

No! men, high-minded men,
With powers as far above dull brutes endued
In forest, brake, or den,
As beasts excel cold rocks and brambles rude,—
Men who their duties know,
But know their rights, and knowing, dare maintain
Prevent the long-aimed blow,
And crush the tyrant while they rend the chain.

—William Jones

TOPIC III.

HOW THE LAWS ARE MADE.

1. Legislation.

In the government of a country there are three kinds of work to be done. One is the making of the laws, and another is the carrying out of the laws. The third kind of work is that which the courts do in deciding what the law is in particular cases that are brought before them.

Let us for the present consider only the first kind of work, the making of the laws. We may well do so, because in our country the men who carry out the laws are also among those who make the laws. In the United States, on the other hand, the men who carry out the laws