

We cannot overstate our debt to the past, but the moment has the supreme claim. The past is for us; but the sole terms on which it can become ours are its subordination to the present.—*Emerson*.

No hay pájaros en los nidos de antano.

—*Spanish Proverb.*

Therefore think not the past is wise alone,  
For yesterday knows nothing of the Best,  
And thou shalt love it only as the nest  
Whence glory-winged things to Heaven have flown.

—*Lowell.*

Im neuen Staat eine neue Schule.

—*Dr. Chr. Volksmann.*

Was zur Zeit des Endes\* des achtzehnten Jahrhunderts notwendig war, bleibt es nicht für alle Zeiten.—*Dr. Paulsen.*

And though thou hadst small Latin and less Greek,  
From thence to honour thee, I will not seek  
For names: but call forth thundering Æschylus,  
Euripides and Sophocles to us.  
Pacuvius, Accius, him of Cordona dead,  
To live again, to hear thy buskin tread,  
And shake a stage; or when thy socks were on,  
Leave thee alone for the comparison  
Of all, that insolent Greece, or haughty Rome  
Sent forth, or since did from their ashes come.  
Triumph my Britain, thou hast one to show,  
To whom all scenes of Europe homage owe.

—*Ben Jonson.*