

Mr. Alexander Brown, of Union Hill, Nelson County, Va., has recently published a valuable contribution to historical knowledge, entitled "The Genesis of the United States, (Houghton Mifflin & Co.,). It is in two large octavo volumes and contains a series of historical manuscripts, now first united together with a reissue of rare contemporaneous tracts accompanied by bibliographical memoranda, notes and brief biographies. The work was begun in 1876, and as the author says in his preface, has been a long, laborious and expensive task, obliging him to practise every self denial and overcome difficulties which would have baffled many men. The special interest of the work to us lies in the fact that Mr. Brown is, and has been for several years, totally deaf.

The higher branches in the field of Art have also been successfully invaded, as the following incident will show. Mr. H. Humphrey Moore, the American deaf mute artist living in Paris has just had a very gratifying proof of the esteem in which he is held by his brother artists. A new salon has lately been established, including most of the leading artists in Paris, the President of which is Meissonier, who is considered the greatest living painter. This society invited Mr. Moore to send pictures to their exhibition, and he, not having any on hand that he felt were up to the level of his best work, sent eleven hoping that one or two of them might pass the rigid examination. To his surprise he received a letter from Meissonier informing him that eleven of his pictures had been accepted for exhibition. This alone stamps him as an artist of the first rank—at least in the opinions of the best artists themselves.

These examples illustrate the results of steady application and show that success can be achieved in a wide range of endeavour, even though the terrible barrier of deafness stands continually in the way, like some grim fortress with the words "no thoroughfare" stamped upon its face, and frowning upon the slightest advance.

Library and Illustrative Apparatus.

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