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What a world of extremes this is, to be sure! Did you ever notice how prone mankind is to reactions of all sorts? Reactions in opinions. Reactions in estimates of public men. Reactions in moods and in fashions. The further the pendulum swings one way the further it must go the other. Just let an individual or a nation be sufficiently badly trampled upon—however much it may have been deserved—a reaction in public opinion sets in—a revulsion of feeling takes place. Let a criminal, however vile his crime, be hunted, scourged and dogged with downcast head beneath the shadow of the gallows, and like a doomed rat gazed upon by curious eyes, queried, tortured, made to show his paces, described, mocked, torn with shame, until with self loathing and the execration of his kind he longs for any death. It is then that the pitying eye of sympathy, looking beneath the outward calm, sees the suffering and for the time forgets its tragic source."

It is a beautiful trait of human nature, and by its influence (ultimately) extremes are avoided, for do but note, after the reaction has set in and run its course the happy medium is reached. "And earthly power doth then show likest God's when mercy seasons justice.

For nearly a century Napoleon Bonaparte has been vilified, execrated. The fear and hatred of him in the nations of the earth have descended from father to son for three generations, so that no correct estimate of him as a man has ever been reached. Just now a reaction has set in. We are surfeited with Napoleonic literature. Made to see him as the lonely poverty-stricken school boy in a foreign land, gazed upon by his mates because of his poverty and the degradation of his passionately loved Corsica, yet even then commanding respect by his genius and prowess. As a youth at military college, harassed with the responsibilities of his father's family and the trouble of keeping the wolf from the door. When we read all this we say, "Yes, it was only poetic justice that he should be at the age of thirty the arbiter of the fate of kings." And when at last we see him at Inly St. Helena—his prodigious genius, like Prometheus chained to a rock for the vultures of acerbity, malice, and malignity to peck at—the pendulum swings a long way to the side of hero-worship. It will perhaps require another century to get a proper perspective for this gigantic figure—to see it in its proper proportions as neither a demon nor a demigod. In this connection the historians are telling a curious coincidence which was at first overlooked, but has since been verified beyond all possible doubt. The very last words on Napoleon's last exile at school are "St. Helena, little isle."

How often has the historian been obliged to note that side by side with a cast from theology is moral laxity and a bald scolding.

Human nature revolting against a rigid asceticism, plunges into a self-indulgent epicurism. Unnatural repression is followed by unexpected outbreaks just as surely as the boiling lava impudently within the earth, finds its appalling outlet by way of those safety valves, volcanoes. I believe that the hard, colorlessness, the monotony of the drudgery of country life, the lack of interest, lack of reading matter and lack of beauty are prime factors in promoting the peculiar vices and the insanity for which the rural communities are noted. Yes, onus is at the root of it all. The revolt against the grey of life, the longing for some of the red. The method may be all wrong, but the impulse is right.

Mothers, try to introduce some color and beauty into the lives of your children, encourage sentiment and imagination, live on a higher plane yourselves. There is no surer means of reaching that atmosphere than by the ministry of books, and if you have no books there is a Mechanics' Institute here where you may have as many books as you and your family can possibly read in a year for \$1. If you do not heed these things, no matter how rigidly

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