

man to forget in a day, all he has ever learned of Greek or Latin, the mental gymnastics he had undergone to acquire that knowledge will have conferred upon him advantages which will last all through life, and which the one not so trained will be deprived of.

But what advantage, it is often asked, is a classical education to the business man? It certainly will not teach him how to put sand into sugar; or substitute margarine for butter; or put cotton into wool and label it all wool and sell it as such; or glazed earth into pure milk; or convert paste into cloudless diamonds, or pass off pinchbeck for gold. Perhaps not, although education will help him even in these devious paths of deception and dishonesty; but these are not the highest or the noblest, or even the most profitable attainable by man, nor are they the best calculated to bring happiness or contentment.

Education, to attain its true end, must ever be of a religious character, otherwise it is a dangerous weapon. Secular education of itself never has made, never will, never can, make man better, and that should be the end and aim of all education. I should say nothing if it kept him as good as it got him. But that would be the effect of a religious education and of that alone. Let me say to you, parents: The loss of those principles which you instilled into the minds of your little ones can never be compensated for, by any amount of science, or by any amount of classical attainments which it is possible, even for genius, to acquire. If one is disposed to evil, his non-religious education will enable him to do evil more methodically, more secretly, more refinedly. The rough, blunt, ignorant man, impelled by anger, or jealousy, or hate, or excited, perhaps, by stimulants, strikes down and kills. He is caught almost in the act. He is hanged, and society is at once rid of him. The learned, perhaps, in many of the sciences, especially of chemistry and toxicology, insures the lives of his friends—wife, sisters, brothers or parents; uses the most subtle of poisons, and his victims die; but he escapes detection. This is again and again repeated as often as money is required, until the whole community is aghast at the frequency of these mysterious deaths. Which of these two persons is the more dangerous to society?