

tion of the mediocre intellect is to be thought respectable—at any cost.

Why it should be thought more honourable to draw a plan for laying bricks than to lay them; why the carpenter and the machinist should be considered less honorable than the physician and the lawyer, is hard to understand, except as an effect of false education.

In 1880 William Morris, the best pupil of John Ruskin, and himself an Oxford man, said: "We no longer believe in a class that is called, or set apart. Every man has a divine call to make himself useful to his fellows and the hallucination that some are called to do nothing but give advice, will soon fade away. Industrial education is both moral and spiritual. The man who fails to use his body every day in a certain amount of manual labor is a menace to the State and a danger to his inmost self. Safety lies in a just balance between head and hand."

To show how hopeful is our cause, tokening as it does that reform will come from within, I quote President Eliot, who recently said in a speech before the Independent Club of Buffalo: "I shall never be satisfied until one half the curriculum at Harvard is devoted to doing things instead of talking about them."

The introduction of manual training into our schools will do much toward the restoration of the dignity of labour. It is not the duty to be performed that should measure the standing of an occupation but rather the manner in which the duty is performed. Here is where the ethical value of a mechanical hobby applies. It has accomplished for individuals here and there what manual training endeavors to do for the numbers. It stimulates the individual to attain excellence for its own sake and such an effort cannot fail to be reflected in his regular vocation.

The growth of the Mechanical Hobby during the past 20 years has been rapid and widespread, as is well illustrated by the fact that formerly tools and materials for amateurs were few and expensive, while to-day dealers in such supplies are numerous and make special efforts to cater to the requirements of the amateur. To-day everything the amateur requires can be obtained quickly and cheaply in any city.