

the taste of all, the heir of wealth should try to equip himself for the part of a noble citizen.

In this highly practical age and continent there are those who would not only banish classical culture from the Universities, but apparently would put an end to College training altogether, holding that it not only does not fit, but actually unfits for the one great object of life. It has been said that an office boy at fourteen is worth more than a College man of four and twenty. All honour and success to the office boy. Productive industry must be the general foundation, though not the whole edifice of civilization. We live by bread, though not by bread alone. Survey the history of mankind; consider through what effort, what struggles what sufferings humanity has been striving to reach the goal of perfection. If all was destined to end in the office boy, Providence, with due reverence be it said, might have taken a more direct and more merciful road to its mark. The admirers of the office boy, perhaps, have not fully considered how much productive industry owes to the most abstract science and even, though less directly, to cultivation and taste.

At Oxford I was always for the abolition of compulsory Greek on the simple ground that in the case of the vast majority of students it could not be thoroughly