

On one thing I wish to be emphatic; a man who leaves college with a sound general education and takes some pains to keep his knowledge alive while he is learning his business, will be a better man and take a very much better position when he is a master in that sphere, than one who has not had these advantages.

You must forgive me, if, in saying this, I seem to apply to intellectual culture a gross measure of value; but it has that kind of value, and to be aware of it may be an incentive. I have no doubt that some of us here would be glad if even for that worldly reason we had kept on the path on which we started. But the joy and pleasure which a habit of reading and study can bring into a busy man's life, and the wholesome mental discipline it affords are ample reward. Those who have made a good start and allow themselves to be wholly absorbed in material things will not be saved from regrets in after years by any material success. Those who keep in touch with current thought and literature and maintain their interest in the humanities will find their lives broader and more full of interest, pleasanter to themselves and more useful to their fellows.