

The Inheritance of Qualities in Families lies at the basis of the Science of Eugenics, and though much is known about it a much fuller inquiry is urgently needed than has hitherto been possible. Goodness and badness of physique, constitution, and abilities are distributed in similar proportions among individuals in successive generations, but the chain-work of hereditary influences through which this is effected has been most inadequately recorded. The facts of Family Inheritance, being unregistered, fall readily into oblivion as generations pass by, and an enormous amount of valuable experience is thereby irrevocably lost. The object of the *Treasury* is to remedy, as far as lies in its power, this deplorable waste of opportunity.

If the *Treasury* prospers, as is hoped and expected, a vast amount of information will gradually be collected by its means, in a form suitable for analysis, that will enable more exact conclusions to be hereafter drawn and more emphatic advice to be given than is now possible.

In conclusion I may perhaps be permitted to express my own sincere gratification that the Eugenics Laboratory has already become so well equipped and conditioned as to undertake the publication of this large and important serial.

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