

of a past age, his "one continue to be read and studied. To the student of English they are at once a model of erudition and of government. With intense predictive power, they point out the consequences of the evils they aim to crush; and, with vehement eloquence they preach the gospel of true statesmanship.

Throughout his writings we may find a strain of excessive combativeness. But we must remember that a most intense love for humanity was the mainspring of his every action; that his keenly sensible nature was wrought up to an extraordinary pitch by iniquity in any form; and, that the forces against which his policy obliged him to contend were the embodiment of iniquity. To fight iniquity is to be ever subject to obloquy, and this subjection is in proportion to the magnitude of the fight. How bitter, then, must that have been of which Burke was the subject!

We should also recall that "such was the distemper of the public mind that there was no madman in his maddest ideas and maddest projects, who might not count upon numbers to support his principles and execute his designs." The distemper required a proportionate remedy. This fact, with the keen sensibility of his nature, and the obloquy which ever pursued him, sufficiently accounts for Burke's seeming exorbitancy.

The temperament of the British people might not have tolerated the excesses, prompted by "a drunken delirium drawn out of the alembic of Hell," which characterized the French Revolution. But this delirium, in any degree, was a menace to national welfare. As we have already said, England was imbibing, far beyond the bounds of temperance, of this same intoxicating spirit. Burke's was the effective force which restrained this intemperance—the sagacious, penetrating and prophetic voice, which guided the British people through "the fog of that awful day." Did his titles to veneration rest upon no other basis, this accomplishment alone is sufficient to retain for him, through all time, the affection of the people of Britain.

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