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IT is as natural for those who think at all, to think of the future, as it is to look about us when we enter a strange town, or above us, when the atmosphere portends a change. How we shall best provide against the needs of old age? How we shall direct our children? In what pursuits shall their lives be destined to pass? These are the domestic speculations the solution of which, for every fireside projector, lies in the future, far or near, obscure or visible. Mighty is the attraction and despotic the influence exercised over loving hearts and far forecasting judgments by the Time-to-be. And rightly is it so: man's divine prerogative of reason so elevates him above the animal necessities of the present, as to extend his sceptre in the direction of his Master's, over time as well as over space. The husbandman, as he sows, the lumberman as he sends his axemen into a remote limit, the merchant whose orders to Cuba, or China, are calculated for next year's market, are all asserting the dominion of mind over the months and seasons, over the unknown and the distant days. Why, not, the publicist,—be he writer, orator, or legislator, take careful council also, for his country's future profit, honor and increase? He sows not for a season but for an age, or, perhaps, for many ages; he fells the timbers of edifices which are intended to withstand the assaults of time; he brings wealth and wisdom from afar to suit not the consumption of the year but the perpetual need of myriads of his fellow men, for order, liberty, truth, and law. Who, then, shall say that statesmanship has no concern with to-morrow? that its plans shall be as fleeting as the hour? that its objects shall be as ephemeral as the fashions of our garments, or the passing fancies out of which those fashions are woven?

There is, we all know, a very ancient school of politicians, not without