

It should [illegible] have a distinct influence in your character, while that portion joining Cautiousness is defective. Hence your regard for human law and the consequences of conduct is less active which may sometimes manifest itself in want of circumspection as seen by others. Now law is law to you unless sanctioned by the intellect and in harmony with moral obligation.

Hope is full and has a sustaining influence on your mind, tho' you are not particularly elated by enthusiasm and extravagant expectations of success, still are not easily discouraged and have a disposition to regard things in favorable more than a discouraging light. Veneration and Marvelousness are also average and their influence would be comparatively small and guided mostly by other faculties. Veneration as manifested toward intellect and superior merit has a fair influence over your character and conduct but as giving deference for mere opinions forms and customs as such is not distinct. Whatever others value as superior is no criterion to you. Faith is weak when compared with your reason. You are governed by what you can understand and comprehend, more than by faith. Benevolence is large, you are naturally kind, humane, generous in your feelings, anxious for the good of society, delight in rendering service and promoting the happiness of others. This is the strongest and most influential impulse in your moral nature. Your mechanical capacity is good, particularly in contriving ways and means to secure ends, also your sense of the beautiful, poetical, and love of the sublime in nature and oratory.

You have uncommon power to [isolate?] and conform. You are not noted for your power to apply thoughts and make it tangible and practical. Larger Comparison would give more power of analysis and ability to apply principles to everyday life, you would than more readily see the affinities between principles and the wants of mankind. You have a good degree of suavity of manner and youthfulness of mind and prefer younger society rather than older. But the organ of Intuition is not particularly large, still owing to the strength and vigor of your intellect you may readily see the motives of others but this state of mind is not the result of copious, can write better than speak, are decidedly fond of music, appreciate good [tones?] have good memory of time and events, excellent memory of places are ["not" scratched out] naturally systematic, fond of order quite inclined to arrange and systemize your thoughts, are very much annoyed at a want of system and method in business. Capacity in figures is good, you might excel in mathematics and the study of Languages, have a good mechanical eye, are a good judge of proportions forms and outlines but are not as ready in seeing adaptations of things, are more given to thought and investigation than to observation.

Reported phrenologically by E.S.Stark.

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Have You Had Your Head Read? Read Elizabeth Cady Stanton's Phrenological Report



Phrenological Character of Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Given at Seneca Falls by E.S Stark, January 10th, 1853

Mrs. Elizabeth Stanton,

You have a predominance of the vital and mental temperaments with a full degree of the motive but the last is not sustaining in its influence, the vital having the ascendancy and not being abused. Your life principle is ample and health perfect; few persons have a better organization for longevity. You derive the tone of your mind and constitution from your mother hence partake of the nature of the Livingston family rather than that of your father. You have a plump round form fair complexion and amiable expression.

Your brain is above the common size, large at the base, occipital and frontal regions. Some faculties are quite large, while others are inferior in strength and influence.

All the social faculties are large with large combativeness, destructiveness, alim-entiveness, firmness, Benev [olent] Con-struct [tiveness]; and several of the intellectual organs. You are characterized for the follow- ing traits.

First, are warm hearted, capable of enjoying the society of your friends much are greatly attached to your kin and find it especially difficult to give up those whom you have loved, enjoy the society of gentlemen, are not cold hearted toward them and under favorable circumstance are ready to respond to the expressions of sympathy and affection from them, are better adapted to the business and subjects of conversation peculiar to men than those of women, are capable of enjoy- ing the connubial relation in high degree, are very fond of children, well qualified to

sympathize with them in their helplessness. Attachment to place is also strong. You are fond of home and its associations, still would enjoy traveling by way of gratifying other faculties.

You lack continuity of mind and close application to some things, find it difficult to attend to details either in business or in thought; prefer to have your mind occupied with things that are extensive and compre- hensive in their nature. Your thoughts and feelings are more intense and vivid than pro- longed and connected. Love of life is strong. You have great desire to live and enjoy the pleasure of life. Your large Combat[iveness] and Destruct[iveness] joined with your vital temperament give an unusual degree of force, energy, and executiveness of mind. You never stop at trifles, are much more inclined to labor where there are severe difficulties to overcome than to walk in the smoother paths of life, are full of resolution and have a daring spirit and when provoked are capable of being decidedly indignant. Your feelings are not of a tame, quiet class. You are capable of being very sarcastic, vig- orous in your style of conversation or writing and at times are not sufficiently gentle and easy in your manners. Appetite is strong and digestion good, none better. Your desire for gain is comparatively good, but owing to the combination of your faculties you are not naturally qualified to attend to the details of business or to make it a special matter of effort to economize but you prefer to live as you go along and have what you like.

Secret[iveness] and Caut[iousness] are rather wanting, hence with so much pro- pelling and executive power are liable to act from the impulse of the moment and exhibit a boldness and energy of character, that the

occasion does not warrant. You are afraid of nothing, are not retrained from action or speaking through fear of consequences. You show your character just as it is, hence have more individuality and positiveness than females generally. You are no hypo- crite, tho' you may not always express in words the depths of your feelings. You detest nothing so much as underhanded means and do not as many do take ad- vantage of circumstances to show off and would not be likely to exhibit those qualities of love or make that display in the manifestation of agreeable qualities neces- sary to attract attention. Approbativeness is rather prominent but its function joined with self-esteem in your case is rather to give sense of character, independence of thought and moral courage than love of show and display or desire for attention and flattery. You are not naturally digni- fied, have not the feeling of self-love, are not devoted to yourself, care more to exert a moral and intellectual influence on society than to put yourself forward as an object of attraction.

Your energy of character might so manifest itself that you would get the credit of being proud and haughty but in reality you are not so, indeed are at times wanting in true pride and self-love. You have remarkable Firmness and persever- ance when you have laid out your plans and taken your position. You are not to be driven from your purposes or pre- vented from consummating your designs. Your moral brain is unevenly developed. Conscien[tiousness] as connected with Firmness is fully developed and its mani- festations are particularly seen with refer- ence to the "Higher Law".



Elizabeth Cady Stanton with her daughter, Harriet in 1856.