

the laws of natural science to spiritual truths.

Thomas Jefferson was the most versatile man of his age, and, I may add, the staunchest believer in a broad general education.

Joseph Jefferson, of our own time, besides being the best comic actor of his day, is a skillful artist and an author of no mean ability. Here we see a man making such a specialty of one profession that in his branch he stands pre-eminent, and yet finding time to be an artist and author as well. Here we see him selecting one special branch of his profession to specialize, not attempting the other roles, and choosing as his collateral work something which would also be a recreation to him. He has specialized to the highest extent in one art, the stage, and expended his spare time on the kindred arts, painting and literature.

I have chosen these illustrations purposely from the brilliant men of the most varied spheres of life.

I might enumerate such instances indefinitely, but where would be the necessity? Most truly great men have been continually learning new things; and those men who have allowed themselves to be tied down to their specialties, have, as in the case of Darwin, lamented in their latter years that they had left themselves no time for general cultivation.

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### THOUGHTS.

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"Good-bye," "so long," "be good to yourself;"

Seems 'twas said so short ago,  
But nevertheless vacation's gone  
And boys back, "Hello! Hello!"

Yes, hello, howdy, how do you do?  
On the walks, in every hall  
As they meet with a hearty handshake;  
'Tis such greetings as this fall.