

Let us look at it as a matter unchangeable—*for it will not be changed*—and let us urge our young men, in their studies at this University, to prepare themselves to go on and win the first prizes of the Dominion, and by their abilities and character to extend the power and the influence of their Province.

Knowledge is Power. In Science—in Trade—in War—in Peace—in movements by land or by water, in all that pertains to the influence, the improvement, the happiness, the progress of men or nations—Knowledge is Power.

Our first knowledge should be a thorough acquaintance with the extent, character and resources of our own country—not simply of those parts of which it is now constituted, but of those other parts which, within a few short years, will be embraced within its limits, and which will bring under one control the vast domains of British North America, spreading from the Atlantic to the Pacific—domains teeming with exhaustless wealth, and waiting but our enterprise and energy to become the happy homes of many of our countrymen.

Of Nova Scotia, of New Brunswick, of old Canada, we have many authentic records, and all are familiar with their previous histories ; but I will for a few moments invite the attention of the Alumni to other lands less known—to those lands beyond Lake Superior, for which it will be their lot, in a few years, to legislate.

In the history of the world civilization seems to have started from the East—its tendency has been towards the West. The civilization of a large portion of the West is yet to come—that of the East seems to be of the past. As far back as our authentic records go, the plains of Asia have teemed with busy and industrious populations, advanced in the elements of science and the practice of pursuits which tend to make great cities, produce great works, and give an apparently permanent character to the Institutions under which their people lived. If we permit ourselves to believe records which, with reference to our own,