

CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL DEFICIENCIES

LET me here chat with my readers as to certain defects that mark the educational systems of America. I say systems, for has not each province in Canada, and each State in the Union, an educational system peculiar to itself? There is one defect which marks the educational work in well-nigh every part of America, and that is lack of thoroughness, and this is largely due to the haste with which studies are taken up, pursued and completed.

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The desire to graduate and mingle in the affairs of life is so keen amongst us here in America that we are unwilling to undergo patient preparation for the duties that fall to our hands in the various walks of life. We would fain assume the responsibility of life and share in its financial rewards long before we have served our intellectual apprenticeship, and so we often see our young men and women face the world and gird on their swords for its battles while they are yet raw recruits intellectually. Indeed, it is amazing what superficiality marks much of the so-called scholarship of our day.