

But after all, these are but the initials of education ; they are only the gates of knowledge. There is a lovely garden, enclosed with a high wall—many and beautiful are the trees which adorn it, and they are covered with golden fruit. There is a door to this beauteous grove, and it requires a key, without which no man can pass. The garden is Science—the key is simply that education which enables one to enter in and pluck the golden fruit.

The statesman, the lawyer, the merchant, the artisan, must each pass through a course ; each one different from the other in detail, yet each requires to be thoroughly educated in order to do justice to his profession. You will see that reading enables a man to acquire knowledge—writing, to communicate it ; while arithmetic is necessary to carry on the business of life, as well as being the foundation of the Physical Sciences. The thoroughly educated man, as we may designate him, is he who, by application to the higher branches of Science, and obtaining a large share of general knowledge, distinguishes himself by those attainments among his fellow men. I have often thought, that although travelling in foreign countries is not designated as a part of education, yet in opening up new sources of knowledge, and in removing prejudices, it is in fact a very high and beneficial kind of training. This may be best appreciated by conversing with those who have travelled.

While it is well known that our beloved Queen is a well educated woman, may I inform you what was the education given to an illustrious lady, cousin to the Queen, whose premature death led to the Throne being filled as it now is. The education of the late Princess Charlotte of Wales consisted of the English, Classical, French, German, and Italian languages ; Arithmetic, Geography, Astronomy, the first six books of Euclid, Algebra, Mechanics, along with the principles of Optics and Perspective, the policy of Governments, and particularly the principles of the Christian religion. What a noble description is this of an educated woman !