

can guarantee a superior type of childhood. The eugenist has unbounded faith in the efficacy of good heredity.

The results of good and of bad heredity are evident in every community, but its influence is rarely traced far enough to impress parents generally with a due sense of its vital importance. But a study, for example, of the history of the known descendants of Johnathan Edwards and of such families as those known by the names of Jukes and Kallikak gives a fairly adequate idea of the bearing of heredity on the lives of future generations, and impresses every thoughtful reader in a forceful manner with the supreme importance both to the individual and the race of pure, normal ancestry.

Johnathan Edwards was well born. His was a noble ancestry. His known descendants have won both honour and distinction in nearly every department of public service and social progress. Their names are among the greatest of America's educators, business and professional men, students, inventors, and moral leaders. In the year 1900 the known descendants of Johnathan Edwards numbered 1,394. Of these, 295 were college graduates; 65 college professors; 60 prominent authors; 60 physicians; over 100 clergymen, missionaries, or theological professors; 13 college presidents; 30 judges; 100 lawyers; and many principals of schools. In addition one was Vice-President of the United States, and eight others held public offices of importance. States, cities, towns, educational institutions, banks, industrial enterprises, and railroads have all profited incalculably by the influences of their lives.

The Jukes furnish striking evidence of the results of low grade ancestry. "From one lazy vagabond, nicknamed Jukes, born in 1720, whose two sons married five degenerate sisters, six generations numbering about 1,200 persons of every grade of idleness, viciousness, lewdness, pauperism, disease, idiocy, insanity, and criminality, were traced. Of the total seven generations 300 died in infancy, 310 were professional paupers, 440 were physically wrecked by their own diseased wickedness, more than half the women fell into prostitution, 130 were convicted criminals, 60 were thieves, 7 were murder-