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“But of these emigrants, it must also be said, that many of their social peculiarities and national prejudices, do, of necessity, cling to them, and may impart to our society a diversified character. Such a community is not a compound, but an unconsolidated mass; and to acquire uniformity, it must be subjected to the crucible of social amalgamation.

The school-house is that crucible, and the schoolmaster is the only alchemist who can bring fine gold out of the crude and discordant materials.

It is only on the children that we can work this effect – the feelings, modes of thinking, and customs of the parents, are so fixed that they can, at most, be but slightly modified. As native Americans it is our duty to prevent an entailment of these upon their children; and the hereditary establishment among us of a distinct caste of foreigners.”