

among them are already numbered a Chief Justice, a Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and eminent judges. In the recent provisions for the efficient equipment of the Departments of Biology and Physiology it is inevitable that the students of medicine will largely profit by the advantages thus brought within their reach. It was a practical commentary on the inexpediency of abolishing the medical faculty of King's College that the Medical Schools of Ann Arbor, Buffalo, and Montreal were the resorts of hundreds of students from Ontario, seeking advantages there that they could not command at home. It is in the interest of all that our medical men shall be thoroughly educated; and I have little fear that the people of Ontario will sympathize in a protest against improvements in the department of Biology, or any other branch of study, lest perchance the students of medicine avail themselves of its advantages; and so some half-educated practitioners may be superseded by men thoroughly informed in the science of their profession. Our aim in the Faculty of Arts is high culture in its truest sense; the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake, and wholly independent of mere professional requirements. But if a result of such training is to secure able and scholarly teachers for our schools; for our bankers men of clearer insight into the principles on which the wealth of nations depends; for lawyers and judges, men of cultivated intellect, trained in wide fields of philosophic speculation, and taught to control the license of rhetoric by inductive logic, and the highest laws of ethics; and for physicians men who have advanced beyond the stage of clinical instruction, and, as scientific experts can render a reason for the course that they pursue, this is assuredly a public gain.

In the recent revision of the scheme

of studies prescribed by this University in all the departments of letters and science, while availing ourselves of the experience of other Universities, the special needs of our Province and of the Dominion have been kept steadily in view. Canada has rare and exceptional advantages. As a people, we share in all the grand historic past of the Mother-land; while we enjoy an immunity from impediments involved in some of time's bequests to her. We inherit what it scarce seems hyperbole to speak of as a boundless territory, unencumbered, and ours to make of it what we will. The training of those who ere long must be called upon to take part in the carrying out of this transformation is the work of our schools and colleges. It is for us as teachers, not only to guide the student through his prescribed undergraduate course, but to animate him with the resolve to turn the knowledge acquired here to wise account; to stimulate him with the ardour of proud hopes and noble endeavours:—

To arouse the deeper heart,
Confirm the spirit glorying to pursue
Some path of steep ascent and lofty aim.

Never was there a time when the responsibilities were greater or more urgent. Our young Dominion throbs with eager, undefined longings and aspirations: "yearning for the large excitement that the coming years will yield." It is of vital importance that such aspirations be wisely directed, and the true goal be kept in view. There is a tempting hallucination in the acquisition of a domain that stretches from ocean to ocean. The rhetoricians of the neighbouring Republic have yielded only too freely to its seductions. Emanuel Leutze's fine allegorical fresco in the capitol at Washington pictures the pioneers of the Pacific States as they surmount the crest of the Rocky Mountains; and beneath it is the motto:—