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The relative importance of a branch of education is determined by its tendency to promote the great objects of all education—the storing of the mind with useful knowledge, the development of the intellectual and moral faculties. Does the study of the Ancient Classics, then, contribute its proportion to the attainment of these objects?

All the important knowledge that we receive here and throughout life is communicated to us through the medium of language, of words rightly put together. An accurate knowledge of the rules, principles, powers of written and vocal speech lies at the foundation of all advancement, intellectual and moral; it is indispensable. He, who would express exactly what he means, comprehend exactly what others mean, must have a complete knowledge of the infinite minutiae of the machinery by which ideas are conveyed. This knowledge is not a spontaneous growth, but is obtained only by assiduous long continued application; every day of a long life time may add to its