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for day, when the Orient through the medium of steam & electricity shall be the close neighbor & friend of the Occident, when the armies of the earth shall have been disbanded, & the questions of the nations settled upon the basis of law & justice. When the natural barriers between antagonistic races shall have been obliterated, by the smoke & flash of factory & forge, and when the great brotherhood of man shall be actuated by one hope and one faith. But I use the word education in a broad sense, & mean by it, not only the ability to read & write & keep accounts, but also a proper training of the body which shall enable it to resist disease & premature death, & above all, that the young should grow up & develop in a moral atmosphere, without which, I am convinced, that labor as assiduously as you will, your efforts must in the end prove futile. I am confident that our educators can not better employ themselves, for a time at least, than learning the important lessons which criminal statistics teach, the vast majority of the penitentiaries, jails & work houses of the world are filled with those who in the impressionable age of youth, were taught none of the doctrines of the Christian religion, nothing of the obligations of the moral law, & who were equally ignorant of the very rudiments

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of secular education, there is an inexplicable antagonism, between the intellectual & the sensual nature of a man, Fail in the development of the intellect, & the senses alone dominate the man, He has no resources of amusement within himself, save <sup>those</sup> which his animal nature dictates, The expression "idleness is the devils workshop" could, I believe, never have originated in a country where the masses were well educated, Take for instance a national holiday, among an ignorant people, & you will find sensualism, in its most appalling form, they seem to have no conception of enjoyment or amusement apart from drunkenness & its concomitant evils, the population are sensualists, because they know no higher pleasures, Here then is the cause of much of the worlds misery; here the necessity for keeping jails, work houses & penitentiaries, & in many a country, unfortunately, even standing armies, Now these institutions are expensive, & for their support, which usually falls upon the better classes, millions upon millions of dollars are annually raised, Let us look at this question from a business standpoint, from the standpoint of the debit & credit side of the ledger, Schools are expensive, there is no denying that, The man with a family to educate has a serious & onerous duty to perform, & the sooner he realizes it the better, It is no less true with a community, I have often deprecated the fact that there are those who would persuade the people that popular education is inexpensive, The mistake is soon discovered, & it puts back the cause ~~that~~ they vainly would advance,

But nothing however is so expensive as crime,  
 & for it, there is but one really effective  
 antidote, the school house is infinitely cheap-  
 er than the jail, & the annual salaries of the  
 wardens, guards & keepers would supply a  
 whole generation of children with books &  
 stationery. I do not mean to imply that we  
 have no highly educated villains, but it is  
 rare; so rare, indeed, that when the rascal  
 is caught, the case is noised abroad, & dis-  
 cussed to such an extent that we are apt to  
 entertain an exaggerated notion of their  
 number. I believe I speak within bounds  
 when I say that  $\frac{7}{8}$  of the criminal class  
 are deficient in moral & secular education,  
 degraded beings, who commit crime, simply  
 for the want of something better to do.  
 What a responsibility then, rests upon us  
 when we come to realize the fact that to  
 our hands are entrusted, the duties of re-  
 generating this class, of awakening their  
 intellects & consciences, & making them un-  
 derstand the danger & guilt of a life of  
 crime. Nothing can exceed the importance  
 of the subject of education under a Re-  
 publican form of government, for here a  
 man's faculties are not chained, nor paraly-  
 zed, but on the contrary he is free to  
 mingle with his fellow citizens, free

to express his opinions, free to wield a benign or vicious influence, & free to sway the minds of men for peace or war, I repeat, under a Republican form of government, it is in the power of each & every man to wield a tremendous dynamic force. With such powers placed in the hands of a whole people, education up to the very highest plain of thought becomes an absolute necessity. Indeed, we can scarcely conceive of a more dangerous proceeding, than the placing of the ballot in the hands of a man devoid of wisdom & rectitude.

I entertain no fears for the safety & perpetuity of our institutions, so long as adequate provision is made for the education of the masses, but dark ~~was~~<sup>will</sup> be the picture should we ever lapse into indifference on touching this subject. Life is earnest, it is serious, & the responsibilities seem to increase with the growth of enlightenment, they are sufficient even now to make the weaker stand aghast, but there must be no shirking them, they have too much at stake, the destiny of our children, of posterity is the stimulant that must lead us to increased efforts. All depends upon the educational influences of the coming generation. Let us unite then in our endeavors to bequeath to them those blessings, & that peace which can come only from the incultation of