

that no Boy is safe in coming here for his education!—I must say it is strange that those who have lived among, and grown wealthy from the industry of, the citizens of Halifax, should thus paint them to the Country. It is unusual for Birds to foul their own nests. But I ask those who utter these things, to show me, within the bounds of Europe, one Collegiate Institution of any name, or standing, that is not in the midst of a City more populous than Halifax. If then the boys of the whole world are subjected to these temptations, what is there in the character of our youth to warrant the belief that they are more prone to wickedness—more apt to yield to ordinary temptations? If it is meant that 20,000 people commit more sin than 20, I admit it—there may be a concentration of vice in all towns, but are not virtues, and restraints, and refining influences, concentrated in the same proportion? I deny that the people of Halifax are worse than their neighbours—and I appeal to you to say whether your children are not as safe now—whether they would not be as safe, drinking at the pure streams of science and philosophy, on the grand parade, as imbibing a sour sectarian spirit on a hill in Horton.

But are there not other reasons which make the capital a desirable site? If a Boy is intended for a Merchant, he is surrounded by Merchants, and Warehouses, and Ships, and may, while pursuing his studies, acquire a fund of valuable knowledge bearing on his peculiar pursuit; if he is to study law, all the Courts are open to him, and all reserved points are argued here before the assembled Judges—the Pulpits are filled with able divines—Libraries, Reading Rooms, and Institutes, offer constant stores of information. If he cherishes a martial spirit there are Military exercises every day—if the Navy attracts him, there are Men of War to inspect—if he has a taste for Mechanics, for Art, or Music, he will see and hear more to cultivate and refine his ear and his taste in Halifax in a month, than any country village can offer in seven years.

It has been said that we want, by erecting a Central institution, to destroy all the others, and "wreat the