

ests, and only now is being subjected to supplying the wants and needs of modern civilisation. There the native American and the European immigrant had a common task, they became neighbors and friends, intermarriage was made easy, and the Teutonic and Celtic races, which in Europe had for centuries been developing separately and apart, were welded or fused racially as one people. Not only was the environment such as to amalgamate them physically but also to assimilate them politically and socially.

Not yet is this people of the great interior West ready to enter upon the stage to play its part. At the same time no one thing is more certain in the future of the United States than that along the banks of the great Father of Waters and its tributaries are to-day in the making the people destined to determine the American civilisation of the coming centuries. It is there among the native descendants of mixed Teutonic stock—the product of the crucible—that is to be fought out America's place in the progress of the human race. The historian of the future, coming to weigh in the balance of impartial judgment the evidence of centuries instead of decades, will find among the great facts contributing to the making of America this settlement of the West by the English, Irish, Welsh, Scotch, Norwegian, Dane, Swede, Swiss, Hollander, and Canadian. They settled there under conditions favourable