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Take a few examples. Every one thinks of Longfellow as the sweet singer of "Evangeline" and "Hawthorn." Surely, he had no protest to utter. But read his bitter poem, "The Challenge." We think of James Russell Lowell as the elegant essayist, the delightful orator, the advocate of higher politics. But read some of his earlier poems, "A Parable," "The Rich and the Poor," "Rent," and the like.

Or, again, who, as he reads the novels of Victor Hugo, thinks of the great Frenchman as the fiery revolutionist and socialist that he was? Many other names might be called to mind—Flaubert, De Goncourt, Heine, Lamennais, Kingsley, Charles Reade, Dickens, Frederick Mauries, Schiller, and many more.

In our own country we have almost forgotten that Horace Greeley was an

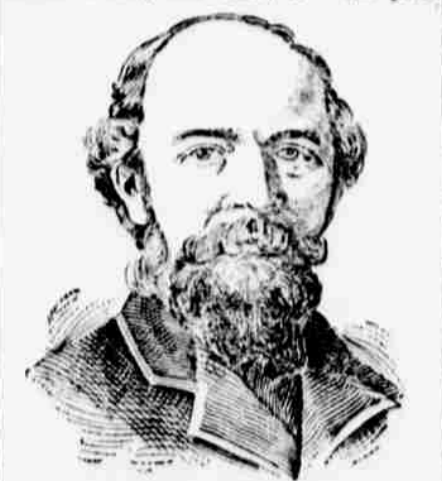


W. D. HOWELLS.

ardent emmunist, says a writer in the New York Herald, and that it was due to his influence that the doctrines of Fourier had such vogue two or three decades ago. And there was Brook Farm with Alecto and Dana and many well known names.

With another twenty years a new school has arisen, and again the poets, the writers and the artists are to be found among its adherents. In this country perhaps the most conspicuous figures are William Dean Howells, the novelist; Stedman, the poet; Bellamy, Col. Higginson and the enigmatic Donnelly. Among artists Walter Crane is the most pronounced. There are many others whose stars are still near the horizon. In England it includes such men as William Morris, the poet; George Meredith, William Michael Rossetti, Bernard Shaw, Sydney Webb and even Oscar Wilde. John Ruskin is almost to be included, although he really belongs to that group of an earlier day, which was really more revolutionary and less concretely socialistic in its aims. There is Gerald Massey and, perhaps, Walter Besant, and many others less known to fame.

There is hardly a figure among all whom I have named that is lacking in the elements of the picturesque. Of a particular group of them there is a curious thread of history. Back, perhaps twenty years ago, two young men, with very radical ideas about art, went one day to paint some frescoes at Oxford. One of them bore the strange name of Dante Gabriel Rossetti. The other was Burne-Jones. While they were at work a young man, with a shock of fiery red hair, a broad, pale



ALGERNON CHARLES SWINBURNE.

forehead and a diminutive frame came to watch them. He was a young poet with the soul of a Greek. He had not then published "Laus Veneris." This was the beginning of the famous pre-Raphaelite school. The three young men, Rossetti, Burne-Jones and Swinburne, were afterward joined by Rossetti's brother and sister, by William Morris, George Meredith and Millais, and together they revolutionized English ideas about art, and, perhaps, literature as well. Dante Rossetti is now dead. During his life the school almost entirely confined its energies to art and literature. Later, after his death, it developed radical

political tendencies. Its present leaders are Morris and William Rossetti. William Michael Rossetti has lived a very retired and unobtrusive life. He has written much in praise and appreciation of other artists, so that his own original work has been rather obscure. But who so will read his sonnets on democracy and kindred subjects will recognize what a strong, rugged fire burns in his soul. He is more of a student and rather less of a propagandist than Morris, and his contributions to the movement have been rather through his pen than his voice. Like Morris, he is no longer young, and lives quietly in a rather retired way just outside of London.

England never saw a stranger apparition in literature than when the star



IGNATIUS DONNELLY.

of Algernon Swinburne first swung into its ken. With a long line of aristocratic ancestors, Swinburne had the least of hereditary influences in making him into the born revolutionist that he was. His father was the Admiral Swinburne known to history. If not rich, his estates were ample, and he had leisure to travel and study as he liked. He left Oxford before he had taken his degree, owing to some disagreement with the authorities of the college. He had already written some poetry, and he sought Walter Savage Landour in the latter's retirement in Italy. It was not likely that at the feet of this great and much-misunderstood poet, who had quitted England because he could not live in a country which had so little appreciation of beauty, that young Swinburne was apt to have his radical notions curbed.

But it is through his thrilling "Songs Before Sunrise" that Swinburne revealed the ardent revolutionary spirit which possessed him. It is a dead soul who can read these stirring poems with an unmoved pulse. They throbb and quiver with a revolt against tyranny, a passionate thirst for freedom and a hatred of oppression which rank them with the finest specimens of revolutionary verse in the language. Swinburne was in his youth strongly tempted to become a radical in politics as he was in verse, and he was at one time contemplating standing for parliament as an ultra-liberal. As matters then stood he would unquestionably have been elected. But it is probable that England and literature have been the gainers rather than the losers by his decision to follow literature alone.

In America, perhaps, the foremost champion of socialism among literary men at the present time is William Dean Howells. The novelist's entrance into the field of economics, holding a banner for an unpopular doctrine, has been the cause of much sur-



EDWARD BELLAMY.

prise and mystification to his friends and admirers. Yet no one could have read his novels, and particularly such as "A Hazard of New Fortunes" and "Silas Lapham," and even such a minor story as "The World of Chance, without realizing that the novelist had long been a serious student of such questions.

Mr. Howells chose to present his philosophy to the public in a garb of fiction. "A Traveler from Altruria," and the sequel, "Letters of an Altrurian Traveler," bear a very strong resemblance to the "Utopia" of Sir Thomas Moore, the "Atlantis" of Bacon and the "Republic" of Plato. It is worthy of note that though the word "Utopian" has come to be synonymous with chimerical dreams practically all of the advanced ideas of Sir Thomas Moore long ago became the commonplaces of our political system. No one would now think of restoring our system of education. Yet these were among Sir Thomas Moore's dreams.

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