

greater. Though you may not choose to become the Parliamentary leaders, yet as the moulders of public opinion, it is essential that your views should be broad and liberal. and they cannot be broad and liberal if you are ignorant, Among educated men you will often, undoubtedly, find many whose prejudices and interests override their sense; but as a general rule educated men will be found the most liberal in their own views, and the most tolerant of the views of others. And of this character will the legislation and policy of your country partake, if you who are to direct and form it, properly prepare yourselves. You must not suppose that education will ever bring about a state of superhuman excellence. Burke has said, "That the statesman who lays the foundation of his country's greatness in the possession of extraordinary virtues, will find its superstructure reared in folly and extravagance." You must expect to find men as they are—with vices, with follies, and with passions. No Utopian theory will alter nature; but the higher the degree of intelligence which is found among your people, the greater will be their comfort and their happiness, and the higher their status.

There is another thing you have to bear in mind. Ambition, properly directed, is the highest incentive to noble deeds. Character is not made in a day; notoriety may be obtained, not character. The latter is of slow growth; but when once obtained, affords to its possessor immense power. Few men in British America have illustrated this position more than Joseph Howe and the late Thomas D'Arcy Magee. Of the former I may not speak, because he still lives; of the latter I may. There are clouds sometimes which for a period obscure the brightest day. We should judge of life by its utility, not by its passing errors. His influence in Canada was great, and the public demonstrations at his death were not more in detestation of the atrocious crime by which his life was taken, than as an acknowledgment of the great services that that life had rendered to his adopted country. He wielded a power