Such advantages, as these, give a new tone to the mind, an expansion of thought and a quickness of feeling, which otherwise must have been lost.

Another advantage arising from this source is the facilities which it affords us in the acquisition of the foreign living languages. Their introduction into so many of the different Colleges of the Union and into many places, into private schools within the last few years, satisfactorily show the increasing desire of the American youth to make themselves acquainted with them; and it would be need less here to state arguments in favour of the advantages which a knowledge of them affords to the professional men and private gentlemen. We become every day more sensible of their importance. The rapid advancement of our republic in population, wealth, literature, which entitle her to be envious a rank among the nations of the earth—the enlargement of her commercial sphere—that link which connects all civilized nations together—and the frequent intercourse which our citizens have with foreign kingdoms urge but too forcibly their study. It is the man who has enriched his mind with the choicest of ancient literature and embellished it with a familiar acquaintance with the modern that feels himself at home in a foreign land. No two nations think precisely in the same way—no two think alike which speak different languages. This we see sacrificed in the different shades of meaning which our own and the mother country attach to the same word. Hence we see that words in passing from one nation to another