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The plan of Education in our High School having been of late greatly enlarged & improved, & several Gentlemen both in the Town & neighbourhood have expressed the advantage of placing their Children here, under the tuition of such an excellent & careful Teacher as the present, by the quick progress they make in the knowledge of their own & other Languages, by their being initiated at the same time in almost every branch of polite Learning & by their having an opportunity of being taught the most valuable Masters - These considerations make them earnestly desire that some method were fallen upon to extend the plan still farther, so that young men not designed for any of the learned pro-

The situation of the Town being pleasant & healthy - the expense of Boarding less than one half lower than in Edinburgh, & there being few temptations to dissipation & vices in comparison with large Cities, & a such a school still the more easy to be rendered a such a school might be happily accomplished if our School was in possession of a proper Philosophical apparatus, so as a course of natural & experimental Philosophy could be introduced amongst the Gentlemen & Scholar, but known to be strictly connected with the most common occupations & most useful arts of life, as it assists the industry of the Merchant, Farmer & Mechanick, & as upon it are founded all those improvements which contribute to the comfort & convenience of life -