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A genuine interest in problems of education helps to keep us young, for it carries us back to our own springtime and to the company of children. It is also an evidence that we ourselves have not ceased to grow, and are therefore not yet old.



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## CHAPTER I.

### VIEWS OF EDUCATION.

To be an interpreter and relater of the best and sagest things among mine own citizens.—MILTON.

**W**HETHER it be beautiful scenery, or noble monuments, or venerable ruins, or painting, or sculpture, or music, or books, or contact with life, things presented to us educate us only inasmuch as we react upon them. Lead the listless savage through all that is most worth seeing, knowing, admiring, and loving, and at the end he is what he was at the start. The general problem of education is how best to place instinct and passion under the control of reason and conscience, of higher motives and tastes, that men may learn to find their pleasure and their happiness in doing what brings health, knowledge, and virtue. The educator's aim is to create in-