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My subject, The Pleasure of Reading, was chosen partly because it is so wide that it covers almost any discursiveness and partly, I have chosen it because I think that modern conditions are putting the pleasure of reading more and more in jeopardy. Some people have such a passion for reading that they will acquire the habit and maintain it against all obstacles. There are others with the inclination and capacity to get that pleasure, but who must find it inclination and cultivate the capacity and if they do not do so, they lose one of the greatest resources and the most precious recreations of life. I am using the phrase, 'The pleasure of Reading' not in the sense of amusement but in the sense of that deep and abiding pleasure which increases the more it is indulged. This deserves the name of 'recreation' because it actually refreshes and restores as well as entertains. Then there is a third class of people to whom reading, because of the nature of their temperament, will never buy any pleasure at all. These are in no danger whatever from modern conditions. In old days, I think it must have been easy to acquire the habit of reading. People stayed for months in the same house without stirring from it even for a night. The opportunities for reading were so many and the opportunities for doing other things were comparatively so few that the habit of reading must almost have been forced upon them.

The author remarks that people do not prioritise reading nowadays and those who prioritise try to make reading a their habit. However, those who neglect this reading habit, they do not experience “the recreation of life.” Reading gives pleasure that attracts more and more towards itself. On contrary to this, some people do not find joy in reading due to their nature. For instance, in old times, people spent months reading sitting on same place. Nevertheless, reading habit was so common in old age due to less errands comparatively today.

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