

## **"Cretinism"**

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Report de la Commission crée par S.M. le Roi  
de Sardaigne pour étudier le Crétinisme Turin 1848  
(in French) Was appointed 1845 & worked in a most  
comprehensive manner returns from all the Curés &c.

p. 169. Its irregular appearance & distribution in some villages  
& family.

172. It occurs most in closed valleys & in secondary valleys  
& narrow ones - <sup>low</sup> Elevation p. 173, has nothing to do with it  
wretched condition of the people in the long winters - added a dark  
& filthy

191. In Savoy & Duchy of Aosta marriages are usually  
between men above 30 & women above 25 - People of  
one village rarely marry <sup>with</sup> the next <sup>very rarely</sup> ~~even~~ out of the province  
still more rarely between mountaineers & men of the plain  
Most intermarriage most cretinism. Cretins don't marry  
cretins. They are infertile. Sometimes a rich man  
<sup>substitute</sup> ~~cretin~~ 'marries' a wife & vice versa 194 - The commission  
tried to get accounts of the parents' health but the Curés  
didn't give satisfactory answers at all. - Their delegate  
found always some near relation of the cretin  
chettic scrabulous & ported. Enquiry always brought  
out of 4000 fathers of Cretins 1000 had rotten  
same of mothers, more than 1300  
weak at moment of conception (!!) 193

See over

200. Crétinisme was just as bad in Tarentaise <sup>& Maurienne</sup> as in Val d'Aoste before the 'Route de France' was opened. Since then many inhabitants have got better & the whole & sanitary improvement & crétinisme has I suppose

217 Is check Crétinisme - an aspect absent to the extent intermarriage of very rachitic & scrofulous persons

Meyer - Ahrens (Heule & Pfeffer <sup>VOLVO</sup> Heidelberg 1846)  
ascribes out: to intermarriage.

