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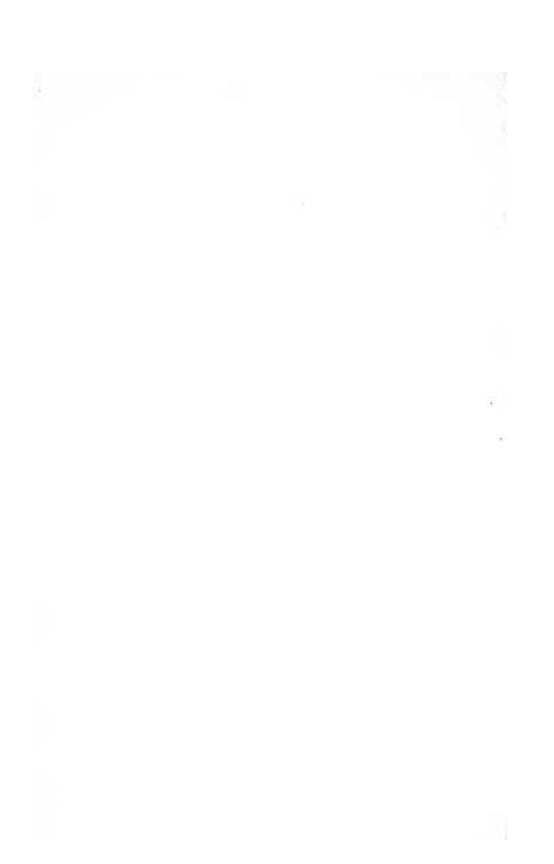
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PART I

CONGENITAL ENDOWMENT: ITS NATURE AND TREATMENT

CHAPTER I

HEREDITY

It has been reserved for our democratic generation to give a new life to the fast perishing faith in pedigrees.

It writes, it preaches, it talks, it thinks biologically; and with the result among others that the idea of Heredity is generally accepted.

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Thus rooted it has its applications, and of these there are at any rate two which intimately concern the making of character.

One is that the old familiar metaphor of the pure white sheet of paper, so often in times past invoked in the interests of educational responsibility, must now be decently and finally laid to rest. Psychology knows nothing of absolute beginnings. Everywhere its analysis strikes on existing preformations, and if the old metaphor is to survive at all, it must be by saying that the page of the youngest life is so far from being blank that it bears upon it characters in comparison with