

and Cambridge Universities in the development of English history, and in the establishment of her national prestige?—It was a son of Cambridge that, as a citizen-soldier, won the battle of Naseby, and planted the seeds of individual and personal liberty that have grown and blossomed even unto the ideal fancy of your own Republic. It was this same master mind that captured Gibraltar, and that created an English navy that has grown and governed until it commands the respect or admiration of every civilized power on earth. The uncompromising spirit of Oliver Cromwell still lives in English history.

From Pitt to Canning, from Canning to Peel, and from Peel to Gladstone, England has been dependent upon a son of Oxford or of Cambridge for a prime minister and the direction of a policy for the government. Not only her prime ministers, but her brightest and greatest speakers in the House of Commons, and her Chancellors of the Exchequer have been college bred men—usually of Oxford or Cambridge. It is becoming more and more the demand with each decade, that public men shall be measured not so much by military genius or literary talent, as by the skill shown in expounding a way in which a nation may become prosperous and rich.

Strange as it may appear to a business man, the most eminent managers of national treasuries, have been college trained men. But the objection might be made that in the Monarchies and Kingdoms of Europe, where cast and nobility are such potent factors, that we would expect leadership to be delegated to those who, by birth and training were entitled to its responsibilities. But in this country, where individual liberty is the basis of the nations growth, and where a free ballot may encourage the most illiterate but ambitious aspirant for office, we should expect the result to be different.

Not infrequently we hear the boast that a large percentage of congressmen have attended only the common schools—and it cannot be denied that we have many examples of men, who, as drift wood, have floated upon some great political wave into the haven of popular favor. Other examples