

earnest consideration : and depend upon it, when you take your part in the active affairs of life, your conclusions will be founded upon the suggestions of the ablest minds, and your actions determined by the experience of men who *thought* not merely, but tested the correctness of their thoughts by great measures, tending to elevate their several countries in the scale of nations.

The preparation for a statesman's career is of more importance to you now than it has hitherto been. The mere book learning of a College, however great it be, will not alone avail you in the struggle of life. To lead men—to guide men, you must know the human heart—the causes and the springs of action. The philosophy of history is a study apart from a mere knowledge of the events of history. The forms of government—their permanence—their results upon the amelioration of the people—their tendency to preserve law and order—from the days of the Republics of Greece and Rome down to the present time, are matters with which you must make yourselves familiar. The great code of the Civil Law from the Pandects of Justinian down to that still greater Common Law of England, on which now rest the liberties of half the world, must equally form the subject of your study. The relative rights of the Baron and the Serf—the fiefs of the Feudal times—have passed away before the advancing spirit of the age ; but their very terms are interwoven in our daily language, and their theories are at the foundation of our dearest rights. How can you deal with the Future, if you are entirely ignorant of the Past ? How are you prepared to say which government is best, if you really have no knowledge of any ? How can you undertake to legislate to remedy an evil, if you do not know what is the root of the wrong ? These are not the subjects which ordinarily come within the scope of a Collegiate course ; but you must make them your supplementary subjects, if you wish to be statesmen.

You must feel that in the broader career which is now being opened to the young men of New Brunswick, the