in those countries was not less than 1 in 7.7 of the population. In Prussia, which is regarded as one of the most highly educated nations in Europe, the proportion is only about 1 in 6. In the City of Toronto, however, the proportion is 1 in 5 and a small fraction. This proportion may yet be decidedly improved. Meanwhile the knowledge that it exists may prevent undue despondency on the part of the friends and promoters of popular education.

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