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Excerpt from Peoples College: An Address by Rev. Asa D. Smith, D.D., Portions of Addresses by Rev. Mark Hopkins D.D., Hon. H. Greeley, and Others And Correspondance The present age has been preeminently productive of striking results, and its spirit has been displayed in almost numberless variety of forms to the high admiration of the civilized world. Valleys have been raised, mountains leveled, cleft, or tunneled, highways constructed, and machinery so applied and propelled, that velocity has virtually contracted greatly both space and time, and has made travel, which was once so difficult and wearisome, only pastime. The winds and the waters have been brought into new relations, and so made to perform in almost all the departments of labor, with exactitude and dispatch, what before had been thought to be impossibilities. The lightning has been sent obediently along a net-work of wires to distant places, enabling us to converse, as if face to face, friend with friend, in any part of the land and what is still more gratifying, and a ground of higher admiration is, that the present age has been productive of a more full and complete knowledge of the human mind, its necessities, and the best methods of supplying them. The mind is immortal, but the material substance is perishable the one is the subject of enjoyment, the other a condition of it only the one is the mistress, the other her servant the one a cause, self-moving, self-controlling, the source of beauty, truth, justice, and goodness the other an effect only. Understanding is a well-spring of life, the foundation and frame-work of civilized society. The good we do men, however great, is ever transient the truths we leave them, are eternal. Nor is this conviction limited and casual, but constant and prevalent. The fathers of this country possessed it, as evinced by their early efforts to found, at great sacrifice of labor and property. Harvard College by the common-school system, whose origin was coeval nearly with that of the Plymouth and the Massachusetts colonies it has descended to our own times, as is manifest by the profound interest which has, within the last quarter of a century, pervaded so many of the States of this confederacy, on the subject of education. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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