

DALLAS, SATURDAY, MAR 22

THE STUDY OF THE LANGUAGES

The custom of devoting years of the most precious period of life to the acquisition of languages, has always seemed to me an error in the popular system of education...

In common with all progressive lovers of science, Professor Agassiz strongly advocates a freer scope being given to the study of nature. This branch of education begins in childhood...

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The study of the English poets should receive, I think far more attention in schools than it usually does. If rightly directed by teachers, this not only strengthens our noblest faculties of mind, but quickens our higher moral feelings...

My own experience in teaching has taught me that girls, of even tender years, can be made to see the fancies of even Milton, as if spread out in panoramic view before the eye...

Biography is another subject which it seems to me, should receive more attention in schools, particularly with a younger class of pupils. Many of the greatest intellects the world has ever known, have drawn their first inspirations of fame from the lines of poetry they have read and admired in early childhood...

I cannot but think that many a noble genius has been extinguished amid the antiquated pages of classical lore—lore rich in noble thought and fancy, but buried so deep below the moulder- ing rubbish of ages that the aspiring young mind and soul faint and famish many times ere it is reached...

It was my intention, in writing on this subject, to confine myself to a few thoughts on the practice of crowding in the few years allotted to girls in school, the Latin, and some two or three modern languages; but I will not dilate on a subject so obvious to every thinking and scrupulous educator...

a large proportion of time, for one who would become a proficient in that most desirable accomplishment. The knowledge of the French language is desirable not only the translation, but the ability to speak it; without ample time to fully accomplish the task.

VIRGINIA NORWOOD.

PROFESSOR AGASSIZ ON OUR COLLEGES. Professor Agassiz has evidently no very high opinion of our educational institutions, and publishes his adverse views with characteristic freedom...

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