

## The World's Greatest Men.

One of the fashionable follies of the time is the practice of drawing up lists of the hundred best books, says the Editor of the *Bombay Examiner*, and continues: This list is a must, of course, to be taken with a grain of salt. For any man to draw up a list of the hundred best books which he personally appreciates and values most is a perfectly rational amusement. To try and draw up a list of a hundred books whose influence on the world in general or on a certain part of it, has been phenomenal, is also quite a reasonable thing to do. But a list of the hundred absolutely best books in the world is like a list of the hundred most beautiful people in the world. Everybody's estimate must vary according to his racial standpoint, and in great degree according to his personal taste. No one can put under the same category the Chinese and the Hottentot and the French standards of beauty; and similarly no one can put under the same category the standards of literary goodness. Best, pray, for what purpose? Best for information, or style, or for what? Best for the spiritual or for the temporal well being of mankind, and what section of mankind? For the early Aryans the best book was the *Rig Veda*; but who would call it the best for Eric Graham? Isaac Walton's *Complete Angler* was perhaps the best book for the English anglers at the time it was written; but how would it count for Norway or Newfoundland? Succeeding to the list of books comes the list of the world's greatest men. But first we have to settle what constitutes a great man; and then what constitutes the different degrees of greatness. The most superficial measure would be the amount of difference a man has made to the world by having lived in it. There is no doubt that Alexander and Julius Caesar and Napoleon made a great difference in the world and they are generally counted as great men. But in the view of certain sections of humanity who had to suffer from them, they would be counted great monsters instead of great men. Attila and Timur and Saladin were great from the standpoint of those who followed them; but what was the view of those who were scourged by them? Luther, Calvin, and Huss are great men or great monsters according to your theology. Torquemada was a great anti-Jesuit; Pombal a great anti-Jesuit. Every man is counted great who achieves great things; but the things achieved may be great wickedness or great virtue.

Moreover, there are men who have made a great difference to the world without any greatness of character at back of their influence. The first discoverer of fire made quite a difference to the world. But quite probably he discovered it by accident while playing the fool with a bit of flint, and ran away frightened out of his wits as soon as the spark came. The recent loss of the *Titanic* was due simply and solely to the first invention of the boat, thousands of years ago. Why, then, not raise a monument in the middle of the Atlantic to the primeval author of that gigantic misfortune? One of the most important discoveries in marine engineering was how to pass the exhaust steam direct from the high pressure to the low pressure valve box; and yet that discovery was the product of a humble brain whose biography is totally lost. All the greatest heads of Rennie's were discussing the problem. They spent months trying every possible device, but failed. Then one day up comes a common workman, and touches his hat and says: "Sir, you got knock a hole through the back of the slide valve."

The big head smiled at the naivete of the small head. But thinking it over they found he was right. The invention revolutionized marine engine building, and the firm got the credit of it; but the real inventor's name is unknown. Is he to be put among the world's greatest men? Probably he holds as good a claim to it as most of the inventors who stand perched on marble pedestals.

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Mr. Andrew Carnegie some time ago drew up a list of those whom he regarded as the twenty greatest men the human race had produced. The editor of the *Review of Reviews* thereupon instituted an inquiry among notable living men as to how far they endorsed Mr. Carnegie's judgment. A circular was addressed to about one hundred selected names both in England and the Continent, to whom the list drawn up by Mr. Carnegie was submitted as follows:

1. Shakespeare.  
2. Morton, discoverer of ether.  
3. Jenner, discoverer of vaccination.  
4. Neilson, inventor of hot blast in manufacture of iron.  
5. Lincoln.  
6. Burns the Scotch poet.  
7. Gutenberg, inventor of printing.  
8. Edison, applier of electricity.  
9. Semens, inventor of water meter.  
10. Bessemer, inventor of steel process.  
11. Mather, inventor of steel process.  
12. Columbus.

## Get the Most Out of Your Food

You don't get the most out of your food if you don't get the most out of it. It gets tired easily, and what is left to digest is wasted.

Among the signs of a weak stomach are indigestion after eating, flatulence, nervous headache, and diarrhoea.

"I have been troubled with dyspepsia for years, and tried every remedy I heard of, but never got anything that gave me relief until I took Hood's Sarsaparilla. I cannot praise this medicine too highly for the good it has done me. I always take it in the spring and fall and would not be without it." W. A. Newmyr, Belleville, Ont.

## Hood's Sarsaparilla

Strengthens and tones the stomach and the whole digestive system.

13. Watt, improver of steam engine.

14. Bell, inventor of telephone.

15. Arkwright, inventor of cotton spinning machinery.

16. Franklin, discoverer of electricity.

17. Murdoch, first to employ coal as illuminant.

18. Hargreaves, inventor of spinning jenny.

19. Stephenson, inventor of locomotive.

20. Symington, inventor of rotary engine.

Mr. Frederic Harrison, who has been right to be regarded as the greatest living authority in the world of letters—was the first to whom this list was submitted, and his comment is as follows:

"I was tickled by my friend Carnegie's list of Twenty Greatest Men, and it set me thinking of the principles whereon such a reasonable list should be framed. Not being myself a Scotch-American iron master and having some interest in ancient history and literature, I am not satisfied with a selection which has no name older than Gutenberg and Columbus and includes three names that I never heard of. I hope that Homer, Aristotle, Charlemagne, and Dante are not excluded from the Carnegie Libraries. And if we once begin to insert the authors of modern mechanical inventions, where shall we stop? And where do automobiles and aeroplanes come in, or Marconi, gramophones, and all the damnable devices invented to make us all go faster, work harder, and worry each other worse than man was ever worried before?"

Amongst those who have contributed lists is Sir Joseph Lyons, who gives the premier place to the following:

Adam who started the whole game.

Noah, the first shipbuilder.

As it happens, this was the only vote given in favor of Adam and Noah.

Judging by the vote of the majority of the contributors to 'The Reviews' symposium, the twenty greatest men of history are as follows:

Shakespeare, greatest of modern poets, 21 votes.

Columbus, discoverer of America, 16 votes.

Julius Caesar, the Roman Emperor, 14 votes.

Gutenberg, inventor of typography, 14 votes.

Newton, founder of modern astronomy and physics, 14 votes.

Dante, father of modern poetry, 13 votes.

Darwin, founder of new science, 12 votes.

Stephenson, inventor of locomotives, 11 votes.

Homer, ancient poetry, 9 votes.

Buddha, founder of Buddhism, 9 votes.

Aristotle, ancient philosophy, 9 votes.

Michael Angelo, painter, sculptor, 9 votes.

Franklin, discoverer of electric forces, 9 votes.

Abraham Lincoln, 9 votes.

Moses, early theocratic civilization, 8 votes.

Socrates, Athenian philosopher, 8 votes.

St. Paul, Apostle of Christianity, 8 votes.

Watt, inventor of steam power machine, 8 votes.

Confucius, Chinese philosopher, 7 votes.

Charlemagne, founder of European States System, 7 votes.

Luther, Apostle of the Reformation, 7 votes.

Of Mr. Carnegie's twenty names only seven appear in the final list. It is curious to observe that with the exception of Charlemagne, there is not one royal personage included. Alfred the Great got six votes, the same number as was included for Cromwell. Five votes were recorded for Napoleon.

In reference to this subject, 'The Month' recently passed comment as follows:

THE TWENTY GREATEST MEN.

It is characteristic of the general absence of definite Christian ideal in

the modern mind that a discussion to decide the twenty greatest men in the world's history is instituted in the current 'Review of Reviews,' without giving any preliminary statement as to what constitutes human greatness. Nor does any one of the twenty odd contributors of lists give any clear idea of his particular standard. Mr. Carnegie, who opens the debate, thinks no one great who was not a discoverer or inventor, with the exception of Shakespeare and Burns. Mr. Frederic Harrison has little difficulty in showing up Mr. Carnegie's limitations, and then copies out a part of the Postivist calendar, beginning with Moses and ending with Comet. And various other celebrities similarly reveal their tastes and prejudices. In a few cases only do we find the Christian standard put forward as a test: St. Paul gets eight votes, St. John one, St. Peter none at all. Saints Benedict, Augustine, Francis, of Assisi, Bernard and Xavier, get one each. Blessed Thomas More and Blessed Joan of Arc are also mentioned, but only St. Paul finds a place on the final list, sharing that dubious honor with Martin Luther. It seems to be intellect rather than morals, talent rather than the use of it, that qualifies for inclusion in these lists. Only one or two competitors think of asking themselves what man has most nearly approached the ideal of human perfection set by God incarnate; no one tries to estimate the relations his particular set of heroes bore to their Creator, or the likelihood of their having accomplished the end of the creator. The fact that men (like Bruno or Voltaire) bitterly opposed the religion established by God upon earth is felt by some of these symposiasts no bar to their nomination, so completely has the modern non-Christian mind lost all sense of, or care for, God's point of view. The one compiler who shows some evidence of a spiritual outlook is Dr. F. A. Meyer, of the Free Church Council, and the wisest of those approached by Mr. Stead was Sir John Gorst, who declined the invitation to contribute, on the grounds that 'history did not afford materials for forming an adequate judgment as to the comparative greatness of our fellow-creatures.'

TOP-TURVY MORALITY.

The above is a convenient illustration of the confusion of ethical standards introduced into the world by the revolt from the teaching of Our Lord. The same phenomenon is constantly to be observed all through our current literature. Lip-homage is generally paid to the Christian standard, but the underlying principles are utilitarian. The world for instance, is very properly shocked if some saying is unearthed from a Catholic moralist, which may be interpreted as implying the theory that evil means may be employed for a good end, but in its own estimation of its heroes it habitually condones practices embodying this theory. In a 'Times' review of a recent Life of Cavour, it is stated, in reference to that statesman's complicity in Garibaldi's Sicilian expedition notwithstanding official disclaimers, that 'Cavour was a past master of the art of maintaining a correct attitude whilst engaged in very incorrect activities.' And this is in no way held to detract from his reputation. Again we are told that: 'If Cavour had been Minister of a powerful State instead of a weak one, we may be sure that he would have used gold and brown rather than the subtlety' (Anglican treachery and lying) for which he himself as naturally a man of honor, was fain to apologize on the plea, sound as we believe, of necessity (heavy type ours) That is, according to the moralist, an honorable man may use dishonorable means, if they are necessary to gain his end.

This perversion of ethical judgment is, of course, more pronounced amongst those who are further from the outward restraints of civilization, in the latter part of 1911 a white jury made itself parties criminis by acquitting the murderer of a black sheepstealer as Mombasa, a violation of justice which actually found a defender in Sir Henry St. John Kerr who in the 'Times' advocated the extraordinary plea that the morality of the action should be judged by local opinion, and the local opinion of Mombasa even that of the blacks, was on the side of the murderer. We must add that the 'Times' and other English papers condemned that immoral view, but the fact that a man of some position was not ashamed to advocate it publicly shows how speedily even edgewise opinion divorced from Christianity comes to agree with Kipling's dissolute soldier that East (and South) of Suez 'there are no Ten Commandments.' (So far the 'Month'.)

According to sound philosophy the greatness of a man is first measured by his personal character, and the breeding ground of this greatness generally lies outside the horizon of this world's view—the greatness of the trumpet on the home top.

The greatest person I ever knew—I mean whose greatness I fully realized—was a woman who, having been once in a good social position, came down in the world; had to part with house and servants and move into a tenement cottage, with the task before her of keeping up a

household of ten children, educating them and feeding them and bawling them, and working her fingers to the bone trying to make two ends meet when there were hardly two ends left.

These are hidden greatnesses. When we come to manifested greatness, no amount of effort on the world's history will constitute a great man unless this personal greatness lie at the back of it, and is the spring out of which that effect has flowed. Greatness means masterfulness and mastery, and all depends on what is the thing mastered. Napoleon could make himself political master of Europe, but he could never get rid of the slavery of his concits and whims and caprices and touchinesses. The really great man is one who is master of himself, and who, as servant to others—who is subject only to the eternal law of right; who knows how to command that which is rightly under him, and how to obey that which is rightly over him. Of all beings in the world there is probably no more masterful spirit than Satan, or one whose exercises so strong an influence over mankind. But he forfeited his title to greatness when he said: 'I will not obey' to Him whom by His very nature he was constituted to obey. Nothing but the remains him but the greatness of the conqueror, whose supremacy is based on usurpation and rebellion.

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11 05	4 00	7 45	lv	Charlottetown	Ar	9 55	11 40
12 20	5 04	8 38		Hunter River	8 35	10 38	8 55
1 04	5 41	9 06		Emerald	7 45	10 04	5 25
1 42	6 11	9 30		Kensington		9 33	4 47
2 15	6 40	9 50	ar	Summerside	lv	9 00	4 15
p.m	7 10	10 20	lv	Summerside	Ar	9 30	4 45
		1 23		Port Hill	7 45	p.m	4 30
	8 48	1 50		O'Leary	7 45	4 45	5 25
	9 37	2 35			6 57	2 15	4 15
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