

Passage

Besant describing the middle class of the 19th century wrote " In the first place it was for more a class apart. "In no sense did it belong to society. Men in professions of any kind (except in the Army and Navy) could only belong to society by right of birth and family connections; men in trade—bankers were still accounted tradesmen—could not possibly belong to society. That is to say, if they went to live in the country they were not called upon by the county families and in the town they were not admitted by the men into their clubs or by ladies into their houses... The middle class knew its own place, respected it, made its own society for itself, and cheerfully accorded to rank the deference due."

Since then, however, the life of the middle classes had undergone great changes as their numbers had swelled and their influence had increased.

Their already well –developed consciousness of their own importance had deepened. More critical than they had been in the past of certain aspects of aristocratic life, they were also more concerned with the plight of the poor and the importance of their own values of society, thrift, hard work, and respectability as examples of ideal behavior for the guidance of the lower orders. Above all they were respectable. There were divergences of opinion as to what exactly was respectable and what was not. There were, nevertheless, certain conventions, which were universally recognized: wild and drunker behaviors were certainly not respectable, nor were godlessness or avert promiscuity, not an ill-ordered home life, unconventional manners, self-indulgence or flamboyant clothes and personal adornments.

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Emergence of middle class

During nineteenth century, middle class was not considered as a part of society. Even the professional were not admitted. They were not recognized by their county families in town. Despite this social discrimination, they lived happily and respect it. However when with the increased in their influence, their population increased as well. They already well developed and ~~more~~ ~~concerns~~ became more concerned about the condition of poor, ~~and~~ economic betterment, work hard and piety that are help full for guiding the poor. Apart from respectability, they have diversity of opinion about ethical and ethical way of life.