

ness and receptiveness which fit him today for a development more rapid than the world has ever witnessed. He stands out before the world today a creature wonderfully interesting in his possibilities for development, and wonderfully pathetic and appealing in his lack of opportunities.

His intellect has never been weakened by wines or dissipating narcotics; his perceptions have never been dulled by the glitter and glare and rush of a money-mad world, and his blood has never been infused with the sluggish, impure blood of alien races. When opportunities are added commensurate with these natural advantages, a new and distinct and powerful type of citizen will enter the arena of America's activities and America's achievements, to measure his abilities against those who have inherited generations of culture, and to add his quota of greatness and usefulness to the nation's citizenship.

An analysis of the character of an individual may guide us in determining his worthiness, his needs and his possibilities. Heredity, that powerful agent which, though it may not fix a destiny against all environment, may invest a character with such qualities of true greatness as will forbid contentment with an inferior sphere, has lavished upon the mountain child qualities of honesty, pride, originality, ambition, loyalty and reverence.

Honesty is one of the most pronounced characteristics of the mountain child. His contempt for dishonesty, in any form, is always strongly manifested. The boy who cheats in a mountain school is promptly banished from the playground, an outcast from the associations and good offices of his fellows; while the one who fights and conquers is eulogized and worshipped as a hero. And when the mountain boy becomes a mountain man, it is because of this same overwhelming contempt for dishonesty that he has earned the reputation as juror for sending to the penitentiary the man who has stolen a hog, while he oftentimes exonerates the one who has taken human life. Locks and keys are superfluous attachments on the doors of mountain homes. Public sentiment is sufficiently strong to bar all attempt at theft, and robbery is, in that country, a thing unknown. The mountain child, backed by generations of honest men and women and having the abomination for dishonesty so strongly inbred, absolutely will not compromise with it in