



No teacher or institution can give students an education; they must earn it. An education is the reward for individual study first and then cooperation in the classroom. The essence of any school is found not in the teachers or the blackboards or the books, but in the student body.

Learning is fast becoming a collective and active process, far removed from the passive one in which the student merely sat at his desk, taking notes. Memorizing facts and opinions presented to him by his teacher and simply regurgitating them on examinations, he crammed his small mind with data useless to him because he had never learned to think. In today's progressive classroom, a student is expected to discuss his own views and to compare and contrast them with those of his classmates. In this way each student must contribute a part of himself to the discussion as a whole and is able to draw from this educational unity much more than he himself first offered. By adopting some, discarding some, and modifying others, he compiles by himself the ideas which will form his outlook as a thinking adult.

