

there are no less than 618 works, paintings and sculpture included, yet this by no means represents all. These three countries have given their full quota of geniuses to the world, and the general enlightenment would have been immeasurably increased had the fruits of their united labours been accepted. As it is, there has been little or no affiliation between the Scandinavian mind and the European or American mind; the finest literary and art productions of the North have been scorned or ignored altogether; an overwhelming amount of evidence has been required to convince the outside public that the North could produce anything of any value, and these nations, the oldest in civilization and culture, the intellectual parents and teachers of nearly every nation in Europe, have been regarded as tyros, as extremely young and unskilled aspirants for fame, whose mediocrity was only equalled by their presumption in daring to enter the lists at all.

Several centuries of this treatment could not fail to have its effect upon those who suffered it; it has greatly reduced the national sense of greatness in the Scandinavian lands and dimmed the ambition that once burned with so bright a flame. The Swedes of the present day have almost come to believe the world's contemptuous verdict of them; in their wounded feeling their pride now is to be as exclusive as possible and not to seek intercourse with other nations at all; they argue, and with a show of right, "if foreigners are so ignorant as not to estimate us properly, we will make no effort to undeceive them; it is really of no consequence to us what they think." Consequently, although Sweden has acquired a permanent bearing upon the universal mind, a permanent place in the ranks of those who have done most for the advancement of the human race, nay, in respect to securing the fundamental conditions for spiritual enlightenment, even having *led*,—it is suffered to sink into a decline, the records of its past greatness are buried, one cannot say forgotten, for they have never been known, the works of Swedish authors stand,