American Intellect.

How well adapted the American intellect is for all the practical requirements of life everybody knows. Where other people are slow and dull, the American is quick of apprehension and energetic in action. Where others are almost impregnable to new ideas, the American evinces a flexible adaptability to fresh conditions, a promptness and readiness for new circumstances, that are the surprise and admiration of the world. But, while our national talent for affairs is thus conspicuously evident, it may be gravely questioned whether we are exhibiting in the higher branches of effort either the capacity or the culture worthy of us.

In no direction do we at present find the American intellect either leading or impressing the thought of the world. We are compelled to go abroad for masters—whether we study the science of politics, the laws of government, the mysteries of nature, the culture of the schools, or even the products of the imagination. An immense activity is apparent in every branch of intellectual effort, but in Americans this activity is evident almost solely in appreciation rather than in performance. And, what is strange, the relation of appreciation to performance is greater now than it was a generation ago. When Cooper and Irving were leading lights, and Longfellow, and Emerson, and Lowell, and Poe, and Hawthorne, were coming to the front, our literature had a higher relative place than at present, when we have no new poets to place by the side of Morris and Swinburne (Emerson, Longfellow, and others of our older authors still living, belong rather to the literature of the last generation), no scientists to compare with Tyndall and Huxley, no novelists to rank with Collins, and Reade, and Trollope, no philosophers to measure with Spencer, no essayists, perhaps, to equal Arnold and Hamerton (although in this branch we are and always have been fruitful), no economists to contend with Mill or Harrison, no true leadership in any thing to compete with leadership in England.

Why is this humiliation upon us? We are not slothful in things intellectual. We are animated by earnest desires for culture. We are covering the land with schools and colleges. We have hosts of students in all branches of study, and we keenly prize the worth and the exaltation of intellectual achievements. The people as a body are probably more alive to matters of literature and mental progress than any other in the world. And yet, out of this abundance of genuine activity and effort, we produce almost nothing. This is a great puzzle, the solution of which can only be guessed at. The proneness of the national genius to action rather than speculation, the brilliant inducements of mercantile and professional careers, the restlessness of our national character, which leads to the superficial study of many things, rather than to the thorough mastery of a few—these facts may be sufficient to account for our intellectual vassalage.

But not in leadership or in the higher branches of literature only do we find these facts to exist—in some of the most ordinary fields of literary labor there is a contrast between American and English methods which is very notable. Take, for illustration, what may be called reform literature—writings aiming to enforce ideas of life and conduct, or devoted to the criticism of social customs. In English productions of this class there are commonly a good sense and wise moderation, a discretion and wisdom, which we are far from finding among American writers on the same subjects.

As an admirable instance of English taste in this direction, we may cite Hamerton's recently published volume, entitled "Intellectual Life." The purpose of this volume is to consider the possibilities of a satisfactory intellectual life, under various conditions of ordinary human existence; and, by intellectual life, the author means not simply erudition or accomplishment, but a sort of virtue which delights in vigorous and beautiful thinking, a state of mind which seeks earnestly for the highest and purest truth. This volume is full of refreshing common-sense—not that sort of common-sense which consists of platitudes, but that which comes of a close analysis, keen discernment, wise balancing of argument and conditions, large sympathy, and penetrating insight. The book is always original, and always supremely sane. It preaches no crusade; it is an advocate of no theories; it has no "isms." The most conservative man in the world would find pleasure in it; and the most advanced thinker would discover fresh suggestions.

How would such a book have been written in America? If we have a right to judge by what has been done and is doing in our literature of this class, we may safely assume that the American author would have made it polemical, would have filled it with a hundred wild theories, would have fiercely denounced all existing institutions and advocated a host of experimental ones as substitutes, would have had an "ism" at a premium for every known social evil, would, in brief, have been hotly revolutionary, and emptied his performance of pretty nearly every condition of sanity, discretion, or largeness of knowledge.

Would all American writers have done so? We answer by asking what American writer on these topics is there who has not done so? Absolutely in the whole domain of social economy, we have been cursed—or amused—by a set of writers, who have begun their tasks by first eliminating human nature from their theories, and then by casting out common-sense from their brains. There is no such thing, in all our literature, as judicial breadth or wise discernment in the treatment of social matters—when social matters are specially the topics of the writers. There are, of course, not a few admirable and wise incidental touches scattered through our literature; but those who make habits and conditions of life their theme are almost invariably warm and bigoted extremists. An American would seem to be nothing unless fanatical. Because convention in some things may be referred, convention is at once assumed as vicious in all its forms. Because there are errors of taste in dress, all that the world has established in the principles of dress must be revolutionized. Because there are excesses in the indulgence of the palate, all the dishes that have the sanction of time, and all the customs of the table, are denounced. Whoever, with us, enters literature as a reformer, seems to be specially endowed with narrowness; whatever is crude, or half known, or specious, or undetermined in the philosophy of hygiene, medicine, work, dress, occupation, food, drink, social habits; whatever has no foundation in the sane facts of life or justification in the calm courts of reason, is sure to catch the fancy of these impressible and undisciplined minds.

And then we have no respect for authority. Everybody may teach what he pleases; and the charlatan is quite as likely to find hearers, and make converts, as the trained expert. As he who talks loudest and uses the most emphasis, more quickly wins the attention of a crowd, so our reformers are turbulent and violent in order to be heard. We shall never have a sweet, pure, truly instructive literature in the direction of social reform until taste is advanced, and sound discernment displace a present willingness to listen to everyone who substitutes novelty and clamor for wisdom.—*Appleton's Journal.*

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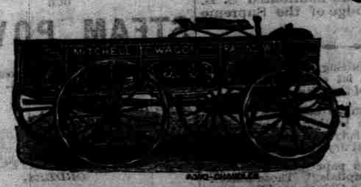

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