

TEN BOOKS OF THE CENTURY

A Symposium Compiled by Men Eminent in Literature and Education.

DIVERSE OPINIONS OF LEADING MINDS

An Instructive Review of Books Which Have Most Influenced the Thought and Activities of the Century.

At the request of the editors of the Outlook, New York, to name ten books of the century ending this month which have most influenced the thought and activities of the century...

From James Bryce. It is difficult to name any ten books as having been specially and conspicuously influential in forming or guiding opinion during the century...

1. I like to remember that I bought "The Origin of Species" in the first edition, in London, in 1851. I know that the book ought to be written, and it has rightly achieved its own reputation.

2. Hegel's "Logic" deserves a place, because it dominated all academic departments during the second quarter of the century, and its influence is still potent in England and America.

3. Emerson, so far as preaching goes, is the preacher to the English and American world today. I do not claim for him that he invented the doctrine of the immanent presence of God...

4. Victor Hugo's "Notre-Dame de Paris" is a masterpiece of the novel. It is a work that has done more to shape the imagination of the modern world than any other single work of fiction...

5. The value of Alfred Tennyson's book, "In Memoriam," will be stated in different ways by different people. For me, I am very sorry that his son has ever written his father's life. I think he has lifted him down two or three steps on the pyramid of fame...

6. The books chosen in answer to this question must be selected for their results rather than for their merits. They should be the ones which have had the largest measurable effect on the world's thought and civilization.

7. Now, as to Scott and Victor Hugo. It is the fashion just now to talk of Scott as if he were only a scene painter or a stage mechanic. This is sheer nonsense. In an age which knew nothing of history...

8. Goethe's "Faust" is a work that looms up, as I read it year by year, as a monumental landmark. It is a work that may be stretched to include all a man's life. I should place Wagner in this list, because he re-edited the myths which constitute the best part of the ethnic bible of his race...

for the influence it has had on men's thoughts and emotions Hugo's "Les Misérables" would seem to have the strongest claim, though as respects fertility of invention...

It may seem strange that among the books just enumerated there should be none of Carlyle's, or Emerson's, or Ruskin's. Apart, however, from the difficulty of choosing a single work in the case of writers who have been effective by quantity as well as by quality...

From Edward Everett Hale. For English and American readers I think the list of men authors is quite easily made. So far as their names go, I should think that the ten writers who have most affected the thought and living of the last 100 years are Goethe, Walter Scott, Victor Hugo, Ralph Waldo Emerson, De Tocqueville, Darwin, Renan, and, with less certainty, I think I should add John Ruskin, Alfred Tennyson and James Bryce.

To come to special books is more difficult. I probably should include "Faust" by Goethe, "The Elective Affinities" and "The Morphology" have affected his time more than his other publications, some of which he thought more serious.

3. No one in England would accept De Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" as one of the central books. All the same, I think it is. I think it revealed us to ourselves and I think the study of it has done no end of good in Europe.

4. Bryce's "American Commonwealth" may be classed with this. This, however, will be before us. Mr. Bryce himself says some where in it that he has never met any European writer except one Swiss schoolmaster who understood the constitution of the United States.

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Admission to the Bar

OMAHA, Dec. 1.—To the Editor of The Bee: Your editorial in last Sunday's number on "Loopholes in Bar Admission," which very kindly pointed out the commission suggesting much food for thought, is, as I think, in error with reference to the admission of graduates of the law school of the State university.

Of course if that institution is being made the means of admitting to the bar, it is not only a matter of public interest, but also a matter of public safety. The first of these two classes of students, over which the examination of the commission appointed by the supreme court, and the difficulty might as to the second-class will be obviated by requiring them to also be examined by the commission, as has been suggested by you.

A change is needed in the statutory provision, whereby parties who are practitioners in other states may on their removal to this state be admitted to practice in our courts without an examination into their knowledge of the principles of the common law. Persons who will not devote the time required to be spent in the office of one of our lawyers or to go through the university, so to other states where a specified time or course of study is not required and an examination, either not required or made a farce, and are entitled to admission here simply on proof of their former admission and present good moral character.

But in the case of the university, its teachers are well known, and the state, men of established learning and character, who are within the jurisdiction of the supreme court and amenable to its disciplinary powers if it be ascertained that they are abusing the privilege granted them. My observation has been that good schools are less likely to pass unqualified persons than many of the courts.

Except as to persons who are duly admitted and qualified practitioners in the courts of other states the legislature has not only prescribed their qualifications for admission to the bar of the supreme court, but also the manner in which their knowledge of the law must be acquired, to-wit: either by two or more years of careful and attentive study in the office of some duly admitted practicing attorney of this state, or by regular graduation from the law school of the State university.

When Minister Wu, suite and all, was last in New York he visited, among other places, a newspaper office. At one of the desks in the city room sat a woman reporter named in one newspaper as Helen, and in another as the Chinese and her surprise may be imagined at the pitter of cushioned feet and the rustle of silken skirts. She looked up and planted before her desk twelve smiling curls—Miss Minster Wu, smiling into the eyes of the woman reporter, her hand on her forehead. He deliberately picked up the sheet of "copy" from under her fingers and read it through. Replacing the sheet, he resumed gazing into her eyes. Then, after a moment, he turned away, paying her the highest compliment in his power, and with a fascinating little half between each word, Wu said:

"I do not believe that you are a woman. You are a man dressed in a woman's clothes."

J. D. Curry, a farmer living near Beloit, Wis., and his son Clark, aged 14, were held up in their stable by three masked robbers. Curry was injured and his horse was killed. The robbers fled with a large sum of money. Curry is now recovering from his wounds.

An American art student in Paris says: "I have been studying in Paris for some time. I have seen many great works of art. I have seen the Louvre, the Vatican, and the Sistine Chapel. I have seen the Mona Lisa, the Last Supper, and the Creation of Adam. I have seen the most beautiful things that man has ever created."

When we turn to Heine (2) we come to the man above all others who has influenced more than any English writer, the modern style in literature. Heine was a poet, a novelist, a critic, and a man of letters. He was a man of the world, and a man of the future. He was a man who saw the world as it is, and a man who saw the world as it should be.

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RELIGIOUS. A road is being constructed, passable for carriages, between Jerusalem and Nazareth by the Turkish government. About 3,000 ministers took part in the consummation of the union of the Free and United Presbyterian churches of Scotland a few days ago. Trinity college, Washington, D. C., the first Catholic institution for the higher education of women, was dedicated with imposing ceremonies on November 22.

Rev. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the reported successor of Dwight L. Moody, is pastor of the New Court Congregational church in London. He is the son of a Baptist minister, and, although only 37 years old, has been preaching since he was a boy of 12. The progressive party in the Roman Catholic church is rest under the control of the dominant influence of the Italian. With a population of only 2,000,000, it is claimed that Italy has more bishops and archbishops than all the rest of Europe with its 100,000,000 Roman Catholics. The Independent states that one of the most significant facts of the time is the young ambitions in Montmartre. There are other quarters in the globe. Fellows who artists have the illusion knocked out of them, but they refuse to leave. They are there from an example, to burn and bleed, homeless beggars, living no one knows how and shunning their fellow men. One case in particular caught my attention—that of an Englishman named Jones, let us say. He was an example, who came over to America several years ago. His fellow countrymen are always worthy of their kind.

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