

“ A just story of learning, containing the antiquities and originals of KNOWLEDGES, and their sects ; their inventions, their diverse administrations and managings ; their flourishings, their oppositions, decays, depressions, oblivions, removes ; with the causes and occasions of them, and all other events concerning learning, throughout all ages of the world ; I may truly affirm to be wanting.

“ The use and end of which work I do not so much design for curiosity, or satisfaction of those that are the lovers of learning : but chiefly for a more serious and grave purpose ; which is this, in few words—that it will make learned men more wise in the use and administration of learning.”

BACON, *Advancement of Learning*, book ii.