

ders of creation ; and the contemplation of these differences should be at once interesting and instructive.

I purpose this evening to endeavor to portray to you, some of the more obvious differences which may be noticed in passing from the British provinces and more particularly the lower provinces to some parts of that immense country embraced in the limits of the United States—and while in so doing I shall endeavor to avoid any expressions which might give just cause of offence even to an American citizen if one were present, I shall not scruple to state candidly the opinions which I have formed from somewhat frequent and prolonged visits to that country on the one hand, nor shall I extenuate the faults or disguise the deficiencies of our own country on the other.

Let us now suppose an inhabitant of this province for the first time setting foot on American territory, and let us also follow the ordinary route of travellers and suppose the first portion of that territory which he sees to be the city of Boston ; and here he is struck with amazement at the contrast which the appearance of the city presents to anything in his native land ; the crowded streets, the magnificent warehouses compared to which the largest in Halifax are diminutive, the imposing dwellings of the wealthier classes, the solidity and massiveness of appearance in all, arising from the universal use of stone instead of wood as a building material, the unceasing thunder of horses and vehicles over the well paved streets, the grandeur and costliness of the public buildings, all these arrest the attention of the stranger and compel him to admit that in outward appearance, in material progress at least, the republican city has far outstripped its colonial neighbors. But this brings us to a distinction to which I shall frequently call your attention in the course of these remarks, between a material progress and that advancement which under the several heads of social, moral and political, constitutes the chief element of national greatness, and to which if material progress,

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