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1 My father was taught to believe that my brain was
too large for my body and so kept me much out of
3 school, but I gained book-knowledge with far less labor
than is usually requisite. At ten years of age I was as
familiar with Lindley Murray's Grammar as with the
6 Westminster Catechism; and the latter I had to repeat
every Sunday. My favorite studies were natural philoso-
phy, logic, and moral science. From my brother Al-
9 bert I received lessons in the ancient tongues, Hebrew,
Greek, and Latin. My brother studied Hebrew during
his college vacations. After my discovery of Christian
12 Science, most of the knowledge I had gleaned from
schoolbooks vanished like a dream.

Learning was so illumined, that grammar was eclipsed.
15 Etymology was divine history, voicing the idea of God in
man's origin and signification. Syntax was spiritual order
and unity. Prosody, the song of angels, and no earthly
18 or inglorious theme.