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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from An Address Before the Sub-Committee of the Boston School Board: Appointed to Consider the Subject of a Reorganization of the Boston High Schools I believe it may safely be affirmed in the first place, that the old plea that the study of the Greek and Roman classics has a certain mysterious disciplinary value for the mind beyond that of any other studies, so that they are to be used as a sort of preliminary Whetstone to sharpen all boys wits upon before they can successfully begin those other studies which are to be at the foundation of their life-work, I believe that this educational theory may now be ranked among exploded superstitions.* Every study, it is now beginning to be seen, is a mental discipline just so far as it is pursued thoroughly and by proper scientific methods; and it is beginning to be seen, further, that the study of the classics themselves, if pursued as they usually are in our schools, by most bungling and unscientific methods, has been furnishing one of the worst systems of...



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