

quicken. Stockmen, we know, pay fabulous sums to introduce *strange blood* when of the desired strain for pedigree (or interbred) stock have many weak points outside the specialties that have been developed. Reasoning on the facts thus referred to, all apparent discrepancies are explained and the necessity of complying with the Divine as well as social law that interdicts marriage with blood relations in the interest of healthy offspring.

A corollary to the preceding is self-evident. *Those inheriting a defective organization should be prevented from perpetuating it.*

The offspring has the right to demand from the parent "*mens sana in corpore sano*" a healthy mind in a healthy body and where the individuals fail society should protect the rights of its prospective members, and the the more so since these must depend on society for protection.

Passion, gain or sentiment is more likely to influence the conjugal relation than judgment or common sense.

We may briefly run over some of the lamentable results due to failure in observing the laws referred to. Crime is a heavy burthen on society, and the penal code is not only useless to remedy but even to alleviate it. Margaret, the mother of criminals in N. Y. State, a waif of negative character, gave origin to thousands of robberies, thefts, immoralities and murders and the expenditure of vast sums of money as well for supporting in prisons the horde of miscreants which would have failed to materialize had Margaret been properly cared for by society, and their end is not yet. Insanity is increasing, and why not? It is carefully nurtured, and if like produces like there are thousands of children growing up whose parents (many even on both sides) have been insane or with the hereditary taint. There are many congenital defects, but crime, idiocy and insanity are the most potent for ill in the culture of the race, and will society not interfere to protect its successors when they cannot help themselves? I know of no one more deserving of pity and none who have more bitterly bewailed the accident of their birth than those who suffer from the tyranny of a defective organization.

Allow me to present in a more definite manner this unfortunate social condition. We have about 1,500 to 2,000 insane in our province and there are hundreds of thousands in the most highly civilized countries similarly afflicted, a very large per centage of whom are immured in asylums, many for a great part and more for the whole of their active lives, at a very large and increasing cost to the communities.

These people are nearly all dependent on state aid, but the impoverished condition of them and their dependants is due to their affliction. In looking over the histories of the 2400 admissions to our own asylum, I could not find one who had not been self-supporting before his or her affliction.

These and the following facts are but rarely pondered on by thinkers or essayists, and there is no vivid consciousness that men and women of every grade of society, except the paupers and criminals, are immured in what to them is a prison, and all civil rights and personal freedom denied them, and as far as they can see, for no just cause. They never did any injury (except now and then in self-