

of Political Science in the universities has for more than a century been the preparation of candidates for the Civil Service; while in France the recently established *Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques* has been signally successful in the same direction.

And now, having indicated to you who are "yearning for the large excitement that the coming years will yield," some outline of the provision we have been able to make for further growth and expansion; permit me to turn to another department of modern university work which is at present commanding a wide-felt interest. One of the most pointed, yet fulacious epigrammatic sciolisms of the eloquent English tribune, John Bright, was his characterisation of Oxford as "The home of the dead languages, and of undying prejudices." The experience of the years in which our own University has been casting off its swaddling clothes, and bearing some part in the progress of the century, has taught us how largely the New World is indebted to the harvestings of Europe's ancient seats of learning; and familiarised us with the vitality of England's intellectual centres on the Isis and the Cam. One of their recent manifestations of such vitality has been the inception of the popular movement of University Extension, now promoted with such zeal in the neighbouring States. The age of an exclusive scholarly cast has passed away; and there is an ever growing demand for an educated people—with not a few, at least, a growing dread of an uneducated democracy; and of the demagogue who would fain "teach our flattered kings that only those who cannot read can rule." Rather let us believe that we are learning to interpret in a nobler sense the old Epicurean maxim: *Vivere ut vivas*; and realizing that humanity in some way craves this higher culture for all, not as a means of livelihood, but as a means of life. It is a welcome sign, in a progressive age, this claim of the people for a share in the ampler life so long left to a privileged, educated caste. We need not only the power of the gifted few; but the wide sympathy of a well-educated community. It is the best antidote to the mischievous error which confounds mere professional training with education.