

It Is True That Drinkers Have Inferior Children

In an article in the January American Magazine entitled "Is It True?" appears the startling and convincing results of Karl Pearson's investigation of the families of drunkards and teetotalers made in the Galton Laboratory for Eugenics, at the University of London.

The author says that he was always taught that drunken parents apt to produce imperfect children. It was a surprise to him; probably it will be to most readers to find the following results.

"First, putting all ages together, they found that the average height of the children whose parents drank was 47.9 inches, and of non-drinking parents 47.5 inches. The average weight of the former was 55.0 lbs. and the latter 53.8 lbs.

"But the children whose parents drank averaged 9.8 years old, while the children of sober parents averaged 9.4 years. Making allowance for this correction by strict mathematical means, the conclusion was that the drinking of parents had no effect on their children. The old maxim of intimate household hygiene, 'Drink' ing stunts one's children, was shown to be devoid of foundation as far as material of this investigation was concerned.

"Second, as to the child's general health. Here the children were divided into four categories; the healthy, the delicate, the epileptic and phthisical, and those who died young.

"Surveying this table, it is really hard to say whether the connection lies between parental drinking and good health or bad health on the part of the children. Clearly there is

no significant association either way.

"Third, concerning intelligence. Of all things that we have been accustomed to assume as likely, one of the former is that parental drinking weakens children's wits.

"But it was distinctly untrue of these English school children; so very untrue, in fact, that there is a slight balance the other way. The returns show that there were born to drinking fathers 34 percent of defective sons and 30 percent of defective daughters; to drinking mothers 40 percent of defective sons and 24 percent of defective daughters; to sober mothers, 39 percent of defective sons and 30 percent of defective daughters.

"Fourth, regarding eyesight. The children were examined for normal vision, short and far sight, and three varieties of astigmatism. Fathers, mothers, sons and daughters were all considered separately. I omit the tables to save space; but their summary shows two remarkable facts:

"1. The larger proportion of normal eyes is found among the children of drinking parents.

"2. The larger proportion of hypermetropia, myopia, mixed and myopic astigmatism, is found among the children of sober parents.

"Analysis of the tables themselves reveals no correlation between parental drinking and bad eyesight in the child. If anything, it is the other way; the children of drinking parents have the better eyesight.

"Prof. Pearson sums up the result of the investigation by saying that no marked relation of any kind has

been found between intelligence, physique, or disease of the offspring and parental alcoholism in any of the categories investigated. Finally in a matter of this kind, is an affair of many years and much research, but as far as the investigation has gone it is dependable; and Professor Pearson, who invariably speaks with the reverent caution of a true man of science, goes so far as to say that nothing in sight at present seems likely to modify it.

"It is a startling conclusion, especially to those trained, as I was, to believe otherwise. To some it may be unwelcome and shocking. It may make upon them the painful impression of an attempt to whittle down the seriousness of the problem of drink.

"But truth, if one is but willing to trust it, is never found unfriendly to a good cause. If Prof. Pearson's conclusions are proven beyond question the cause of reform will not be weakened, but strengthened. The moral burden of responsibility for this national evil will be increased, not lightened. Seen by this new light the problem will no doubt show many aspects of difference from our present apprehension of it, but all its seriousness and all its insistency will still be there; nay, in fact they will be redoubled."

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