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SOCIAL EQUALITY.

Mr. W. H. Malloch an English writer, who can upon occasion be extremely dull and when the mood is on him, can be sensually vicious, has written a new book, or booklet, Of course all the people who affect to be ponderous thinkers, and who disdain to state any simple proposition without all the paraphernalia of words of learned length and thundering sound, are bound to read Mr. Malloch's new book on "Social Equality." The reader will not find so much to yawn over as in some of Mr. Malloch's other volumes, the "New Republic" for instance, written after Plato, and many centuries after, in matter as well as in chronology. For the new book, as we have said is only a little one, yet, in short space the writer has contrived to compress a heavy weight of much ado about nothing.

Mr. Malloch assumes that the modern democratic idea of progress is that of "social equality;" and he maintains and hopes to prove that wealth and progress are the results of the desire for social inequality. A man who maintains a self-evident fact is wasting his words. As to rank socialism, a gross absurdity, which aims to pull down all persons and things to one level, there is no need to talk. But when one undertakes to write about democracy, or republicanism, it is as well that he should understand what he is talking about.

There flourished a man in the end of the last and the beginning of the present century, named Thomas Jefferson, who will be readily accepted as the representative democrat. He should be supposed to know what equality means, since he asserts it to be the condition in which all men are created. The certain inalienable rights which he says are the endowment of all, are tersely and clearly stated in a sentence which defines in plain terms, the whole matter: "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The French motto, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity" is a baby phrase which means nothing—or, if it mean any thing, means contradiction, and absurdity. What truth is in it needs qualification; whereas Jefferson's statement is unqualifiedly true. It is a protest against oppression on the one hand and anarchy on the other. Social equality—or the nearest approach to it, is a condition in which every living man is free to do the best for himself, while he respects the rights of others.

No sane man pretends that the world could make progress if its people were all on one level plane, be that plane a high or a low one. The "pursuit of happiness" is happiness, and the attainment of a supposed prize, if not absolutely a disappointment, is but a slip to the desire for something more and better. No system, no theory, and no legislation can eliminate from human nature the pleasure that is felt when one man succeeds above another. The only equality that can be maintained is to secure fair play to the contestants. All men are not born with equal powers, mental or physical. If the stupid man cannot learn, or the lame man run, if one man cannot improve the opportunities that are thrust upon

him, while another can make opportunities for himself, no science of "sociology" can remove these fixed facts. Men are not like peas in a pod; and, even if they were, the centre peas in the line will have the best of it. Mr. Malloch and his school may dismiss their fears that "social equality" will sink the race in sleep. And they may also spare their labor to perpetuate old inequalities which will always maintain themselves, so long as some men are wise and others foolish; some industrious and others indolent, some weak and others strong, some fortunate and others unfortunate. A righteous judge holds the balance.

CORRESPONDENCE.
NEW YORK, Sept. 13, 1882.

To the Editors of the Riverton Journal:

Thousands of people are daily pouring into the city, from the mountains and sea-shore, consequent upon the termination of the summer season, and everything about us is assuming increased activity, so noticeable here in the fall of the year. All incoming steamers bring small armies of pleasure seekers who have been enjoying the summer months abroad, while very many land thousands of emigrants at Castle Garden.

Your correspondent, though unaccustomed to city life, previous to last March, has braved the summer season much better than he had expected, which is to be accounted for in the fact that it has been his happy privilege to be absent weekly from town from Saturday until Monday, during the entire season, with but three exceptions. The last of these bring to his mind vivid recollections of Sunday, 3rd inst., which was spent in our boarding house, under the most depressing circumstances yet mingled with expectancies; but oh, such expectancies. Having during the previous week been attacked with chills and fever, every other day was looked forward to with that dread, only to be appreciated by those who have been afflicted with the aforesaid ailment, hence, the expectancies of Sunday were not those of pleasure by any means. To his great joy, the looked for chill, thanks to the efficiency of quinine and other remedies, did not come, nor did any intrude subsequently, and at this writing we are feeling quite like ourselves again.

AMUSEMENTS.

All the leading theatres are in full blast, the fall season inaugurating many new and attractive productions, among which are: "A Daughter of the Nile," at "The Standard," "Elsa," at "The Park," "Black Flag," at the "Union Square," "Taken from Life," at "Wallack's," "Esmeralda" is beginning its eleventh month at the "Madison Square," while "Youth" is drawing crowded houses at "Niblo's." Other standard performances too numerous to mention, also go towards making up the stage programme for the present season.

That the majority of New-Yorkers care only for business, eating and theatre-going, seems to be an undisputed fact.

A CHANGE AT CONEY.

Coney Island, Rockaway and Manhattan Beaches, and scores of other suburban resorts have been liberally

patronized, but the enthusiasm once so extensively manifested in "Coney" is fast dying out. The resident New-Yorker is a restless being, a change, something new is always wanted, and thus it is that "Coney," the Beau ideal of an American sea-side resort, by the vacillating nature we may say, of the Gothamite, is soon to be classed among the things of the past. Every stranger coming here in summer does not consider he has "done" New York until "The Island" has been visited, so down he goes, alights on one of the iron piers, and if he be a man of the world, proceeds at once to a "beer-garden," or an "open-air concert pavilion," where he indulges in liquors, after which it befiteth the occasion to take a "dip," which too often proves the fatal climax to his day of enjoyment. After a warm day, to leave the city late in the afternoon, via steamboat, and land at the Island in time for dinner, remaining, say until 10:30 in the evening, is certainly most delightful, and few there are who frequent it, that have not discovered this approved way.

CENTRAL PARK.

Central Park is the greatest source of real benefit and pleasure to the masses that New York possesses, and being easy of access from all parts of the city, by both elevated and surface roads, is quite worth while visiting of a fine Sunday afternoon, just to see the people. From the 5th Ave., entrance, a wide avenue well supplied with seats, and lined on either side with trees of large growth, stretches for probably a mile, and terminates on the margin of the lake—a beautiful sheet of water from which now and then a rock protrudes. On its surface ever and anon glides the graceful swan, coming at times so close to the shore, as to allow the children to caress it, in return for which a crumb is expected. Disappointment rarely awaits it, for they generally have a supply with which to appease its dainty appetite.

The obelisk occupies a position in the north-eastern section, and affords many the opportunity of gratifying their curiosity, and presenting to the eye a variety of inscriptions, which after inspection, leaves one as ignorant of their meanings, unless one has a key, as if they had never been scrutinized.

"The Casino," a sort of observatory, very quaint in architecture, having every appearance of a miniature castle slightly modernised, lies north-west of the obelisk. From its tower an excellent view can be obtained of the city and surrounding country. It contains many little nooks and corners which are generally occupied by parties of two, holding *tele-a-teles*, indeed, this sight is by no means uncommon, go where you will.

"The Cave," though often over estimated, is eagerly sought for by sight-seers. Its depths are never penetrated very far, as a gate closes the way through a narrow and low passage, which nobody would desire to explore. They have an owl there that hoots occasionally, to keep up the dignity of the place. The ascent is made by a flight of stone steps, each step having a rise of about two

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