

originated in this country as a protest against the insufficiency of our system of education—as a protest against the failure, the absolute failure of our American schools and colleges to fit young men and women for the business of life. Take the great classes graduating from the colleges of the country during this and next month, and how many, or rather how few of their members are fitted to go into the practical business of life and transact it like sensible men? These Business Colleges furnish their graduates with a better education for practical purposes than either Princeton, Harvard or Yale.

The people are making a grave charge against our system of higher education when they complain that it is disconnected from the active business of life. It is a charge to which our Colleges cannot plead guilty and live. They must rectify the fault, or miserably fail of their great purpose. There is scarcely a more pitiable sight than to see here and there learned men, so-called, who have graduated in our own and the Universities of Europe with high honors; men who know the whole gamut of classical learning—who have sounded the depths of mathematical and speculative philosophy—and yet who could not make out a bill of sale or invoice if the whole world depended on it. (Applause).

*Extract from an Address delivered before the Students and friends of Packard's Bryant & Stratton Business College, New York City, by the late Hon. Horace Greeley.*

AND so the world waits—not in one sphere, not in one place alone, but in the old countries and the new, inviting crowded hives of population to people solitary regions—waits for business men—men of capacity—men of power—men of creative thought—who know how to redeem its waste places, and to render idle populations industrious and thrifty.

And here it is, in my judgment, that Business Colleges will find their greatest sphere of utility; that is, not in special training for special pursuits, as too many believe to-day, but in developing a larger capacity to apprehend and to seize the opportunities that exist so abundantly on every side, for giving new activity and new power to the creation of wealth. The objection has been made to our old-fashioned Colleges that they are not practical. I do not think that is an accurate statement of the objection. What I would say is, that they are practical with reference to two or three pursuits, but that the demands of the time require nine-tenths of our young men in other pursuits than those; and they are not practical with reference to these.

I know that there are to-day one thousand College graduates—some of them having graduated with honors at German Universities—who are walking the stony streets of New York and know not how to earn a living. That is a condemnation of our University system. As a preparation for professional life—I should rather say, for certain pursuits in life—it may be very well; but when

D. McLACHLAN, Esq.,—Dear Sir: I can safely recommend young men who wish to enter a Banking Office to first enter the Canada Business College. I think the plan of instruction would prove beneficial to any young man, and as for those embarking in any mercantile pursuit, it would be greatly to their advantage to first enter the College for practical training.

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