

President Hunter, of the New York Normal College, said: "If phrenology could be proved to be a science, it would be a more beneficent discovery than the electric telegraph, because it would help to put the right man in the right place." This is exactly what phrenology does. The experiences of its teachers furnish hundreds of examples of the important aid this science has conferred on people by telling them what trade or profession they were best adapted by nature to fill. Also the benefit they received from an examiner's counsel or the reading of a phrenological work by which they were told strong points of character, and how to restrain weak points, and how to train and develop.

"Know Thyself" is the most important kind of knowledge for each and all. To be able to train and control our own faculties, mentally and physically, proclaims one a King or Queen of their species. Solomon says, "The man that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city," and that truth is as trite to-day as it was thousands of years ago, hence the first great benefit phrenology confers on our race is to read ourselves, take mental stock as it were, find out what are our capabilities, what are our deficiencies, and now to remedy them. Then for what life work are we best adapted, have we talents for business, for mechanics, for books, have we talents for success as a doctor, a farmer, a teacher? etc., etc.

Phrenology answers these questions in a practical way by giving substantial reasons for choosing any of these callings. Hundreds of people are to-day enjoying the comforts of being in the business their brain and temperament fit them for, in their right groove, the result of phrenological examination, or a study for themselves of phrenological principles.

"A knowledge of human nature would save many disappointments in business and social life." Reading our own characters, then, and training ourselves mentally and physically, is the first benefit this science confers. The second is to be able to read the character and dispositions of the people you meet, read them as you would a sentence from a book. The importance of this will commend itself to the minds of your readers, Mr. Editor, I think, as business men to know how to deal with customers in both buying and selling, to avoid rubbing against their angularities, quick temper, etc., which this science enables one to see, also how to choose friends whose dis-

position will chord with our own, that there may be harmony instead of jars, mutual pleasure instead of discord, and this science most certainly gives this important power of so choosing friends.

Some of the principles by which phrenology reads a character, briefly stated are:—1st. The law of correspondence, "Differences of external form are the result and measure of pre-existing differences of internal character; in other words configuration, outside shape, corresponds with internal organization of mind and function, mind shapes brain, brain shapes skull." This proves the law of homogeneousness, that every part of a thing shall correspond with every other part and with the whole. This law has been illustrated in a most remarkable manner by Professors Owen and Agassiz in natural history, and pervades the vegetable as well as the animal kingdom. But man affords its most striking example.

Next law is that of quantity or size. Size is the measure of power, other things being equal (the other things here referred to are quality, health and exercise), the larger the head, the face, the body, or any faculty, the greater the power indicated. But other things are often unequal. A comparatively small horse may sometimes draw a heavier load than a much larger one. Some men with moderate sized heads manifest more mental power than those whose heads are much larger, which facts indicate that there is some other law modifying size. This brings us to the law of quality. Size and other conditions being equal, the higher or finer the organic quality the greater power. Large size and high quality then, must be combined to give the highest order of power for thought or action.

Then comes the law of temperament. This means physical constitution, build of body: the human body is composed of three grand classes of systems of organs. 1st. The mechanical system, viz.: bones, muscles, and ligaments; this is the motive temperament. 2nd. The nutritive system. Strong heart, large lungs and healthy digestion; this is vital temperament. 3rd. The nervous system, consisting of large brain and nerve tissue; this is mental temperament.

The effect of these different temperaments, or shapes of body, on the character is very marked; for instance, the motive temperament is known by length, long bones, tough, wiry muscle, generally a tall figure, lean and angular, with prominent features. Length indi-