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**THE DOWNWARD AND BACKWARD
TREND OF THE HUMAN RACE.**

(By Dr. J. E. Malone)
One of the most important laws passed by any congress or legislature in recent times, is the one making it necessary for parties contracting marriage to show freedom from loathsome or specific disease. Here we strike at the foundation, source of the present degeneracy of the human family. When a man or woman enters into this sacred union, it should be absolutely imperative that he or she should be free from any infectious or specific disease. Not only for the protection of the other contracting party but for the safety of the innocents unborn. Science has established beyond question that such contaminating disease may be transmitted indefinitely, thus wrecking the happiness and usefulness of many thousands who are entirely blameless. Few people think seriously on this subject. They do not take the trouble to study statistics which give indisputable proof of the enormity of this crime against heredity. It must be a very unbearable for any parent to look upon the face of a child and see its expressionless eyes or its little frame tortured by suffering or twisted into repulsive deformity and realize that this is the result of his own mistake. The sins of the Father visited on the son, an inexorable law of God. Or keener still the pain of this child if it should come in apparent safety through its earlier life or years only to develop in maturer life a disease which renders him miserable in a world which should be to him brim-full of brightness or usefulness in a period teeming with great and brilliant opportunities for service. The victim may realize all too late and well that he is indebted for all this misery to one who should have protected and saved him from all such horror. If this be true the reproach uttered or unexpressed remorse. The subdued voice of millions of earth's suffering ones, demand to know why this condition had been allowed to exist for so many generations. It was understood long ago that the marrying and intermarrying of those who had contracted disease in their youth had caused the spread of contagious and hereditary disease throughout the world, yet governments and statesmen and institutions took no steps to crush this evil. The legislature of North Carolina, if they made no other law, passed one that will prove a blessing to humanity and will reflect honor on itself. Good Roads, Public Institutions, Pensions for old soldiers are all good enactments, but any law that will help secure safety for the future of the human race is of the greatest importance. To understand this fully we have but to note the number of imbeciles, mentally defective and insane who fill our jails, asylums and County Homes. Close examination of ten revealing the fact that an old lingering taint of syphilis being responsible for such condition. How many inmates of our jails, penitentiaries and actually our homes have had their moral forces aborted by inherited disease. America, our country is infested with mental and physical defectives, dragging their miserable existence through a world full of happiness and service upon which they are forced to look with downcast eyes and dejected countenances—Afraid—drawing back within themselves—as it were, alone. Afraid—These unfortunates, if not bold for want of human sentiment go slinking through life the avoided ones by society. Yet it is a patent blameable fact that governments and statesmen have shut their probing investigating eyes to the existence of conditions that have brought about this state of things. A Government which has allowed and sanctioned the human family to go on marrying and inter-marrying, spreading and inflicting its people with disease deformity, mental defective, half men, has caused more suffering and death than all the wars of the world. During the last world war when the selective Draft boards were functioning all over our country, the writer had the opportunity thrust upon him of examining hundreds and hundreds of our young men who were called to service for their country and it was distressing to find so many of them who could not qualify on account of some mental or physical weakness, the result of a taint transmitted from their parents. In fact, how few of the large number of them were 100 per cent efficient—Fit. Some writer has said that there are too many feeble minded in our race—A Fact. In our public schools in the United States and especially in our larger cities too many children are mentally below par. Segregated into rooms where they grow up to become vagrants and criminals. The city of Boston had in her public schools 77 rooms devoted exclusively to the backward children. Their children who will be legion will be below par. What kind of a citizenship can we hope to obtain from these incompetents? If marriage is guarded from disease and its effects, precious few children are born with distinct inclinations for crime, but a sorry lot of them are born every day with too meagre brains to make a living in the path of virtue. Humphries says or asks how many come so far on the way to racial degeneracy without any attempt to check themselves. Many he thinks because of a pious horror of interfering with the rights of parenthood. The place and way to protect and prevent these conditions, save and husband our race and family, is at the marriage altar and our schools Germany had the right idea many many years ago when she took the initiative in her preparation for her great war. She went with well equipped medical experts to the marriage altar and her public schools, discovered prevented and corrected wrongs. Educated parents and children, especially the children, mentally and physically, especially the boys and when the war broke out she marshalled an army of athletes. The Medical profession backed by our statesmen have made great and rapid strides towards the consummation of perfect health laws for our people, but two laws stand

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out on our statute books passed by two legislatures of North Carolina that reflects the wisdom of mind and sentiment of heart of its members, and will bless the families of North Carolina forever. The protection at the marriage altar and the medical examination of all public school children every three years. Mr. Wells writing in the Saturday Evening Post states in one of his articles on the salvage of Civilization, that one of the causes of the tumbling down of our civilization, and tumbling down fast, is the failure to control vice. The handling of infectious disease and the suppression of international criminals. We are proud that North Carolina stands abreast with all the interested workers along lines to protect, encourage and advance the good work of trying to purify, enlighten and physically make good the civilization of our great old North State. The degeneracy of the human mind and body. On the illiterate and defective, the curse of it. The Selective Draft Board in its work for the World War while it showed such a large number of physically defective and mental inefficient also showed nearly 700,000 men of Draft age unable to read or write in English or any other language, and in fact there are nearly 600,000 illiterates in this country who are 21 years of age and 8,500,000 persons ten years of age or above who could not read or write the English language. Now both of these conditions can be so easily prevented or corrected by standing up before the marriage altar and going into our public school and say as our boys said in France, it shall not pass. While the school child's mind and body is tender and in-pressible, we can teach and handle them as clay in the Potters hands. Give us blooded pure horses, cows, sheep, chickens and even dogs, but above all give us good citizenship, manly men, womanly women—pure intelligence of mind and perfect in form or let us approximate it as near as possible. I believe that as a result of the war we are keener to observe and bolder to speak of and try to discover, prevent and correct wrong. Years ago we were too modest, ashamed "to speak out in meeting as it were." The mention of Venereal disease was tabooed, spoken of with bated breath. The romance of marriage was heralded and acclaimed to polite society the world over, but as to there being any reason why these romantic or any other marriage should not be censured or the parties contracting the bond should not be examined to prevent the transmission of evil of mind and body. "Nothing doing." The improvement betterment, in fact the salvation of our race rests on the shoulders of the physicians, teachers and our statesmen. We can have a sturdy race in mind and body if we will only do the work in hand. God created man in his own image with a mind like his, a body like his own and surrounded him with everything a mind and body capable of utilizing these things and developing both up to a degree, that will approximate deity itself. He endowed man with wisdom, knowledge and love. These three attributes are man, but omniscience for omnipresence and Divinity are God's own. We have done and are doing much of this good work. Let us do it in the future with more interest, zeal and determination and try to save our race.

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