

THE STUDY OF MAN.

When Alexander Pope wrote "The Proper Study of Mankind is man," he gave expression to a far reaching truth, illustrated every day. To understand man in his various moods, to be able to control and guide him, is to be a king among men. Self control is the first fruit of each study rightly carried on, and then follows the control of others—not as an exacting master, but as a guide and friend. The leaders in business, in politics, in war, the men who attain eminence in the active affairs in which large numbers are associated, although they may not have set out to make a study of man, and may, in fact, be unconscious of their attainments, have nevertheless acquired a knowledge of themselves, which gives them self control, and a knowledge of the moods, impulses and weaknesses of others that enables them to take control as leaders. Such power is not necessarily associated with a high degree of culture in other directions, nor, on the other hand, does the possession of general intelligence necessarily include this power. The contrary is very frequently the case—literary culture, arising from a close study of books, depriving one of that intimate association with men which is essential to a knowledge of their dispositions, emotions and passions.

Even the books that "hold the mirror up to nature" present but a partial and imperfect view of man. The true student must go to nature herself for instruction. It is this circumstance that sometimes gives rise to wonderment at the success of this man or the failure of that by those who fail to consider the great value of a study of man to those who would be guides or leaders, or who are called upon to manage large bodies of men. He who learns by study, observation or experience when to humor, when to command and how to play upon the hopes, ambitions, cupidity or fears of others, so as to get them to do his bidding, has mastered the greatest of all instruments, besides which the playing upon a pipe is indeed simple. There are men of this kind who having special aptitude for command soon learn, unconsciously it may be, how to lead, guide or drive others. They come to the front in war, in politics and in business life, and succeed oftentimes in spite of defects in their scholastic training, while their better educated rivals lacking knowledge of men, fail altogether, or if they rise above the ranks gain only subordinate places.

Until within recent years there have been scarcely any attempts to make a man a school study; nor is it to be expected that the study as now carried on will take the place of experience in raising up managers of men. Yet it is worth while for those who find themselves deficient in this respect to formally begin the study in their own persons as in that of others. Self study is also a useful, for it develops unexpected weaknesses that may be corrected if there is a disposition to improve, and it at least gives suggestions as to the weaknesses of others, through which they may be controlled or managed.

When Hamlet, having vainly implored Guildenstern to play upon the pipe, throws it upon the floor, he exclaims: "Why, look you now how unworthy a thing you make of me. You would play upon me; you would pluck out the heart of my mystery; you would sound me from my lowest note to the top of my compass, and there is much music, excellent voice in this little organ, yet cannot you make it."

In that passage a strong figure of speech is presented, illustrating what may be done by those who have made a proper study of mankind. They can play upon humanity as skillfully as the musician plays upon the pipe.

Guildenstern lacked knowledge more than Hamlet lacked advancement, but there were doubtless others even in that day who could have sounded Hamlet from his lowest note to the top of his compass, and have guided and controlled him. At all events, the ruder instruments represented by common men may be played upon, and it is those who have made the study recommended by Pope who do play upon them, and become leaders among men. It is a study that all can undertake; the subjects are innumerable, and the guide book to them all is ever present in the student's own person.—Baltimore Sun.

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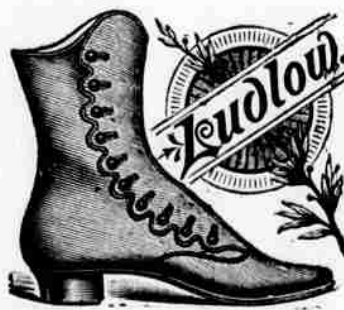
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