

The mental affections, according to Dr. Burrows, reach a percentage of 84, due to hereditary influence.

Take, for instance, marriages of blood relations alone ;

M. Devay found out of 121 consanguine marriages that of the offspring 22 were sterile, 27 deformed and 2 deaf mutes.

Dr. Bemiss of Louisville investigated 34 marriages of this description with the following result: seven of the 34 were infertile. From the 27 fertile marriages 192 children were born ; of these 58 perished in infancy, or early life, of the 134 who reached maturity 46 appeared healthy, 32 deteriorated, 23 were scrofulous, 4 epileptic, 2 insane, 2 dumb, 2 blind, 4 imbecile, 2 deformed, 5 were albinos, 6 had defective vision, and 1 had chorea. The few remaining could not be traced,

The statistics of Dr. Howe, are still more appalling ; out of 95 children born of 17 marriages of consanguinity, 44 were found to be idiots, 12 scrofulous, 1 deaf, 1 a dwarf, and only 37 who enjoyed tolerable health.

Enough has been said to show the awful results of this discription of marriage, and add to them the marriage of persons who have a taint of disease, and we see that this subject alone touches the very foundation of a nation's prosperity and growth.

All these points must be made clear and plain, and become generally known, not only through our Medical press but by daily newspapers and other household periodicals. So that when we have drawn public attention to these matters, parents will see to the healthy marriage of their own children, by instilling into those of them who are at a marriageable age, the dire results of an injudicious connection.

Dr. Howard has so ably exposed the evils to our children of the present " high pressure " system of education that, to hear his arguments is to be convinced of their truth, the amelioration of the system, and an improvement in the present