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Contributed Articles.

ENGLISH CLASSICS—THEIR UTILITY.*

To the Members of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society.

The utility of the English classics is various:—

I. *Language.*—Theology in the schools requires its fixed phraseology; its terms ought to be technical in order to have scientific exactness of thought. Theology in the pulpits should be the reverse; the language should be terse and popular; the rich Saxon of the Bible is the model for the preacher.

1. Although it would be a piece of silly pedantry to reject a well-known word on the sole ground that it was Latin, yet the Saxon is so plain that there is no likely danger of people knitting their eyebrows in order to catch the sense. That speech which can shoot its thoughts into other minds and yet keep itself out of sight is the ideal; it is the best thought-conductor.

*Inaugural Address by J. C. Smith, B.A., President of Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society