

to inflict an injury on the pupil. Every man ought to be taught to labour with his hands, and thus be prepared honestly to fight his way to his bread, and not be dependent on the bounties of others, and at the same time every man ought to have the best in him called out, built up and polished, so as to bring out the grace and the glory latent in his manhood. Too much attention to the one will lead to neglect of the other and thus a one sided and defective education will be the result. Because of this the bread and butter theory must be rejected as false and dangerous. And the duty of rejecting becomes all the more pressing because of the strong materialistic tendencies of our age. If "every door is barred with gold and opens but to golden keys" the true educationalist must lead his pupil to something higher and better,—must lead him to the "shining table lands to which our God Himself is moon and sun." Instead of bowing down and worshipping "the gold that gilds the straitened forehead of the fool," the true successors of Socrates and of Plato must take up their cross, and teach the truth as Christ did in the shadow feared of all,—the truth that the development of a man is a work worthy of the sacrifice of a God.

2. Some regard the ideal education to be the draping of the pupil in all the graces of culture. If the culture touched mind and heart and moulded character and made the internal and the external to harmonize,—to be a glorious unit—there would be little or no objection to this theory. But as generally held, enlargement of mind and refinement of spirit are not thought of, and the powers to attract the attention, and dazzle the onlookers are regarded the main, if not the only thing to be desired and sought for. This principle is in the secular, what Pharisaism is in the sacred,—is the masked attempt to live a lie,—is the ill disguised effort to put the hollow heart on the throne of God and have it worshipped. But as in the religious world the stench of the rotten bones concealed in the whitened sepulchres will force its way out to the disgust of all; so the crude ill-informed mind, the coarse uncultured heart, and the tainted instincts will make their way through the thickest veneering ever plastered on the outside, and in spite of all their victims can do will declare the poverty of spirit, the inner odiousness that could not exist, if the foundations of true education had been laid. Instead of producing men and women this system brings forth, and lets loose on society decorated asses and mincing apes. Were it