

An objection so shallow, and so evidently set up with a clandestine purpose of excusing a disposition to remissness in a great department of duty, cannot have a feather's weight in conscientious minds.

And now, if I have rightly judged of the constitution and character of the Institution, whose officers have honored me with a request to take part in the performances of this interesting day, I shall be sustained in a summary to this effect:—

Your design and your labors, on such a scale as your means warrant, go to make three-fold man,—man for God,—man for man, in Church and State,—and man for himself. The boon of the student on this foundation is knowledge gained—knowledge possessed—and knowledge to be used under the solemn responsibilities of religion. You impart to the young man knowledge and discretion—knowledge considered as power—discretion considered as religion.

Thus a true and justly balanced education contemplates three principal things—to wit: the qualifying of the individual to serve God in homage and obedience—to do good to men in Church and State—and to secure his own happiness here and hereafter. Am I right in this statement?

If in the views and illustrations submitted I have been so fortunate as to reinforce existing convictions, and at the same time to awaken sensibility, enquiry, and sympathy in minds before indifferent, I shall be devoutly thankful for the opportunity of bearing a humble but earnest testimony to a great and precious truth. In the privilege of standing this day among Christian brethren, in a field geographically and nationally neighboring to my own, and of speaking for the making of true, well-compacted men by grace and instruction, I sincerely rejoice.

I congratulate you, my Right Reverend Brothers, Reverend Brethren, and honored Christian Laymen, on the success, which has thus far attended your labors in the cause of true education. You have made a beginning here which does honor to your views of high and enlightened culture. From the hour, when your philanthropy projected the happy idea, your course appears to have been marked by wisdom and vigor. As you go forward,