

unenviable position before the "House of Commons." This "going to Ottawa"—this fondness for "palaver"—has shaken the confidence of the people in the "spirit and integrity" of many of their Canadian representatives. There has been ill-concealed grumbling, and threatening, and recrimination, ever since the cabal resolved upon that course which, it has been said, "won them the *respect* of the members to whom they stood opposed."

The time has come when these Leagues may be made efficacious in purifying the political atmosphere. It indicates the patient forbearance of Nova Scotians, that they have so long and so submissively borne with this monstrous inconsistency,—this want of self-abnegating patriotism. The necessity is imminent that demands new life and vigor—a more threatening attitude towards the faithless—a more uncompromising determination to attain to emancipation—if this people would rise in might and majesty to the height of their great and promising future—

"Let us, then, be up and doing,  
With a heart prepared for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

#### ENCOURAGEMENT.

The history of England on this continent, before, through, and after the American Revolution is fraught not only with significant and instructive lessons, but with most cheering encouragement to those who would see Nova Scotia occupying an equal and dignified position among the States upon it.

What had Massachusetts to give her hope when she started for independence—when Otis wrote his "Rights of the Colonies"—when John Adams wrote his "Essay on the Canon and Feudal Law"—when Dickenson wrote his "Farmer's Letters?" Patrick Henry stood up in the House of Burgesses of Virginia, and read those celebrated resolutions against the "Stamp Act" which he had pencilled upon the blank leaf of an old law book, and made that impassioned speech which fanned into a flame the latent embers of disaffection all over the British Colonies. But his exclamation: "Cæsar had his Brutus, Charles the First his Cromwell, and George the Third may profit by their example," was interrupted by cries of "treason, treason," from all parts of the House; and the resolutions passed,