

And we venture to affirm, that this cordial amity, this national brotherhood of feeling, has done more than, perhaps, anything else, to produce the strong attachment to country, by which the Scotch have been long distinguished; and to awaken in them an affection for their fatherland, which neither distance of place nor of time can eradicate.

But, referring to the Scottish people, we are reminded that there are many among them, with whom we may well be proud to claim any connection this day. For there are Scotchmen who have distinguished themselves in all the various departments of learning, and indeed in every enterprise or pursuit that can lead to honor. The statesmen, warriors, jurists and philosophers that Scotland has produced are known in the history of the world. Her contributions to astronomy, geology, mathematics, mental and moral philosophy, medical science, and the applications of science to the arts and the wants of civilized life, have all been such as to give her an honorable position among nations. Her poets and historians are universally known; her sons have fought in every battle; her ships are found on every sea; her merchants in every land. It was said by Curran, with no less truth than eloquence, that, "Scotland pursued her eagle flight against the sun of every science, with an eye that never winks, and a wing that never tires." The list of her scholars and great men is so large, that it would occupy too much time even to mention them. And when it is considered that the country is so limited in extent and population, it will be admitted, we think, that it redounds highly to her honor; and that it betokens something peculiarly good either in the Institutions of Scotland, or the "*perfervidum ingenium*" of her sons, that she has sent forth so many who have rendered themselves famous in the world. I do not mention these things in a spirit of boasting, nor with the design of throwing any disparaging reflection upon other countries, or the deeds of their heroes or scholars; but rather to remind you that we have no cause to be ashamed of