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## A PHRENOLOGIST'S STUDY OF SUSAN B. ANTHONY.



THE cause of Woman-Suffrage, which is a topic of very lively interest in several States just now, has, for many years, been closely identified, in the United States, with the name of Susan B. Anthony. Here is a study of her character, a "phrenograph," made by Edgar C. Beall, M.D., which appears in *The Phrenological Journal* for June:

"Susan B. Anthony has not only a striking and impressive physique; she is both strong and fine. Her temperament would have been called by the old writers the bilious-nervous, now usually termed the motive-mental. Her hair is dark, but soft and fine; her eyes are blue, and her skin is almost as firm and smooth as ivory. The convolutions of the brain must be remarkable for multiplicity and depth. There is that peculiar tension of the scalp, and that subtle, magnetic emanation, by which the experienced examiner recognizes a high order of cerebral power and activity. The size of the head, however, if taken alone, would convey a very imperfect notion of its value. The glabello-occipital circumference is only twenty-one and one-quarter inches, so that the coronal developments and relative proportions of the whole head must be especially studied.

"This is a brain in which there is no waste—no superfluous expenditure. This is a woman with a purpose from which she never swerves. Music, 'with its voluptuous swell,' cannot allure her from her toil. And the arrows of Cupid, which pierce the armor of Earth's mightiest warriors, fall harmlessly at her feet.

"The signs of connubial sentiment are wanting in the lower back head, in the eye, and in the center of the upper lip. Her mouth is set and firm. Its lines are as free of warp and flexion as the strong, courageous words she has uttered so many years.

"She is profoundly patriotic, but her attachment to particular geographical spots within the limits of her native land is not so marked. Her social feelings and affections in general are latent, rather than active, or exercised more in the abstract than in the concrete. This is true even of the maternal instinct, which exhibits a very considerable development under the 'Grecian knot' at the back of her head. She will feel a mother's love and solicitude for the whole race, but will not directly share the joys and sorrows of little children. She will wish them all happiness, and will throw both fruits and flowers in their way, but without wait-



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ing to see them eat the one or wear the other. This is due in part to her temperament, which produces a degree of seriousness and dignity somewhat incompatible with the plasticity and playfulness of the infantile character. This phase of negativity or inactivity of maternal love is also indicated by the absence of that graceful little curve or scallop near the outer corner of the upper lip, which is characteristic of the typical feminine mouth."

A very emphatic criticism of Miss Anthony, by another prominent woman-suffragist, Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, appears in *The Voice* (Prohibition), of recent date. The occasion that seems to call out the criticism is the instructions which Miss Anthony is said to have issued in the New York campaign, that those getting up the county conventions "should allow as little prominence to the churches and White Ribboners as possible, and all avowed Prohibitionists should be tabooed." Mrs. Gougar, who is both a White Ribboner and a Prohibitionist, says:

"I have watched with intense interest the work done by Susan B. Anthony and her co-laborers in the series of suffrage-conventions recently held throughout every county in the State of New York. I have regretted, more than words can tell, the lack of moral enthusiasm and the general lameness of these conventions; but have not been surprised that such has been the case. All honor to Susan B. Anthony as an agitator; but more than this is needed in these later days of reforms. All these years, Miss Anthony has 'agitated,' but she has been a woful failure as an organizer, as the paucity of members in the National American Woman-Suffrage Association makes ample proof. She has always been more successful in driving people out of the organization than in bringing all together for common effort. . . .

"Susan B. Anthony has never won a victory for Woman-Suffrage. At her instance, not a single law has ever been adopted, and every amendment proposed to every State Constitution in which she has assumed the leadership has been overwhelmingly defeated. Until she retires upon the well-earned honor of standing steadfastly for a principle, and gives the reins of management in these piping days of reform to younger women, those most active in the reforms which people believe depend upon woman's ballot for accomplishment, every Woman-Suffrage measure espoused by her, upon the demand that reformers and church-people be ignored as far as possible, will meet with crushing defeat.

"She has tabooed the only worthy soldiers, those who never falter in the hour of desperate struggle."

