

and hold out rich rewards to those who shall use them with skill and perseverance. In Chemistry, Geology, Pneumatics, Electro Magnetism, Optics, Natural History, Astronomy and Medicine, how many brilliant discoveries are to be made ; and how splendid a reputation may not the assiduous pursuit of either or all of those Sciences, even in this little Colony, confer ? Though the study of Art is so essentially imitative, that without access to those monuments which the great masters have left behind them, it may be almost impossible to produce any thing of real value—still, I treasure the belief, that if our wealthy youth would devote half the time to Painting, Sculpture and Music, which they give up to debauchery and frivolous amusements ; and if, instead of wasting months in the enjoyment of the sensual pleasures of the European cities, they would give them to the study of the immortal productions they contain, that many years would not elapse before even in Art some respectable progress might be made ; and a knowledge of its wonders, and a right appreciation of its beauties, be more extensively diffused.

I might dwell much longer on these topics, but the limits of your patience and my paper warn me to desist. In conclusion, I would again remind you that both honor and interest distinctly mark the paths which we should tread. We are few in numbers—our country is but a narrow tract, surrounded by populous States ; and we have no prospect of distinction, I had almost said of future safety, but from high mental and moral cultivation infusing into every branch of industry such a degree of intellectual vigor as shall ensure success, multiply population, and endow them with productive power. As we grow in knowledge, the contrast between Nova-Scotia and her neighbours will be less striking—the evidences of their superiority less disheartening and distinct. But this is not all : as the standard of mental and moral character is elevated—as we become distinguished by an ardent pursuit of truth—by the noble flights of imagination—the graceful creations of fancy, those things which are independent of mere politics and economy, Nova-Scotia may

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