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αὐτὸ γὰρ τὸ παράδοξον τῶν πράξεων, ἵπὲρ ὧν προσημέθε γράφειν, ἱκανὸν ἐστὶ προκαλέσασθαι καὶ παρορμηῆσαι πάντα καὶ νέον καὶ πρεσβύτερον πρὸς τὴν ἐντευξιν τῆς πραγματείας. τίς γὰρ οὕτως ὑπάρχει φαῦλος ἢ βέβηλος ἀνθρώπων δε οὐκ ἂν βοῦλοιο γυνῶναι πῶς καὶ τίνι γένοι πολιτείας ἐπικρατηθέντα σχεδὸν ἅπαντα τὰ κατὰ τὴν οἰκουμένην ὑπὸ μίαν ἀρχὴν ἔπεσε τῆν Ῥωμαίων, ὃ πρότερον οὐχ εὐρίσκεται γεγονός; τίς δὲ πάλιν οὕτως ἐκπαθῆς πρὸς τι τῶν ἄλλων θεαμάτων ἢ μαθημάτων δε προουργιαίτερον ἐν τι ποιήσαιο τῆσδε τῆς ἐμπειρίας;

POLYBIUS.

" For the novelty and strangeness of the matter which I determine and deliberate to entreat upon, is of efficacie and force enough to draw the mindes both of young and olde to the diligent reading and digesting of these labours. For what man is there so despising knowledge, or any so idle and slothfull to be found, which will eschew or avoide by what policies or by what kinde of government the most part of nations in the universall world were vanquished, subdued and made subject unto the one empire of the Romanes, which before that time was never seen or heard? Or who is there that hath such earnest affection to other discipline or studie, that he suposeth any kind of knowledge to be of more value or worthy to be esteemed before this? "

The Histories of the most famous Chronographer, POLYBIUS.
(Englished by C. W., and imprinted at London, Anno 1568).

