

article which takes this Declaration as a text for remarks under the heading of "Life, Liberty and Property." It certainly is surprising that a statement so utterly incorrect as that "all men are created equal" should so often be proudly paraded. It is **manifestly false in fact**. All men are not created equal. They are created unequal in all respects. No two men are alike, either in intellect, face or figure. The rest of the statement above quoted is all right, but the first part should be suppressed whenever possible. Carlyle in his own inimitable way speaks of this doctrine as to the equality of man as being: "In one brief word, which includes whatever palpable incredibility and delirious absurdity, universally believed, can be uttered or imagined on these points, 'the equality of men'; any man equal to any other; Quashee nigger to Socrates or Shakespear' Judas Iscariot to his Master—and Bedlam and Gehenna to the new Jerusalem, shall we say?" It is a proposition neither believed in nor acted upon in any one of the States which claim this Declaration as the magna charta of their country.

At our approaching Parliaments in the Dominion and Provinces various schemes of "reform" in various departments of government and other matters of public concern will come up for discussion; and this brings to our mind another quotation of the same great man which will be of interest in these days of responsible government run to seed. He was writing as we all know of Disraeli's famous measure, which, at that time, took the wind out of the Liberal sails and kept the Conservative ship ahead in the race for power. The quotation, however, is an apt one even now: "Inexpressibly delirious seems to me, at present in my solitude, the puddle of Parliament and Public upon what it calls the 'Reform measure'; that is to say, the calling in of new supplies of blockheadism, gullibility, bribeability, amenability to beer and balderdash, by way of amending the woes we have had from our previous supplies of that bad article. The intellect of a man who believes in the possibility of 'improvement' by such a method is to me a finished-off and shut-up in-