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National Association for the Feeble-Minded,

FROM THE SECRETARY,

MISS A. H. P. KIRBY.

72-73, DENISON HOUSE,

VAUXHALL BRIDGE ROAD,

WESTMINSTER.

6 May 5



Dear Mr. Gallie

It is indeed good of you to give so much time & thought to our project. With regard to "driving" people onward I fully agree, in fact I believe nothing is done without this personal driving force - it is the mark of all success. With regard to the paper. I should like to give it fuller consideration than I can at this moment - on the eve of the Annual Audit. We have an Executive Meeting on Wed 8 at 11.30 at which I hope it may be fully discussed, & I will let you hear either before or after this meeting, how it is going, as possibly I may be able to discuss it with some members before hand - The paper sent by you looks most exhaustive & I think takes in & amplifies all points. Yours truly

A. H. P. Kirby.

Miss Kirby 1905

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11. May. 5



Dear Mr Galton

The Executive Committee went through the
papers yesterday which were drawn up with a view to obtaining the
family histories of the children leaving Special Schools. They very
much liked the first part of your paper, but they feared that
the second part - the last half of the sheet, would considerably alarm
the owners of such works. They propose however that according to the
suggestion in your letter some trial sheets shall be filled up by
those already engaged in the work, & that they should be consulted.
I am therefore setting to work in this direction, & will let you know
the result for the various sheets.

Yours truly

A. H. P. Kirby

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National Association for Promoting the Welfare of the Feeble-Minded.

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10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

POSTAL ADDRESS:
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE FEEBLE-MINDED,
53, VICTORIA STREET,
WESTMINSTER, S.W.

18. May 07



North Pole

Dear Sir

I enclose some tickets for the Annual Meeting
will you let me know if you require more? We were disappointed
of the lady speaker at the last moment, & that if you care to
add more of your original 10 minutes, I am sure it will be
welcome, from every point of view. I hope we shall get it well
reported in the papers. The Times & other papers of the sort, are
as a rule very kind & fair. I trust that we shall have a good audience
& that it may help to some people to the extreme importance of this
side of the question

Yours truly

Anna H. P. Fairly

As you may suppose, we need the money, but what I mainly desire in writing to you is to secure the honour of your name as one of our supporters. Of the 144 boys & girls now resident at Sandlebridge between thirty & forty are young people who would, but for our care, have been parents before now. In one instance we have three brothers of one family. Two older brothers are married & have children - they are pitiful specimens of humanity. In another case we have caught the two children of a father who died

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Feb. 13. 1909.

Dear Sir Francis Galton,

In sending you the enclosed copy of our new Annual Report, I am hoping to persuade you to become a member of our Society. I shall be deeply gratified if you will. Such membership involves the payment of an annual Subscription of £1 or a donation of ten pounds & the signing of a form of membership.

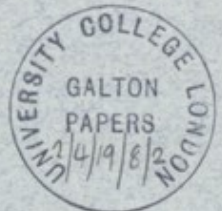
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in an Asylum. In three generations this family
has produced fourteen known cases of weakness of
mind & lunacy. Indeed, most of our cases are the
result of hereditary taint. We find the detention of
these young people quite practicable and that without
any hardship to them; and I reckon that for every
one we detain there will be three fewer incapables
in the next generation. This makes our small
number seem not so despicable after all - and I think
we may count three "presented" cases as the very
least. These poor bodies have such very big families
& though the majority die, some always live.

I am just in the middle of your Autobiography; -
that put me in mind to write to you.

I hope you will forgive my troubling you
and am, dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,
Mary Wendy.



Sir Francis Galton

How. Sec.

about your letter. With regard to your request for details about my opinion that we shall save at least three I.M. children from being ^{born} I will send you some in the course of a few days. I base my view on the fact that the weaker the Intellect (except in the case of Idiots of a low grade) the greater appears to be the strength of the reproductive faculties. It is as though when the higher faculties have dwindled the lower, or merely animal, take command. A little while ago I copied for Prof. Karl Pearson the family histories of 1000 I.M. children. (I fear he was not at all satisfied with the results - but I could not help that. I gave much

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Feb. 16. 1909.

Dear Mr. Galton,

It would be difficult to tell you how much pleasure your kind letter received this morning gave to me. Thank you very much for it and for your generous donation to our Fund. I enclose to you a membership form - being an Incorporated Society, we are not allowed to call anyone a member without his express permission. I am sorry I blundered

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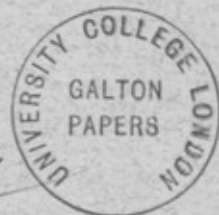
time and great care to the work. It was good discipline too.)
I found it to be a remarkable fact that in families
showing marked mental deterioration, there is also a
very high birth rate and a very high infantile death-rate.
The other day, at Worcester, seeing F. M. Children with
our doctor, I was talking to a poor woman who was
then bearing her 20th child. She was a low-grade woman
not wicked - just down. She had only 5 living children
one of whom was the boy under examination; we
did not see the others - but they were not normal
children. Today I have to go to my children. In the

course of a few days I will copy out and send to you
some of these typical families. My contention is that
though so many of these large families die - there will
always be some - perhaps 2-4 in a family who
will survive long enough to hand the trouble on.

Thank you once more for your kind letter & help. My
work is anything but easy or pleasant - it is a great
comfort that anyone like yourself should appreciate it.

Believe me,

Yours very faithfully,
Mary Dendy.



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Any further Communications on the subject of this letter should be addressed to

Miss DENDY, 13, Clarence Road, Withington, Manchester.

Telephone: 129 DIDSBURY.



Feb 19th 1909.

Dear Mr Galton,

I am looking through the very large number of forms which I have filled up concerning Mentally Defective children, especially with a view to selecting such as may be interesting to you.

Would you prefer that I should send you these forms as they stand or that I should make copies of them for you. Of course, if I send you the forms, I know you will let me have them back again.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Mary Dendy.

Hon. Sec.

The papers of those children who are in School are at the Schools; I will copy some significant cases as soon as I can find time. Prof. Pearson has a copy made for me of the books (1000 cases) I supplied to him. Would you like to see them?

Francis Galton, Esq.,

Meadow Cottage,

Brookham Green

Betchworth.

Mrs. Denny
1909

Sandwich

"A large family"



Sandlebridge Boarding Special School.

Name of Scholar: *Id*

Date of Birth: *Jan. 16. 1894*

Date of Admission to Special Class:



Particulars of Family History of Child.

(Living) Present Age.	Present state of Health.	Age at Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Year of Death.
Father, alive, aged 41	<i>Good</i>	Father, died, aged		
Mother, alive, aged		Mother, died, aged 39	<i>menstrual</i>	
1 alive, aged 17		1 died, aged		
2 alive, aged 15		2 died, aged		
Brothers, alive, aged		3 died, aged		
alive, aged		4 died, aged		
1 alive, aged 15		1 died, aged	<i>see also young</i>	
2 alive, aged 9		2 died, aged	<i>two from</i>	
Sisters, 3 alive, aged 4		died, aged	<i>relates</i>	
4 alive, aged 3		died, aged		
Fa - fa. <i>56 years. ten months</i>				
mo.				
bro				
si.				
Mo - fa.				
mo.				
bro.				
si.				

- When was the mental deficiency of the child first observed?
- To what cause is this mental deficiency attributed?
- Is the child subject to Epileptic or other Fits?
- From what illness has the child suffered?
- Has the child received any special treatment? if so, where?
- When did the child commence to walk and talk?

Name and address of person giving the above information:

Date,

MEDICAL FORM FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL CLASSES.

Name *H. W.*

School

Std.

Age *14* Height *4.7* Weight *5 stone* How long at School *1 year*

Date of Examination *Feb. 27. 1909.*

1. Physical State.

Aspect and Expression. *well*
 State of Health. *poor*
 Deformities or Paralysis. *none*
 Size and Shape of Head. *normal (measure not given)*
 Eyesight and State of Eyes. *✓*
 Hearing and State of Ears. *✓*
 Mouth Palate *high* Tonsils *enlarged* Teeth *decayed*
 Nose Obstruction to Breathing *yes*

2. Mental State.

Recognition of Objects and Colour. *normal*
 Memory. *poor*
 Powers of Attention. *defective*
 Temperament Self Control Moral Sense
 Ideas of Number. *Can count to five*
 Speech. *v. limited*
 Habits. *cleanly*

3. Educational Attainments.

Reading.
 Calculation.
 Writing.
 Manual. *Slight*

4. Diagnosis.

Report, Suggestions for Treatment and Training.



Mrs. Dady
1909

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"A decadent family"
as described by Mrs. Mrs. Si. who came with
me about the boy.



Sandlebridge Boarding Special School.

Name of Scholar:

Date of Birth: 1891

Date of Admission to Special Class:

Particulars of Family History of Child.

(Living) Present Age.	Present state of Health.	Age at Date of Death.	Cause of Death.	Year of Death.
Father, alive, aged 49	Good	Father, died, aged		
Mother, alive, aged 48		Mother, died, aged		
Brothers, alive, aged 10	Good	died, aged		
Brothers, alive, aged		died, aged		
Brothers, alive, aged		died, aged		
Brothers, alive, aged		died, aged		
Brothers, alive, aged 20	Good	died, aged	Born dead	
Sisters, alive, aged		died, aged		
Sisters, alive, aged		died, aged		
Sisters, alive, aged		died, aged		

Fa - fa. Clever.

mo. (A kindly respectable)

bro

si. (17 18 19 20) had 6 children, 1 epileptic (3a. vicious)

Mo - fa. no history.

mo.

bro. (1)

si. (17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30) son married, son's mother had mentally weak children, no memory.

5. When was the mental deficiency of the child first observed? From childhood.

6. To what cause is this mental deficiency attributed? heredity.

7. Is the child subject to Epileptic or other Fits? No.

8. From what illness has the child suffered?

9. Has the child received any special treatment? if so, where?

10. When did the child commence to walk and talk?

Name and address of person giving the above information:

Date,

MEDICAL FORM FOR ADMISSION TO THE SPECIAL CLASSES.

Name H. G.

School

Std.

Age 18

Height

Weight

How long at School

Date of Examination

many years under special

1. Physical State.

Aspect and Expression.

State of Health.

Deformities or Paralysis.

Size and Shape of Head.

Eyesight and State of Eyes.

Hearing and State of Ears.

Mouth

Palate

Tonsils

Teeth

Nose

Obstruction to Breathing

2. Mental State.

Recognition of Objects and Colour.

Memory.

Powers of Attention.

Temperament

Self Control

Moral Sense

Ideas of Number.

Speech.

Habits.

3. Educational Attainments.

Reading.

Calculation.

Writing.

Manual.

4. Diagnosis.

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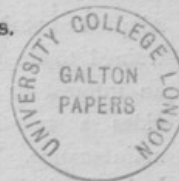
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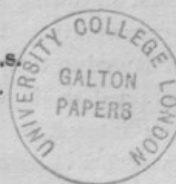
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May 26. 1905

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Am assured Philanth + research
great need for exhaustive how F.M. are made

Family history - 12 kinships ascending
quality and quantity of descendants

Each life history is a serious study

Ladies admirable for this

Affect^{to} interest patience

prolonged opportunity, see friends & relatives

but must do their work thoroughly & ^{accept} ~~take~~
criticism

10 cases supplied by each lady, a big total

Similarly for the offspring

No picking of cases - abhor sensationalism

Royal Commission

Can't get what does not exist

Assocⁿ can - cooperate cordially

over

(2) Results may lead to legal detention f. I v
Need not shrink from inquiry if you think they will
No great hardship - Compensation

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Give food, clothing, care shelter and deny
absolutely the liberty of free propagation

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Sad accounts of Maternity H, Workhouse & on

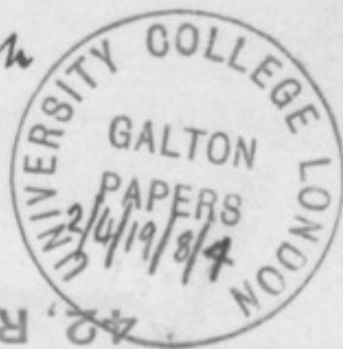
What is the real magnitude of cost
would legislation introduce nearly equal evils

Eugenics

we have to deal with

in. becotes

Just a grateful recognition



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(Felt - muddled)

