

cluding those educated in the Grammar School of Aberdeen, but very seldom those educated in "The Barn" or Grammar School in Old Aberdeen where I studied for one year before entering the University. The supreme advantage the lads from the parish school had over the town boys was that they not only knew their subjects well but they carried with them an enthusiasm for work and a love of study which ~~xxx~~ could only be got from a close personal contact with a scholar who found a daily joy in teaching them and whose spirit animated them and made them glad. No wonder then that Scotland under such a system and in proportion to her small population has produced so great a number of scholarly men who are found adorning their respective professions in every part of the civilized world!

I think I said on the same occasion that it had been my experience through in travelling extensively in different parts of the world, at least in the case of medical men, that men who had graduated in Arts before proceeding to a medical degree were almost invariably of a superior type and as a rule one of the most important social factors in the community in which they practised; while on the other hand the most of those who had been admitted to the medical school as it were by "the skin of their teeth" that is by barely passing "The Prelim", were less learned than an intelligent and well-read mechanic. After all scholastic attainments however brilliant are in themselves of little practical value unless they have behind them a burning soul to make them stick so to speak and thus render them effective instruments of service in the betterment of mankind.

Since I gave up wandering about the world and came to settle down in my old age here in Montreal I have had the fact brought home to me more forcibly than I ever dreamt of that even an elementary knowledge of Latin is of immense value in the education of young people <sup>let us say</sup> ~~at least~~ after they are fourteen years of age. I refer to letters which I have received from distant lands and which I still continue to receive now and again from old pupils of mine all of whom are men and women of from