

to acquire a greater mastery over certain subjects on which he has already exercised his youthful powers, and with expanding intellect to achieve conquests in new fields of study, to traverse the wide and fruitful domains of literature and philosophy, and make himself familiar with the principal points in the whole circle of knowledge, not purely professional.

For the accomplishment of these ends his progress is secured and tested by the daily preparation and review of an appointed amount of work in the different classes. Your professors will, by their comments and illustrations, endeavour to throw on things, it may be, dimly seen at first a greater light, to clear away what may appear difficulties in the path, and show, how rugged and lofty ridges, that seem to bar the passage to the fertile plains beyond, may be surmounted by a better pass, and a more easy gradient. While this, however, will be the part of the professor, it will be the part of the genuine student to be diligent and thorough in the performance of his labours, not fulfilling them as a troublesome task, but pleasantly and heartily, ready to face, and overcome whatever difficulties he may encounter, and unravel even what is apparently intricate and abstruse. His will and industry will thus enable him to cope with, and surpass, the fitful efforts even of innate capacity, or genius.

He will be especially careful to cultivate an exact knowledge of the elements and fundamental principles of each subject of the curriculum, remembering, that the deeper, and more widely spreading the roots, the broader, more lofty, and more flourishing the tree. He will not rest satisfied with merely, and it may be carelessly, getting up his allotted work, living as it were from hand to mouth, and from day to day, with hardly any ulterior care, but will look upon himself as now laying the foundations of a glorious superstructure, which is to last for life, in which there is to be no piling together of rude and unconnected materials, but all is to be unity and harmony of design, solidity and polish in the workmanship and skill in the arrangement. In the spring time of his days he will gather honey from every source, and store it up for future use; like the prudent husbandman, he will sow the seed in the proper season to reap the coming harvest. Habits of persevering study will thus be fostered. He will even devote a portion of