

drawn from a more select portion of the community than obtained in the other nationalities; still, in the absence of other data, we must admit that the evidence is in favor of Ireland as the best habitat for the development of the human frame; and as it is generally conceded that it is the poorer country in wealth, and even in soil, perhaps the climate is to be credited with the difference. Or, is poverty itself a cause of development?

Leaving this, for the present, insoluble problem, we may compare the city with the country. There is no doubt, in the view of any accurate observer, that the country is far more favorable to physical development than the town. One has only to take a survey of the youth born and brought up in the city, and those who have breathed the free air of the country, to come to this conclusion. The observation will hold good as to all towns, but more especially to those which are devoted to manufacture. It is sad to look at the miserable specimens of humanity which pour out of the large factories. We have made it a point to observe them coming forth from mills, and foundries, and machine shops in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Liverpool, Philadelphia, Boston, and even in St. John, and in every case, while there were very excellent specimens of strength and stature, they were, as a rule, far below the average. We have gone to the surrounding rural districts, and in most cases the inhabitants were above the average—in many places *far* above it. On the Saint John river, in many places, you will find the men all giants. “Do you grow any men here below six feet?” we asked of a hotel keeper, who was himself a giant and surrounded with a number of others equally big. “No Sir,” said he, “we wouldn’t think it worth our while.” The same reply would be given in very many districts of our country. Maine and Vermont would lead to the conclusion that somehow they got rid of all the dwarfs. It is true, however, that some districts of the country produce small specimens. The French districts will furnish instances. Whether it is the race that is to be credited with the size and strength in each case, may be a question; but then where shall we find any race hold out against the deteriorating influences of the pent-up city for any length of time? We are certain that a set of giants would soon find their progeny dwindle down in the smoke, and dust, and confinement of the factory system, wherever it obtains.

Nor is it in appearance alone that the people of the country