stranger might engage the husbands and fathers in interesting conversation on various subjects pertaining to the great world, the existence of such places and things being almost unknown to the wives and daughters. We have observed a kind of demarkation in this respect in many families (we speak of the people as a whole), the wife leaving book knowledge to the legitimate person, as she seems to think her husband is, and attending to many out-door details which more properly belong to him. We do not wish to be misunderstood, the idea we aim to illustrate is this, that while the men of Canada, as a class, need much culture to qualify them to fill the stations which Providence has assigned them, the women of Canada need much more.

Among the English population there is a preponderance of solid virtue, well regulated homes and much happiness; but female mind does not take that stand it is fitted to take, in order to beautify those homes, and shed the brightest lustre round the scenes of domestic life. We are sure that a superficial knowledge of even the fundamental branches of education is often deemed sufficient for daughters, while their brothers are, perhaps, receiving a "liberal" course of study. That the mothers of a country have much of its future destiny in their hands has become an axiom. To woman's moulding influence the plastic minds of its future legislators, and ministers of the gospel are of necessity committed. How all important that her mind should be disciplined,—that she should understand the