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CRITICISING THE KAISER

BERLIN, Dec. 23 (Special)—Although much greater liberty exists in Germany than was the case ten or even five years ago as to what may be written and published concerning the German Emperor, no little surprise has been caused by the publication of several decidedly outspoken letters of his authorship in a biographical work just issued in anticipation of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his Majesty's accession, which is to be celebrated next year.

One of the letters is remarkable not only on account of the very plain-spoken style in which it is drafted, but probably much more on account of the attack that it contains on an important part of the German educational system. The Emperor criticizes the German "Gymnasium" with a spirit and independence not often met with in the more modern pronouncements of Germans of authority on German institutions of today. He also appears in the light of a precursor in condemning the long hours and pettyfoggish and pedantic spirit of the classical education as it is generally administered in Germany. As was stated some time ago, the number of suicides of schoolboys continues to increase, and this fact, which forms one of the questions of the day, is universally attributed in a large degree to the strenuousness of the schoolboy life.

The following is the most remarkable passage in the letter referred to: "So at last someone has been found who is willing to take an energetic stand against the most fossilized of all systems; a system that is calculated to destroy all spirit in the scholar. I am fortunate enough to have been able to convince myself of its harmful working on the youth of the land, by two and a half years' experience of it myself. Of the twenty-one scholars in our class, nineteen wore glasses, and three of these had to wear an extra pair when they went to the black-board. Homer, the master of the poets, Horace, Demosthenes, whose speeches should inspire everyone who reads them—how were they interpreted? With spirit and enlightenment? Far from it. With the scapular of the grammarian and the fanaticism of the philologist every syllable was dissected and examined until one had quite lost the wish to look for the real contents. One could weep over it.

"What trouble the Greek and Latin essays cost us, and what nonsense they were! And the results! If one had read Horace all his spirit disappeared through the very terror of the mind. May we be freed from such stupidities! A war to the knife on such education! The only result of such methods is that the youth of today learn the grammar and syntax of Greek better than the Greeks learned it themselves, and that they know the generals and battles of the Dnieper wars, and even the positions of the troops, but know nothing about the battle of the Seven Years War, not to mention the campaign of 1866 and 1870."

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CELEBRATED LIBEL ACTION

MADRID, Dec. 23 (Special)—The judges of the Supreme Courts have delivered sentence, confirming the finding of the lower Courts in the cause celebre of Mosso v. "El Liberal." The case was a libel action, and Senorita Mosso sued the editor of "El Liberal," Don Alfredo Vincente, for \$30,000. The "Liberal" had stated that Miss Mosso had been betrayed by a Roman Catholic priest, and as the newspaper several times refused to publish a correction Senorita Mosso, acting upon the best legal advice, decided to bring an action for libel against "El Liberal."

The sentence is an extremely important one for Spanish social life, because it establishes a fresh principle in jurisprudence. Up to the present the Spanish Courts had refused to recognize the principal that moral damage for libel or slander could be assessed materially. A law exists, however, which fully recognizes this and Senor la Cierva advised Senorita Mosso, under the terms of the said law, to bring a libel action against "El Liberal."

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