

If Youth,

throughout all history, had had a champion to stand up for it;
to show a doubting world that a child can think;
and, possibly, do it practically;
you wouldn't constantly run across folks today who claim that "a
child don't know anything."

A child's brain starts functioning at birth; and has, amongst its
many infant convolutions, thousands of dormant atoms, into which
God has put a mystic possibility for noticing an adult's act, and
figuring out its purport.

Up to about its primary school days a child thinks, naturally, only of play.

But many a form of play contains disciplinary factors. "You can't
do this," or "that puts you out," shows a child that it must think,
practically, or fail.

Now, if, throughout childhood, a brain has no opposition, it is plain
that it will attain a position of "status quo," as with our ordinary
animals. Man knows not why a cow, dog or lion was not born with
a brain on a par with ours; why such animals cannot add, subtract,
or obtain from books and schooling, that paramount position which
Man holds today.