unexerceised ; the fault must be very much in the teacher if the pupil's judgment and reflection be not constantly called into action, at a very early stage, where a *reason* is to be given for the construction of every word in a sentence ; and general principles are to be applied to particular cases, at every step.

The extension of the advantages of the College has been limited by another circumstance to which I have already adverted, namely, the absence of any general uniformity in the systems pursued in the District Schools throughout the Province, and at the College. Scarcely any two District Schools, I believe, at present, either use the same books, or pursue the same mode of instruction: the consequence is, that if, from any circumstance, a boy is moved from one School to another, his progress receives a serious check from the change to which he is subjected. The books which are put into his hand at the new School, are probably different from those he has been used to ; the method of teaching different ; so that even though the School to which he is removed should be in every respect superior to that which he has left, he cannot fail to labour under, at least temporary, disadvantages. Hence the pupil becomes disheartened, and his friends annoyed, because he does not occupy just the same position in the one School that he did in the other.

At a Seminary like the College, receiving Scholars from many other quarters, of course these inconveniences are exhibited under as many varieties as there are various modes of instruction at other Schools. And in addition to the practical embarrassment thus caused to the College, with the discouragement of the new pupils, and the disappointment of their friends ; it is not to be wondered at, if the feelings of the former Teachers are unfavorably affected at the idea of their pupils appearing to disadvantage (though perhaps without fault attributable to either place of education) at an Institution whose more public and prominent position naturally makes any thing like an indi-