

impression, but rather as Wood remarks ' "The uncouthness and wildness of their aspect is calculated at first to strike a stranger with dismay or repugnance." Upon closer examination, however, the forbidding exterior is largely lost sight of in view of their quiet demeanor and gentle though rude politeness which is so constantly manifested. In respect to external features, the Saghalians produce a really favorable impression which is in very marked contrast to the feelings developed by contact with a Yezoite. It is hardly to be doubted, however, that this arises largely from the fact that the former are usually cleanly in appearance, while the bodies of the latter look as if water had never come in contact with them.

The opinion is sometimes expressed that the Japanese are an offshoot of the Ainos, but a critical examination of the pure types would not permit such a belief to be entertained. There is an undoubted mixture of Japanese and Ainos, as invariably occurs along the border line of contact between two distinct people, and this half-breed type is as easily recognized in those parts of northern Japan where it chiefly occurs, as it is in our own Northwest. The Japanese, however, are unquestionably Mongoloid, while the facts here stated not only show the Ainos to be physically distinct, but the accounts given by our best authorities all agree in the great resemblance which they bear to Europeans,—the prevailing view being that they are distinctly Aryan.