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Englishmen have long known the secrets of combining a classical education with political efficiency. It was said of Lord Morley that he was the "double first".

I remember having seen the same combination in Lord Haldane, who wrote books on philosophy while he was British War Secretary. Both of these men were as closely connected to their "clan" as Mr. Mackensie King, who is not by chance a Scot from both sides of his family. Such men did not learn the worn-out word "democracy" from newspaper headlines and campaign canvasses. They studied it in reading the history of the Ancients, and King learnt to understand democracy in the cultured atmosphere of his parents, home.

But a second social urge was added to this, unknown to the public men of Gladstone's time, because they had not had a family history of want and exile. The accounts of his grandfather's life are still vivid in King's mind today, without evoking thoughts of bitterness or revenge. But they have led him to study poverty and injustice in the world of today. They made him ponder about ways to improve conditions for those in need, with the responsibility of a man who, in a life of ease, remembers the hardships of his forebears.

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