

" Do not grant her selfish peace,
Do not send her blind arrogance ;
The spirit of death, the spirit of doubt,
Let them be extinguished in the spiritual life."

As a theory based on actual facts, this doctrine of continuity between Greece and Russia would not be accepted by historians. But it is a doctrine which has been of the greatest importance, like other unverified doctrines or theories, in its influence, through the minds of those who accepted it, upon the course of modern history. And the regenerative mission of Russia may well pass from a dream into a fact when the self-regeneration which we now see in progress has been really effected.

The ideals of mankind as they were defined by the French Revolution are liberty, equality, and fraternity. It has been said, and said with great truth, that of the three, liberty has been fought for and won in England, but equality and fraternity are much more fully attained in Russia. They have not got liberty, at least in the political sense of the word, because they have not greatly desired it. Is not the converse true of ourselves, that we have not got equality and fraternity, because we have not greatly desired them ?

But the lack of discipline which is noted by observers of Russian life really comes of a sort of excess of individual liberty in matters apart from politics. The general Russian attitude with regard to government is very much like that of Dr. Johnson in our own country. " I would not give half-a-guinea to live under one form of government rather than another " ; " All governments are alike " ; " Political liberty is good only so far as it produces private liberty." These are bold paradoxes ; but like all Johnson's sweeping sayings, they have a basis of strong common sense. And in these sayings there is at least so much truth as this, that the failure of the Russian political reformers was because