

to bring to light the many secrets of invention, which, without a doubt, will yet be wrought out by master intellects, and only await the cultivation of such intellects to unearth these many valuable and hidden secrets yet unknown to man.

"If you are poor, thank God for it," are the words which were frequently uttered by an eminent educator to the members of his class on different occasions, and we heartily endorse his statements.

If the above be the position of any reader of this article, we want him to take courage; his case is not a hopeless one by any means. We will agree with you so far, as to say that it may be a serious obstacle in your way, but certainly not an insurmountable one. Be careful not to magnify your disadvantages, such as poverty, ignorance, neglected opportunities, and others of a kind which may appear like mountains when they first present themselves, and often prove the shoal on which the weak-hearted make shipwreck, but will dwindle into mole-hills before the man of stout heart and earnest efforts, proving in after years his greatest source of gratification, when he can point back with a degree of pride and pleasure to the difficulties which were his on the outset, but which were surmounted by patience and perseverance—the foundation stones of success throughout all ages.

If your chief obstacle be ignorance, caused by neglected opportunities or circumstances over which you had no control, and you have reached the age of maturity, do not be discouraged, but remember the old and true saying, "We are never too old to learn." If there be that within you which urges you on to action, that which impels you to burst the thongs which have bound you a slave to ignorance and its accompanying burdens, then give heed to the voice within, which prompts you to nobler aspirations and achievements. Give vent to your ambitious desires by putting forth earnest efforts; lose no time in beginning to prepare yourself by a judicious course of training which will fit you for filling the position to which you aspire, and the prize will certainly be yours.

If your desires lead you towards one of the professions, and your means are limited, you will be compelled to use something as a stepping stone to enable you to secure the means necessary to carry out your object. In selecting this stepping stone care should be exercised in choosing that which can be put to practical use after your professional studies are completed, and it is just at this point where our course of training shows out its advantages.

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D. McLACHLAN, Esq.,—Dear Sir:—I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to the desirability of having in our midst an institution so efficiently conducted as your College. Those of your pupils whom I have met speak in the highest terms of the course of study and of the information acquired under your instruction. Wishing you continued success,

I am, yours very faithfully,

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