

Reviews

Heredity and Eugenics. A Course of Lectures Summarizing Recent Advances in Knowledge in Variation, Heredity and Evolution and Its Relation to Plant, Animal and Human Improvement and Welfare. By WILLIAM ERNEST CASTLE, JOHN MERLE COULTER, CHARLES BENEDICT DAVENPORT, EDWARD MURRAY EAST, WILLIAM LAWRENCE TOWER. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.

At a time when eugenics is commanding so much attention from scientists, the profession of medicine, legislators, educators, the press and educated people in general, this book cannot fail of a hearty reception. It embraces a course of lectures delivered during the summer of 1911, on heredity and allied topics, at the University of Chicago. To those interested in genetics the book will be found to give the latest and best information on the subject. To those who wish to learn something of this comparatively new science, close study will well repay them. The chapters are as follows: 1. Recent developments in heredity and evolution. 2. The physical basis of heredity and evolution from the cytological standpoint. 3. The method of evolution. 4. Heredity and sex. 5. Inheritance in the higher plants. 6. The application of biological principles to plant breeding. 7. Recent advances and the present state of knowledge concerning the modification of the germinal constitution of organisms by experimental processes. 8. The inheritance of physical and mental traits of man and their application to eugenics. 9. The geography of man in relation to eugenics.

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