Is a knowledge of the classics necessary for a thorough education?

In all civilized nations an education has been considered the most desirable acquisition, more sought for and prized than any other possession. It has been the lot of man to enjoy. By it—the mind is ennobled; by it—that principle about man, most resembling God is advanced many degrees towards the attributes of divinity. And as much higher one mind is raised above another that of the common subject, so much power do we have over them. But to the subject before us! Thus an education in its strictest sense is seldom comprehended, and as seldom correctly applied as any other word with which we are acquainted. Knowledge is generally supposed to be its whole end and aim; when really...