

turn their attention to more than one machine at a time."

"Then it would be better for men to deal in the same way with what is surely worth more thought than a machine—the mind of a reasoning being; this is my feeling very strongly. There are some who seem to grow up with the very least amount of attention, but they rarely come to much. Now, on the contrary, I hold that daring, wild, active fellows often have the germs of good in them, which turn to evil for want of proper training. I had rather have some two or three such fellows in the school than not. It is true they may lead all the tame ones into mischief, but I believe that, properly directed, their energy will work for good in the school."

"Well, time will show; but I fear that you are right in saying theory is easier than practice. I shall be greatly surprised if that Mark Acton does not conquer you before you conquer him."

"I don't mean to try to conquer him till I have found out his soft point, so as to hit full at that; it is lost labour to attack any other part. But your horse will be tired of standing."