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Mackenzie King resembles his father in physique and character and has made him an example of his way of living, taking over his concentration, education, and liberal-minded political activity, without resorting to the extremes of his maternal grandfather.

In a highly cultured home, the father, a man of broad sympathies and understanding, brought up his children to be tolerant and liberal-minded citizens. His portraits show a dignified counsellor. Showing me some books his father wrote, King laughingly pointed to a thick volume, "Law of Defamation", saying that "my father must have felt that some member of the family might some day be prominent in public life". Many books were read aloud of an evening in the home, and this is the way the levely portrait of King's mother, now in his library, came to be made.

When Mr. King showed me a row of books his grandfather, father, his brother and he himself had written, he murmured with the justifiable pride of an intellectual:
"We call this shelf, 'The Treasure of the Humble!".

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