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A personal and Private Discussion of the Differences Among People with
Particular Attention to My Own Peculiarities

REcently I have given some thought to the differences in human beings as I have notic-ed them through the years, and particularly to the differences between other people and myself.

As a young boy I had very amicable relations with the other ~~many~~ boys in the neighborhood. _ We played together a great deal and were in and out of each other's houses. Yet it was not long before I realized that there were rather marked differences between ~~many~~ most of them and myself. My father was the We lived in a mining community. The people ~~with~~ officials and executives lived ^a in/special area some distance from us. IN our area the other people, aside from the Methodist minister next door, ~~and~~ the other people were mostly miners/ ~~soon~~ or sulfate workers.

~~or sulfate workers.~~ I Soon after I began to go to school I noticed a marked difference between ~~them and myself~~; ~~1~~ most of their children and myself. ~~They~~ Most of them professed that they hated school. Personally I liked it very much My marks were always near the top. The marking system at that time was "E" for "excellent," "G" for "good," "F" for ~~fair~~ "fair," and "P" for "poor." As soon as they ~~Soon~~ after we learned to read I noticed that I myself /was anxious to read anything I could get my hands on, while many of the other children considered reading as an unpleasant chore that had to be done in connection with their school work.

The difference between them and myself was not only one of not simply a matter of environment, though that doubtless entered in to some extent. My father was a physician and was constantly reading himself, not only books connected with his profession, but many others. My mother, from as early as I can remember my mother read and my aunt read stories to me. There were certainly differences that ~~we~~ went beyond this.

My sister was two and a half years younger than I. I do not remember her expressing liking or disliking for school, but I do know that my interest in