

Medicine. That the pursuits of Agriculture, Commerce and Mechanics have been and are degraded by the *practical* admission of those who are, or are to be, engaged in them, that less of moral and intellectual culture is necessary to success and eminence in them, than in professional occupations. That the wisest, if not the only mode, of avoiding this degradation in future, is to blend intellectual and moral culture with these pursuits, thus *dignifying* labor by its connection with science. That this is the most auspicious time for an earnest effort to establish such a system, and that union and concert of action among those entertaining these views, is indispensable to the accomplishment of this object—to secure this union and concert of action some definite plan must be adopted, and steadily adhered to by all who desire its success.

The plan which I have good reason to believe will be proposed by Mr. Van Bokkelen, (the Superintendent of Public Instruction,) and which meets my hearty approval, so far as it goes, is simply this: a uniform system of Common Schools, with the same course of instruction in each and every one of them, looking to and qualifying pupils for admission into any one of the High Schools and Academies. A uniform course of instruction in these, looking to and qualifying their pupils for admission, into at least the Freshman Class, of either of the Colleges. And the same course of Scientific, Classical and Mathematical Instruction to be pursued in each College, (leaving each to adopt and superadd its own specialty,) looking to and qualifying their graduates for admission to either the Law, Medical or Mechanical departments of the University.

A great University such as I hope to see established, and which will be worthy our State, should embrace, a Law department, a Medical department, a Mechanical and Commercial department, a Teachers or Normal School, and four or more Collegiate departments, each having its own specialty. We have already in our limits Institutions chartered, and generally endowed by the State, needing only a common bond of Union, and a general supervising power, to constitute such a University, except a Normal School and a Law School. Let the Medical School already established in Baltimore, be made the Medical department of the University. Let a Law School be established in Annapolis, and be made the Law department. Let your noble Institute be made the Mechanical, and if you choose the Commercial department. Let the Maryland Agricultural College, St. John's College, St. Timothy College, the