

he cultivates, whose sugar and coffee he supplies, and whose coat he makes. The boy who ought to be a labourer, or a petty tradesman, sits on the same bench and learns the same lesson as the boy who is destined for the bar, the tribune, or the civil service of the State. This system arises out of the passion for equality, and fosters it in turn! The result is, *that each one naturally learns to despise his own estimation, and to aspire to that of his more fortunate school-fellow!* The grocer's son cannot see why he should not become an advocate, a journalist, or a statesman, as well as the wealthier and noble-born lad who was often below him in the class, whom he occasionally thrashed and often helped over the thorny places of his daily task. Hence numbers who might have remained useful, respectable, and contented citizens in their own humble line, are tempted to 'rush out of their sphere,' and emulate those whose wealth and social position give them most advantages in the race. Defeated competition with those of higher rank becomes in their ill-regulated minds conspiracy against the rank itself, and the state of society to which they attribute their defeat. Instead of following their parents' career, they aspire to that of their companions, and their parents' ambition often stimulates them to the unequal strife. They go to Paris or some large provincial town, become students of medicine, or of law, or, if still more ambitious, and gifted with any superficial cleverness, attempt the ruinous and disappointing channel of the press. They fail from incapacity, indolence, imperfect education, dissipated habits, or want of means to continue the struggle; they become *hommes manques*, and degenerate into *ementiers*, *chevaliers de' industrie* (Anglicé sharpness), or malignant penny-a-liners!"

Such then is the effect of ultra-democratic, mere "superficial" secular education in France! And do we not already see abundant evidence that such also *must* be its results on this Continent; our ample territory being all that has saved us from its ruinous effects hitherto? It must be so; even a