

features of life and character that are common to the whole society that the country has produced, wholly admirable in themselves.

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First of all there is *the Scotchman's passion for education*. Scotland has always been, relatively, a poor country. The richness of the Highlands lies in natural beauty, not in any agriculture or mineral resources. The Valley of the Clyde has great wealth in coal and iron. The ships, and the commerce carried by ships, have made of Glasgow a very rich city. Edinburgh, as the capital of the country, has drawn to itself the literary and legal and professional interest, and Dundee has become rich through its commerce with India. But, generally speaking, wealth is rare, and income is small. This general need for carefulness, however, has not meant any stinting of the things of the mind. It has been a poverty not associated with any servility of disposition. The man has been as good as his master, and "A man's a man for a' that" is even truer of Scotland than it is of many a democracy which with more confidence expresses its principles before your eyes. Wherever there is genuine intellectual ability the Scotchman is ready to recognize it and to give it its due place, apart altogether from the question of wealth. The position, for instance, of the University Professor in Scotland is as high as any in the land. He is not a rich man, and he may not always be an agreeable man, but his attainments have given him the place he holds, and the consideration he meets with is due to the belief that he stands for learning generally. The circles of learning and of commerce and agriculture have been kept close together by the desire in every household to have at least one of its members college-bred. You remember the immortal passage in Carlyle's "Reminiscences," where he describes the long walk from the Border to Edinburgh in the early days of his student life there. Go where you will in Scotland you will find the cottage inhabited by those who have a son or a brother somewhere in the high places of the intellectual field. I can think of one very old lady, whom I knew in Aberdeen, far