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Differences Among People

It is remarkable what differences there are between among people.

I remember when I was in London meeting a man who was connected with the British and Bible Society. I had known this man in Berlin when I was preaching in the American church ~~there~~ there. He told me many interesting things of which I should make a memorandum at a later date. However, the thing that impressed me there when I lunch with him and his wife was that she asked me, "Which is better, to have lots of brains and not much will power, or lots of will power and not much ~~brains~~ brains?" I asked just what she meant, and she said she had two daughters, one of whom could learn lessons almost without effort, could stand at the top of ~~her~~ her class if she tried, but really didn't feel like bothering. The other one ~~worked~~ worked awfully hard but with all ~~her~~ her great efforts barely succeeded in getting by. To say that I had no doubt that it was by far more commendable to have the will power and push ahead and not even though one did not have the brains to accomplish much, but that as far as hope for the future was concerned, the hope was far greater in the case of the one who had the ability but did not stick at anything. There was always the possibility that this one might ~~become~~ become stimulated to exertion or moved by some strong feeling at some later time, to get busy and utilize the abilities that she had.

How strange it is that people have such varying abilities, What is the cause of the different abilities that people have? One undeniable source is heredity. Even if a child has never known its parents, people who knew the parents before the child was born can often see as the child matures the development of mannerisms and attitudes of thought which are very similar to those of one other parent. When one person has ability to master subjects ~~quickly~~ quickly or to work skillfully with his hands, without much training or practice, and another does not the conclusion is inescapable that heredity has played a great part. During the last century much has been learned about heredity. The(?) Mendelian principle of dominant and other recessive characteristics is now widely recognized. I do not know that it is possible