

Dundee contains the largest proportion of Irish Catholics of any part of Forfarshire'. Certain parishes in the two counties named send a very high proportion of suicidal patients to the asylum and suicides are specially frequent in these parishes. 'A possible explanation of this,' says Dr

Havelock, 'seems to be that of inherited predisposition for the suicidal tendency is strongly hereditary in most cases and is prone to increase unduly in districts where the population is stagnant and stationary. The whole subject is beset with problems of extreme interest and difficulty.'

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