

it, I may add, the majority of any class at any time or place, which can be reasonably expected to attain to distinguished excellence. In the mean time however I may venture to observe that the College has not been unproductive of scholars, of gentlemen, or of christians;—men, whose superiority has been witnessed in writing, in speaking, and in the honorable fulfilment of their civil and religious duties. Essays, for instance, which have attained the Douglas Medal, have shewn an extent of information, a force of argument, a precision and elegance of style, and a purity and elevation of sentiment, sufficiently attesting the talents and the character of their youthful authors. If the thoughts, the feelings, and the language, here become habitual, might be considered somewhat too refined for the coarse and reckless oratory of the hustings; there have not been wanting instances in which our youthful speakers have been heard with attention, approval, and effect. The Medical profession, I may also observe, as well as the Legal and the Sacred, (and I might refer to some gallantly serving, or nobly fallen, among the defenders of their country's rights) is not without its members from among our *alumni*, deserving and enjoying the respect and confidence of the community. And perilous as prediction may always be, I cannot withhold the avowal of my persuasion, that others will appear at a not distant period, whom any College might rejoice to claim;—those who will evince, as soon as the fair opportunity shall be afforded them, that not in vain have they been led to study the immortal works of the great authors of ancient and modern times; been trained to exercise the highest and noblest faculties of their souls; and accustomed to investigate, analyze, and deduce, the comprehensive truths of the natural, the moral, and the spiritual world. Nor can I doubt that with the advancing industry, intelligence, and wealth of the Colony, the number of those who repair to our College for these its appropriate objects will in due proportion increase.

Of that advance we see encouraging evidence in the unabated energy and enterprise of our merchants, achieving so early a triumph over every successive reverse and disaster,