The mischief is that as soon as the idea of University enters our mind, the idea of a Cambridge, Oxford University and a host of other European Universities, rushes in at the same time and fills the space. We then imagine our salvation lies in a selection of the best points of each patched together in an eclectic perfection. We forget that the European Universities are living organic parts of the life of Europe, where each found its natural birth. Patching up noses, and other small missing fractions of our features, with skins from foreign limbs is allowed in modern surgery; but to build up a whole man by piecing together foreign fragments is beyond the resources of science, not only for the present time, but let us hope for all time to come.

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