

Race Growing Weaker, He Says.

“This state of affairs,” continued Dr. Harnsberger, “will continue until we revolutionize the present system of education now robbing our children of future manhood and personality. It is a fallacy that the race is growing stronger. The truth is we are fast becoming weak. Retrogression of the race is multiplying the feeble-minded, while the healthy and able-bodied are limiting their families. Your neighbor, Virginia, cannot build asylums fast enough for the increase of their insane, epileptics and feeble-minded. Dr. Drewry, in his recent report, says that ‘in a single generation the number of insane persons sent to hospitals increased about 500 per cent.’

“No longer than 50 years ago defectives were comparatively rare. Now let us glance at a few figures taken from that old New England town, Boston, that was famous for years for the high intelligence of its citizens: 65 per cent of the children in the public schools of that city are mentally or physically defective. They are the children of parents who have had the liquor habit or received taints of it from their ancestors.