

largely neutralized by a good personal record, the chief indication being the weight of the applicant.

Dr. J. E. Marsh has made this very clear in the table referred to, and from it he is led to the following striking conclusion :—

1. That the history of consumption in any member of the immediate family increases the probability of its appearance in an applicant.
2. That consumption in a brother or sister is at least of equal importance as when it has occurred in a parent,
3. That persons who are under the standard or average of weight are much more liable to consumption than those above this standard, while the peculiarity of constitution which is indicated by the inability to take and assimilate a proper amount of nutriment, indicated a susceptibility to phthisis, or at least is a reasonable suspicion of such predisposition.
4. That persons who exhibit a robust and well developed body have little susceptibility to consumption. That the personal conditions of weight and robustness has afforded more value than family history. The evidences presented by a well-developed body may outweigh the suspicion attached to an unfavorable family record.—*McPhail*.

It does not change the aspect of the question to say that the death of applicant's relatives was brought about by "consumption of alcohol." In fact, that makes the situation all the more serious, for here there is a double inherited tendency.

In connection with all conditions affecting "The Respiratory Tract," the applicant's occupation, his social and moral surroundings and his own habits of life have a most valuable bearing. There can be no question of doubt but that a well-regulated mind and body form a strong protection against an hereditary enemy. The same can be said, too, with regard to a purely acquired disease. If an applicant has suffered from, say, bronchitis, or pneumonia, or pleurisy, the conditions that govern his life, subsequent to these diseases, must certainly be taken into account. Those who live an out-door life, whose occupation affords them plenty of pure clear air and healthful exercise, certainly cannot be placed side by side with those who