

failure. For this reason, if for no other, it is worth while to consider the question, and to examine the evidence which Mr. Heustis brings forward in support of his thesis. Perhaps we may find that the statement that white men cannot live in the sunny lands of the South is a hasty generalization, and it is possible that there may be other factors beside sunlight which render difficult the acclimatization of white men in warm countries.

Mr. Heustis in his paper uses the term white men rather vaguely, appearing in one part of his paper to limit the term to blond men, whom he contrasts with the little dark Italians. It is true that Dr. Baxter's statistics of the American civil war showed the inferiority of the blond-complexioned man for recruiting purposes, and a general impression prevails that phthisis is especially prevalent among light complexioned persons, but the statistics of other countries such as France, do not altogether bear out this view of the physical inferiority of the blond races and until we have more data we are not in a position to make dogmatic statements with regard to the relative healthiness or viability of the blond and dark varieties of the white races. The French recruiting statistics give no support to the theory of the increased vulnerability of the blond races, and in past times the tall blond dolichocephalic Norman and Kymric types were strong enough to drive out the dark brachy-cephalic Kelts from their homes and to force them to take refuge among the hills and heaths of their native country where their descendants are found to this day. We must have more data before we can accept the statement that the mortality of blond men has been much greater than that of dark whites in the United States, and that the former go down in competition with the latter, or become unproductive and leave no descendants. But whether this be so or not, both blond and dark are white men, i.e.: men who have no dark pigment developed in the deeper cells of the rete Malpighi, and together contrast with negroes and other-coloured men. The Aryan and Semetic divisions of the human race consist of white men, and allied with them are the yellow races, whose skins differ