

In other words, it is easy to educate a man to earn a bare livelihood, but nobody can be educated to take a seat on the front bench, or be prevented from taking it by any particular kind of education. So that we think it may be safely said to any youth who feels he has the seeds of

greatness in him—that is, has the right kind of moral constitution—that it cannot hurt him to go to college, even if he means to be a machinist or a dry-goods man, while it is likely to add enormously to the finer pleasures of a prosperous career.—*The Evening Post.*

GEOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

THE EUPHRATES. — The once mighty Euphrates seems likely to disappear altogether, according to the *Times of India*. For some years past the river banks below Babylon have been giving way, so that the stream spreads out into a marsh, until steamers could not pass, and only a narrow channel remained for the native boats. Now this passage is becoming obliterated; and unless matters improve the towns on the banks will be ruined, and the famous river itself will be swallowed up by the desert.

CRUSOE'S ISLAND.—From the *Philadelphia Press* we gather some interesting facts about Robinson Crusoe's, or Alexander Selkirk's, island as it is to-day. They are these:

"Opposite the harbour of Valparaiso stands the island of Juan Fernandez, sacred to the memory of Robinson Crusoe 'and his man Friday, who kept things tidy, and listened to the tales that his master told.' The little harbour is there, with its rocks and caves, just as it was when Robinson went ashore; the cave is in good order still, and the cliffs up which he and Friday used to chase the mountain goats. The goats are there, and the armadillos, the birds of wonderful plumage, and the crawfish among the rocks. Every boy who has read the story recently could go all over the place without a guide,

and could find everything except Robinson himself and the faithful Friday.

"The island belongs to Chili, and is leased to a cattle company who have 20,000 or 30,000 head of cattle and as many more of sheep grazing over the hills. There are about fifty or sixty inhabitants, ranchmen with their families, under the charge of a Frenchman named Craze; and besides the stock, they raise a quantity of poultry, and ship chickens and eggs, with some vegetables, for the Valparaiso market. The timber on the island is said to be of an excellent quality, but is not much used. No one ever goes there without bringing away a cane or two as a memento; and the brush from which these canes are made is of a very beautiful fibre, and polishes well. Excursions go over frequently from Valparaiso, and the interest in Robinson Crusoe's experience is much stimulated by those who come this way."

THE CONGO NEGRO.—The uncivilized negro of Central Africa is not a poor and ignorant savage. Judged from a mental standpoint, he is neither poor nor ignorant. He has no poverty of ideas, and his reasoning powers are of a high order. He is deeply superstitious, has the organ of veneration well developed, and shows so great respect for tradition that to call it conservatism hardly expresses its com-