

the number of widows and orphans, the more numerous the active and productive class, the more it diminishes the class of pure consumers..... It is evident from all we have here shown that the numerical increase of a race depends more on the conservation of those already born than in a great fecundity, with less conservation of the issue. The Jews have always taken every precaution to preserve the life of every individual born. The Mosaic laws prescribe most of these measures—even the construction of their houses, requiring balustrades about the roofs to keep children from falling from them. Ancient Rome, with all the jealous care she exercised in the conservation of her citizens, did not approach the excellence of the Mosaic dispensation in these matters. Jewish subjects would, therefore, appear to be much more advantageous risks for life companies than other races." Many of our readers probably learn for the first time the degree of their organic greatness, a treasure which posterity claims as its right to have transmitted to it, unimpaired as the present generation enjoys it. Few would have imagined how great and marked are the physical qualities of the race, yet few can doubt their existence when advanced upon the testimony of the army of independent philosophers whose genius, penetration, industry, and zeal here combine to raise the cloud which has shrouded from the eye of the Jew the rare qualities with which he is endowed. Apart altogether from any spiritual bearing the Jew is shown to possess grave and substantial reasons for guarding with wonted persistence and jealousy his pure inheritance from alloy. Dr. Hough has given as one of the causes of Jewish longevity the possession of two Sabbaths in seven days. With the loss of a sixth portion of time for work and study the Jew ought to be poorer and more ignorant than his neighbors. Yet the prizes in the race of life, as well as the prizes at school and college, fall at least as plentifully into the hands of the Jew as into those of his fellow-laborers. If, then, the additional rest gives additional life and health without the loss of wealth and knowledge, long may the Jew preserve his Sabbath with antique sanctity, even as a physical duty, as an offering to his advanced development, and long may the double Sabbath give greater "density" to his nerve, and help to maintain the vigor of his perfect organisation. Other suggestions are offered to account for the longevity and greater proportionate number in the Jewish population, such as the absence of dangerous occupations; but this explanation cannot be accepted in the face of statistics which indicate so great a saving of life in early childhood. The Jew knows no caste, he feels himself destined for a high place, and as soon as the incubus of poverty or intolerance is removed, rises with better fate to a higher grade, even as in many cases before