

THE GLORY OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC
The Science of Government
The Hope and Dependence of the Human Race

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CHAPTER II

**Reading of Books. Unsolved Questions.
Great Problems Involved.**

I find man in pursuing his lines of action in the active affairs of the world, seeks knowledge from many sources of publication. And that there are various ways and different methods of reading such publications adopted by the individual members of the great body of people called the public. Many persons read books for the purpose of sustaining their own, to them, settled views; and take only such matter that can, standing by itself alone, be used by them to confirm their own acquired principles and doctrines. They are the one idea, the prejudiced people. It is almost an useless undertaking to present to them new and different propositions of thought and practice. The old principles established in the economic relations of peoples and nations, adopted in an earlier age for the purpose of sustaining royalty and the favored classes, and the old methods of conducting the active affairs of the world in such support, however unsatisfactory to the greater mass of the people, are still good enough for such readers of books.

Then there are many others who read books to criticize for personal ends. These condemn everything that does not coincide with their views, and sustain them in their theories and general practice. These readers misconstrue and apply every passage, clause and phrase found that can by perversion be in any manner adapted for the support of their own contentions, but leave out of the consideration the substance that such passages, clauses and phrases support and sustain in the connection in which they are made and intended to apply. They are the perverters of other men's thoughts and expressions. They are the ones who read into other men's remarks and sayings things not found and that exist only in the imagination of the perverter.

Nevertheless, some few read books for the knowledge contained in them. Such readers disregard their own personal opinions, carefully consider the subject matter and weigh thoughtfully and without prejudice every important topic with its statements of facts and its sustaining discussions and reasonable deductions. Such readers are the real progressive people, for they invariably gather and store up for future use and development something new to them out of every worthy publication. Some new light is let into their vision. They gather knowledge from every source. Their conception of things is in this manner enlarged and their efforts to grasp and comprehend the greater affair of life's pursuits very considerably broadened. They reach out after greater truths and exercise them in practical life to a greater advantage and in so doing continually make advances in their investigations and thereby attain higher planes of active service in the world and accomplish greater results for mankind. They are the true leaders, the salt of the earth.

It is urged then in reading these articles upon each one and all to lay aside at least for the time being all previously formed views of the subject treated and give without prejudice a careful and candid reading of the entire work as it appears in this paper from week to week. And, if convinced, that the views in them expressed represent to any considerable degree the true ideas of a desirable as well as a practical method of conducting the affairs of a liberty loving people, and that such methods are actually conducive to the improvement of man's welfare and to the introduction and the establishment of a more equitable condition in the world's active affairs then

and in that case I beseech you in the name and in the interest of humanity to join in the great educational work here undertaken and presented. You will by so doing, render indispensable assistance in raising and advancing the human family to a higher and nobler sphere of activity in the affairs of the world; and thereby in a measure accomplish the intended object and purpose of these articles.

We are living in an age of books. We could with good grace call it the book age. It is not only a book age, but it is also a practical age. And while one would call it a book age, another would call it the age of steam, another the electric age, another the age of steel, another the railroad age, another the age of finance or the financial age, the age of combinations, the age of great achievements and so on through a long list of unnamed appellations.

The truth is, we are living in a grand and wonderful age. It is wonderful in its vast combined energy. It is grand in its great achievements. It is sublime in its tremendous activity. It may be summed up as that great harvest day of the ages of recorded revelation. If so, the great day of judgment will soon be ushered in, in its most dreadful and fearful aspect, and close the passing age with all the present systems and methods of active operations in the affairs of man. The early dawn already glimmers with many features indicative of the day.

A great judgment to many is, even now, already upon us. Men are elated with published approval, and even of approbation, for things they have accomplished, or supposed to have accomplished. And they are sorely tried, perplexed, and made faint at heart because of published disapproval and condemnation made public from one end of the world to the other. What more terrible judgment can be expected? Will it be in the passing away of the present social and religious, industrial and financial, national and governmental systems? In all probability it will.

Among the many and vast number of other articles written and published and cast upon the sea of humanity like bread upon the waters, this work is written for a special purpose. Notwithstanding the many achievements of the age in which we live and have a being, and though the nations are in a state of terrible strife the peoples of all the great civilized countries are disquiet, unrestful and dissatisfied.

There are substantial reasons for this condition. Many questions and subjects are unsolved. Questions that concern and affect the people. It is because of the failure to solve these questions in behalf of humanity that the people are so dissatisfied. And they will continue to remain dissatisfied until the world takes up such unsolved questions and so solves them as to produce a more equitable condition for mankind.

Many causes have been assigned for this condition among the people, and many remedies proposed and applied without avail; for the reason that no one has yet recognized the real fundamental and prevailing cause. And until the cause is discovered and fully recognized no one can apply the actually required remedies needed for a cure.

But in order to make the subject clear and point out the remedy it will require a full, complete, besides an extensive treatment and discussion of all the great problems involved, and also the causes that have led to, and produced, the problems.

I fully realize that in entering upon the production of a work of the kind I am assuming is a great undertaking. But I have for many years been giving the subject much thought and careful analysis; and have had, for a long time, strong impressions, urging me to take up the task. I am, however, convinced that no short newspaper, or magazine article will make more than a temporary impression. And, consequently, in order to produce a convincing work all the problems involved must, necessarily, be extensively, though perhaps not exhaustively, traced and discussed, not in support of any known school, or class, or

party theory and practice, but from an independent point of view.

However, if any author, any school, any class, or any party find upon reading any matter in the work here produced that is in harmony with, or that favors, or supports, their views and confirms them in their position, it is my hope and confidential wish and desire that the work here presented will in a measure assist them to a more complete understanding of the subject, and to a more perfect and systematic application of their conclusions.

Many good people have as the centuries pass by, seen and realized that mankind is laboring under many unnatural, unreasonable and unbearable burdens and conditions. And such people have made individual efforts to solve the difficulties and exercise an influence to improve the situation. Some of these efforts, no doubt, have left upon the world lasting impressions which, at the appointed time, will manifest themselves in things accomplished.

There are many noble people and grand characters who are, even now, making strenuous efforts to improve and better man's earthly conditions. But, while they make favorable impressions upon many minds, they fail to convince the multitude; for the reason that they do not fathom to the bottom of the questions involved. They do not cut down to the root of the diseases that actually affect the body politic in all its parts. Their efforts, resulting from existing theories and practice in the active affairs of the world, are devoted to the surface conditions.

But the false, the defective, the imperfect theories that have been almost universally accepted and relied upon in practice escape their notice and consideration. Consequently the results of man's efforts thus far attained, the defects in his methods of procedure, and the burdens he endures, still remain to disturb, perplex and hamper his every effort. The fundamental errors man has fallen into remain undetected. It is for the purpose of discovering some of these errors, some of these defects, and point out in a manner, methods of action that will in a measure overcome and remove, that this work is undertaken and given to the public.

And now, in closing this article, I desire to, and take pleasure in, expressing my gratitude to friends for the many encouraging comments made from time to time as the work has progressed. It certainly will please and encourage me, if the work is as favorably received by the public as the comments and remarks of my friends indicate its value and worth.

(To be Continued)

John W. Johnson, an ex-slave, who resided in Brooklyn, N. Y., is dead and his friends say he was 116 years of age.

Nine colored school children were instantly killed at Nashville, N. C., as a result of a fire in a school building.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF Washington for the County of King.—In Probate.
In the Matter of the Guardianship of Clarence Haydon, Irene Haydon and Richard Haydon, Minors.—
No. 9188. Order to Show Cause on Sale of Real Estate.

E. C. Haydon, the guardian of the said minors, having filed his petition in this court, duly verified, praying for an order of this court for the sale of real estate of which the said minors are seized, for the purposes therein set forth,

And it appearing to the court from said petition that the personal estate of the said minors in the hands of said guardian is not sufficient to pay the claims against the said estate and the expenses of the administration thereof, and that it is necessary to sell all or a portion of the said real estate of the said minors to pay the said claims and expenses of the administration. And it appearing to the court that said petition conforms to, and is in accordance with, the requirements of law in such case made and provided. It is ordered by the court that all persons interested in the estate of the said minors appear before said Superior Court on the 10th day of December, 1917, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day at the court room of the Probate Department of said Superior Court, in the City of Seattle, in said King County, then and there to show cause, if any they have, why an order of this court should not be granted to said guardian authorizing and empowering him to sell the said real estate of said minors, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the aforesaid claims and expenses of administration.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order to show cause be published at least four successive weeks before the said 10th day of December, 1917, in *Cayton's Weekly*, a newspaper printed and published in said County of King and of general circulation therein.

Done in open court this 13th day of October, 1917.

KENNETH MACKINTOSH,
Nov. 17.—Dec. 8, 1917.

Judge.