

one's ages is to get the heart out of a liberal education. Times change, opinions vary to their opposite, and still this world appears a brave gymnasium, full of sea-bathing and horse exercise, and bracing, manly virtues ; and what can be more encouraging than to find the friend who was welcome at one age, still welcome at another ? Our affections and beliefs are wiser than we ; the best that is in us is better than we can understand ; for it is grounded beyond experience, and guides us, blindfold but safe, from one age on to another.

These papers are like milestones on the wayside of my life ; and as I look back in memory, there is hardly a stage of that distance but I see you present with advice, reproof, or praise. Meanwhile, many things have changed in you and I among the rest : but I hope that our sympathy founded on the love of our art, and nourished by mutual assistance, shall survive these little revolutions undiminished, and, with God's help, unite us to the end.

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