

The existing state of circumstances allows no time for wider pursuits in this field, and it would seem highly commendable to afford at least one of each year an opportunity of exercising the tools, which he has spent four years collecting and learning to apply.

Any kind of proficiency in English Philology is equally unattainable in an undergraduate course, and similar remarks may be quite applicable to the sub-department of history.

Now, as to how far this institution is required as a lectureship. It is frequently complained, for instance, that sufficient attention is not allotted to the course of Natural Sciences, which, provided with no less than three professors, one lecturer, and two fellows, is surely on an equal footing in this respect, with the branches under consideration, remembering that the professor is additionally charged with the official duties of College President, and the lecturer obliged to divide his time between English History and Italian.

It is to be hoped, that at least those particularly devoted to the cultivation of their mother-tongue, will not fail to recognise this state of things, or, if it has been wrongly interpreted, that they will produce a satisfactory explanation.

Yours truly,
J. W.

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