

Labrador, and nurture its people to become the "guardians of civilization."

These comprehensive views of continental development have been especially wrought out by that Christian gentleman and unrivaled scholar, Professor J. D. Dana, of New Haven.

It is wonderful to behold one of Nature's great plots worked out with such undeviating unity of purpose. Though incalculable ages have elapsed since the nucleus of the American continent was lifted above the waves, we find the announcement then made to have been faithfully prosecuted to the end. What convincing proofs of the unity of the Creative Intelligence! The plastic rocks have always been moulded by the hands of the same all-providing Artificer. How it exalts our apprehension of his infinite attributes to behold him bringing into existence a series of secondary causes, so simple in themselves, but working out a succession of results so complex in their details, and presenting a history stamped with such uniformity of plan, such harmony of parts, and such wisdom of design! But these are only his doings in the material world. When we contemplate the manifestation of his attributes presented to us by animated nature, every one imbued with the spirit and love of truth is compelled, with the poet, to exclaim,

"An undevout *philosopher* is mad."

We turn, then, to consider the method which reigns among creatures exalted with the gift of life.

Who has not been amazed at the endless variety of animal forms existing upon the earth? There seems to be no conceivable conformation, no possible situation, no circumstances of element, climate, food, or condition, that have not been made the fitting and essential conditions of some