

The general consensus of opinion is in favour of greater hereditary predisposition in M.D.P. than D.P. Hence "in-breeding" ought to produce more M.D.P. amongst Parsees than D.P. Similarly, other organic inherited diseases which "in-breeding" is bound to influence are not reported as being on the increase amongst the Parsees by the authorities handling such cases.

In his original articles the author gives a table showing his last 100 admissions of Parsees to hospital and 50 private cases, but, unfortunately, no mention has been made as to the period covered by these admissions and consultation. Moreover, the author states in his articles that "the incidence of D.P. amongst the Parsees is peculiarly noticeable in India, as it is a comparatively rare disease amongst the Hindus, and is rarer still amongst Mohammedans." The following figures, which are taken from the annual reports of the different provincial mental hospitals in India, will convince the Colonel that D.P. is not so rare as he thinks amongst other communities in India :

Provinces and names of mental hospitals.	Manic-depressive psychosis.	Dementia præcox.	Insanity due to cannabis indica (ganja).
Ranchi Indian Mental Hospital (1928)	447	419	98
Bombay Presidency (1928)	876	417	104
Madras Presidency (1928)	304	285	72
Punjab (1928)	406	372	73
Burma (1928)	714	183	15

The bulk of the population of these provincial mental hospitals in India consists of Hindus and Mohammedans, and the majority of them come from uneducated and agricultural classes, and they do not in-breed. The chief forms of mental disease which fill up these hospitals are, in order of occurrence, M.D.P., D.P., and toxic insanity due to cannabis indica (ganja). The above table shows that D.P. takes second place in these statistics. Hence it cannot be called a rare disease in India.

However, if Col. Shaw will satisfy me as to why the incidence of D.P. is high amongst other communities and nations who follow western education and culture but are free from "in-breeding," I am quite prepared to adopt his suggestion, and take up research work in order to determine the cause or causes of the alleged high incidence of D.P. amongst the Parsees.

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*N.B.*—D.P. = dementia præcox ; M.D.P. = manic-depressive psychosis.

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