

to the fullest extent the great advantages—the price of much labour and thought—that are now offered to them

But in any case, waiving the purely professional conception of general culture, is not a liberal education a thing to be aspired to for its own sake, for the satisfaction of the inner man—that consciousness of our own acquirements and powers which follows us through life, whether we will it or no? The leisure hours of an active professional career will be made more enjoyable from a capacity to return to intellectual pursuits, the taste for which has been carefully fostered during an earlier period of life, and should we seek companionship and intercourse with our fellow-men, we shall not experience that feeling of isolation which comes from exclusive engrossment in one's own particular sphere of mental activity, however meritorious it may be.