

a heritage of ideas and ideals, embodied in prose and verse, in statue and painting, in cathedral and university, in tradition and convention, and above all in society itself."

The eugenist movement impresses on all classes the duties, the privileges, and the responsibilities of parenthood and endeavors to inculcate a loftier conception of the potentialities of human beings and to supply the race with nobler aspirations. It encourages the survival and the propagation of the fittest in all classes of society and seeks by various methods to prevent the unfit from propagating their kind. It aims to check degenerating tendencies, to supply more individuals of superior ability, and above all to increase the average ability of the masses and to raise the standard of productive efficiency. Its supreme aim is to improve the human race by improving the standard of parenthood. It recognizes that racial improvement depends upon individual improvement, and insists that the best way to improve the individual is to provide him with a good ancestry.

The science of eugenics rests on the theory that every child has an inalienable right to be well born. This is a high ideal and worthy of all admiration. But insuperable difficulties lie in the way of its attainment. As in working toward other high ideals, only a measure of success can be hoped for. The ideal itself is unattainable. In this case the magnitude of the problem can scarcely be estimated. Its solution would involve nothing less than a social revolution of world-wide proportions, that would of necessity extend over many generations. The improvement of the race from the eugenic point of view, or any other for that matter, is necessarily a slow process, but every effort in that direction is praiseworthy. For an individual to fail to work for the improvement of the race is to neglect one of his highest duties. To create a favorable public opinion and to stir the public conscience to the extent of compelling governments to enact and enforce such legislation as required to establish eugenic principles are serious problems. Furthermore, the deeply imbedded racial instincts and emotional forces tend to oppose and