

mon as to lose a great part of its commercial value. The wages of educated labour are falling and those of manual labour are rising in proportion. In Germany they are crying out that all the liberal professions are overstocked and that the professional man is fain to look for a wife with a little money to enable him to eke out a livelihood. The cry is echoed in England. It will soon be echoed here. If we do not take care we shall have a number of men unfitted by university education for common work and for whom there will be no work of the higher kind, while their ambition will have been awakened and their sensibilities will have been made keen by culture. Such a class may become not only unhappy but dangerous. It is from such a class that Nihilism in Russia draws a large portion of its recruits. The idea that after a university education youths will go back to the store or to the plough and dignify lowly callings with high culture may embellish the address of University Chancellors, but has no warrant in reality. Even those who have been at Agricultural Colleges are apt not to return to the farm. In New England farm-life is at a discount. Farms are being deserted by scores. The old Puritan community seems to be in danger of going out of existence, and this is ascribed largely to the restlessness and discontent with manual labour engendered by education. Listen not to these Siren Voices. Unless you feel sure that your boy is really able and really willing to make good use of a University, keep him at home and set him at once to the regular work which is the only security for his industry and therefore for his character.