

3d Class.	
Virginia	1360,000
North Carolina	800,000
South Carolina	650,000
Pennsylvania	1,600,000*
Maryland	500,000
Delaware	80,000
Columbia [district]	50,000
Kentucky	800,000
	5,840,000
4th Class.	
Tennessee	900,000
Georgia	620,000
Indiana	550,000
Illinois	320,000
Alabama	500,000
Louisiana	350,000
Missouri	350,000
Mississippi	150,000
Michigan	120,000
Arkansas	70,000
Wisconsin	20,000
Florida [territory]	50,000
	5,000,000

If I am correct, it appears then that we have,—

Highly educated	998,000
Equal with Scotland	5,355,000
Not equal with England	5,840,000
Uneducated	5,000,000

This census is an estimate of 1836, sufficiently near for the purpose. It is supposed that the population of the United States has since increased about two millions, and of that increase the great majority is in the Western states, where the people are wholly uneducated. Taking, therefore, the first three classes, in which there is education in various degrees, we find that they amount to 12,193,000; against which we may fairly put the 5,000,000 uneducated, adding to it, the 2,000,000 increased population, and 3,000,000 of slaves.

I believe the above to be a fair estimate, although nothing positive can be collected from it. In making a comparison of the degree of education in the United States and in England, one point should not be overlooked. In England, children may be sent to school, but they are taken away as soon as they are useful, and have little time to follow up their education afterwards. Worked like machines, every hour is devoted to labour, and a large portion forget, from disuse, what they have learnt when young. In America, they have the advantage not only of being educated, but of having plenty of time, if they choose, to profit by their education in after life. The mass in America ought, therefore, to be better educated than the mass in England, where *circumstances* are against it. I must now examine the nature of education given in the United States.

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