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Sometimes the temperament of the man and the temperament. . .

Sometimes the temperament of the man and the temperament of the environment fit into each other to such an extent that the environment may be said to be no less a parent of the man than his physical parents were. This was the case of Napoleon, who, being wholly Italian, was altogether French.

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