

cation of his own day, the time-honored ἡθoς, πάθoς, πρᾶξις. But we should have to explain to him that administrative capacity was something that he had not contemplated, that in our modern world nothing was so sought after, that, given the proper amount of it, a modern man could have bought up Kallipolis for a museum. We should have to add that, while leisure as an end still faintly colored our education, the Western world no longer believed in leisure at all, but that work was the end in itself. We might so nobly express this ideal that he would reconsider his philosophy, for a greater mind there never was, and his leisure, we must not forget, was a high activity. But upon training for vocation he would heap unjust contempt. His amazement, however, would be great when we should have to confess to him that, while our polity had wholly adopted his view that education was a function of the state, there were but two places in our system where his great end of character was ever contemplated, our common and our residential schools; that this was not peculiar to education; that we had divided all life into water-tight compartments: that in politics, and especially art, the very utterance of the word "ethical" would produce what our physiologists would describe as a nervous chill.

Now the great philosopher lived at a time when the ancient sanctions upon which his society was built were fast vanishing, when men were everywhere questioning fundamentals. On all sides states were perishing from that strife between rich and poor which he himself considered the prime cause of the fall of states. Men had come to believe that after all the basis of society was simply the right of the stronger. What food for speculation would the scene on this continent present to his great intelligence! But when we told him that votes had been placed in the hands of all, his astonishment would be complete. For he would see at once that never in human history were material possessions so universal an end as with us, and he would see more clearly than we, that the very basis of possession was being swiftly and subtly undermined by sinister theory below and piratical practice above. In Burke's splendid words, the eyes of mankind are opened. The final trial of human society has come. Other polities may attain great age through traditions, through loyalties,