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Current Autobiography

One of the most interesting elements in contemporaneous literature is the autobiography which has been and is being published. The American and the British mind, too, is acquiring something of that character which has so long made French memoirs...

The French temperament, long ago enabled the French to write memoirs and autobiographies in which this artificial alteration of elements was absent, and so we have for a long time had delightful works of that kind...

But the Anglo-Saxon mind is beginning to grasp that quality now and we are beginning to see it in some of the autobiographies which are now being published. Although this was not the distinguishing character of the two volume autobiography of Andrew D. White...

In the autobiography of Alfred Russell Wallace, the co-discoverer with Darwin of the principle of the origin of species, and like Darwin a naturalist of the greatest attainments and industry, this quality of unconscious simplicity appears, and adds a charm to a work, which as an account of the life of one of earth's greatest natures, would be of the highest value if it did not contain it.

Mark Twain has touched on one phase of this quality in his own autobiography, which is now beginning in the North American Review. This autobiography promises to be one of the most interesting things this wonderful writer has ever given out...

Moreover, this autobiography of mine does not select from my life its showy episodes but deals mainly in the common experiences which go to make up the life of the average human being...

A School of Experience

The inauguration of Gen. James F. Smith as Governor General of the Philippines calls attention to the extremely wise system that has been followed there in the selection and training of executives for that archipelago. When by the treaty of Paris the Philippines became a possession of the United States, there was thrust upon the American people, aside from the constitutional questions involved which could only be settled by the Supreme Court, entirely new questions in administration...

Races there had been, and tongues, and religions in plenty, in the United States. But they were all subsidiary, from an administrative standpoint, to customs and systems of government which were so familiar to the great body of the people as to be almost automatic in their action. The system and environment was American; the race, the tongue, the religion, was represented chiefly in the individual. It was the individual who was obliged to fit himself to the system and environment.

But in the Philippines there was something altogether different. Here the system had to be adapted to the conditions and to the people. In truth, though in America we did not like to use such harsh terms in expressing it, an alien yoke had to be fitted to the Philippine people, and in fitting the yoke and training the necks to bear it, there was call for the highest ability and the greatest skill of the administrator. But the country had no set of men trained by experience for the work. In the very beginnings, at the time when the greatest ability and the best experience was necessary, there was no experience to draw on. Ability alone, and ability proved along altogether different lines had to be entrusted with the work. In the selection of the man for the work, great acumen was undoubtedly displayed, and great good fortune was experienced. Taft was in all likelihood the best man that could have been selected for the work. But because his selection proved a happy one, gave no ground for expecting that other selections in the same haphazard way and independent of experience, would prove so happy. Hence one of the first things attempted was to plan to secure a body of experienced men upon whom to draw. The Philippine Commission and the higher civil service of the Philippines was made the school of experience in which to train and from which to draw administrators for this new and difficult duty.

The results have been satisfactory and have reflected great credit on the appointing power. Not all of the men who have sat upon the Philippine Commission have been called to the chief administration of the islands. Two of the original commission failed of higher appointment. But as vacancies occurred on the commission other men drawn from the civil service of the islands were appointed to it, and from the Commission all the governor generals after Taft have been drawn.

Following Taft, Luke Wright was appointed, and following Wright, who was promoted to what is considered an office of more dignity, that of Ambassador to Japan, Ide, who had had experience in Samoa, was appointed. And now, following Ide, Smith, who had first military, and then judicial, and then administrative experience in the Philippine has been appointed.

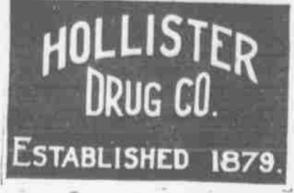
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the fact that not all of these men have always been of the same party politics as the President who appointed them. Wright and Smith were originally Democrats though their allegiance to the Democratic party had been undermined by political conditions that arose long before their appointment to Philippine positions.

There has thus been developed what seems likely to result in an efficient means of giving special and needful training for administration in this one of our possessions.

The whole community congratulates "Mother" Rice on this the anniversary of her birth, recognizing the great services she has rendered Hawaii during her long life in these islands.

Wait till Abe Loulsson gets after Dr. Olsson-Seffer, and then see what the doctor has to say about whether this is a coffee country or not.

The country districts are to have a real treat. The Republican candidates have started on the grand tour of the other side of the island.

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