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# THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting was held at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th May, 1951, at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

Chairman : Mr. G. Aird Whyte.

The Treasurer, Vice-Chairman and nineteen others were present.

## MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd May 1950, which were contained in the Annual Report, previously circulated, were taken as read and were unanimously approved.

## ANNUAL REPORT

The Secretary briefly reviewed the items contained in the Report, after which Mr. J. P. Brander, from the floor, asked that consideration be given to the publication of a new library catalogue. It was agreed that this suggestion be put to the Council.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report, which was unanimously carried.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

These were presented by the Treasurer.

Mr. J. P. Brander asked that a revision of the Society's holdings of gilt-edged securities be considered. It was agreed that the matter be brought before the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer reminded all Fellows and Members who had not already covenanted their subscriptions that by doing so they would, without extra cost to themselves, enable the Society to benefit by a sum almost double the actual subscription.

The Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet were put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

## HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1951-1952

The Secretary reported that there had been no nominations of Members of the Council by Fellows outside the Council. The following retirements from, and appointments by, the Council were announced :—

### *Vice-Presidents :*

Under Article 28 the following were due to retire :—

Dr. W. Russell Brain  
Professor T. H. Marshall

### *Council :*

Under Article 30 the following were due to retire :—

Dr. G. C. L. Bertram  
Mr. D. Caradog Jones  
Mr. P. Bloomfield  
The Hon. Mrs. Grant Duff  
Mr. R. C. Pritchard

### *Honorary Officers and Council for the year 1951-52 :*

The appointment of the following was proposed and unanimously approved :

*President :* Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders

*Chairman :* Mr. G. Aird Whyte

*Vice-Chairman :* Mr. R. Pilkington

*Treasurer :* Mr. Geoffrey Eley

*Librarian :* Mr. Cecil Binney

*Vice-Presidents :* Professor D. V. Glass

Mr. L. J. Cadbury

Professor F. Grundy

Professor A. J. Lewis

Dr. G. C. L. Bertram

Mr. D. Caradog Jones

### *Council :*

Professor E. C. Dodds

Dr. R. M. Dykes

Mrs. B. Goldman

Professor A. Kennedy

Miss Evelyn Lawrence

Professor T. H. Marshall

Dr. A. S. Parkes

Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts

Mr. R. Rumbold

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Dr. R. Bennett

Mrs. B. Bosanquet

Dr. J. B. Bramwell

Dr. W. Russell Brain

Mrs. R. Conrad

## ELECTION OF AUDITORS FOR THE YEAR 1951-1952

Messrs. West & Drake were unanimously re-elected.



# ANNUAL REPORT, 1951-1952

In this report, the accounts relate to the period from 1st January, 1951, to 31st December, 1951, inclusive. The rest of the report covers the period 1st April, 1951, to 31st March, 1952, inclusive.

**Council** Council Meetings were held on the following dates:—

- 19th June, 1951—8 present.
- 24th October, 1951—11 present.
- 22nd January, 1952—11 present.
- 18th March, 1952—11 present.

The following were co-opted to the Council under Article 32:—

- On 19th June, 1951:
  - Mr. P. Bloomfield.
  - The Hon. Mrs. Grant Duff.
  - Mr. R. C. Pritchard.

- On 24th October, 1951:
  - Sir Charles Darwin, K.B.E., Sc.D., F.R.S.

**Consultative Council** The Consultative Council has suffered a loss in the death, in March, 1952, of Professor Sir Charles Sherrington, O.M., G.B.E., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.

**The Galton Lecture** The Galton Lecture, which had been arranged for Friday, 15th February, 1952, the day of the funeral of His late Majesty King George VI, was postponed to Friday, 4th April, 1952. A report of the Lecture, to be delivered by Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts, M.A., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., on "The Genetics of Mental Deficiency," will be included in next year's Annual Report.

**Members' Meetings** The following Meetings were held in the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, by kind permission of the President and Council of the Royal Society:—

- 29th May, 1951. Professor P. E. Vernon on "Recent Investigations of Intelligence and its Measurement". Mr. D. Caradog Jones was in the Chair.
- 24th October, 1951. Professor Arnold Sorsby on "Prospects in the Control of Genetic Disease". Professor Aubrey J. Lewis was in the Chair.
- 20th November, 1951. Dr. C. P. Blacker, Mrs. Moya Woodside and Mr. Cecil Binney in a Symposium on Voluntary Sterilisation. The Lord Horder was in the Chair.
- 14th December, 1951. Dr. C. P. Blacker on "Eugenic Experiments conducted by the Nazis on Human Subjects". Mr. G. Aird Whyte was in the Chair.
- 22nd January, 1952. Dr. R. W. Parnell on "Recording Human Constitution". Professor E. C. Dodds was in the Chair.

18th March, 1952. Mr. A. J. Brayshaw on "The Stability of Marriage". Dr. C. P. Blacker was in the Chair.

**Eugenics Review** The April, 1952, number will be the last to be issued under the Editorship of Dr. C. O. Carter who will succeed Dr. Blacker as the Society's General Secretary in June, 1952. Miss K. Lane, who returned to the Society in February, 1952, after an absence of two years in the U.S.A., has been appointed Editor in Dr. Carter's place and the July, 1952, number will be the first to appear under her direction.

**Occasional Papers** The seventh paper in this series, entitled *The Expectation of Mental Infirmary in a Sample of the Danish Population*, by Dr. Kurt H. Fremming, was published in November, 1951, price 3/6.

**New Edition of Galton's "Inquiries into Human Faculty"** A reprint of the second edition of 1907 has been produced for the Society by Messrs. J. M. Dent & Sons. In the same format as this reprint there has been produced a pamphlet containing three chapters which were included in the first edition (Macmillan: 1883) but omitted from the second (1907: Dent), entitled "Statistical Inquiries into the Efficacy of Prayer" (1872), "Enthusiasm" (1883), and "Possibilities of Theocratic Intervention" (1883). Fellows and Members can obtain copies of the book and pamphlet from the Society at the reduced prices of 6/- and 1/- respectively.

An agreement has been reached with Messrs. Cassell & Company by which this firm will undertake distribution to all non-members of the Society.

**Problem Families Committee** The final draft of the Report of the five investigations, carried out under the auspices of the Committee, was completed in March, 1952. It is hoped that the Report will be published in the course of the year.

**Representation of the Society on other Organizations** The Council is represented by Dr. C. P. Blacker and Mrs. Grant Duff on the British Committee of the International Union of Family Organisations; by Mr. J. C. Trevor on the Joint Committee for Anthropological Research and Teaching; and by Mrs. Grant Duff on the following organisations: The National Council of Women, The National Association for Maternity and Child Welfare, The British Social Biology Council and the National Baby Welfare Council. Dr. Blacker has continued to be Honorary Secretary of the Population Investigation Committee.

**Representation at Conferences** Dr. C. P. Blacker represented the Society at a Conference convened by the International Union of Family Organisations held from the 23rd—28th July, 1951, in Brussels. He gave a paper on Problem Families.



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Mrs. Grant Duff represented the Society at the Annual Conference on the Mentally Handicapped in the Community, convened by the National Association for Mental Health, held from 27th—29th March, 1952.

**Society's Premises** The Society continued to make one of the three rooms on its second floor available, rent free, to the International Committee on Planned Parenthood. One of the two remaining rooms has continued to be let to the Research Office of the Children's Reception Centre which is under the auspices of the Caldecott Community in Merstham, Kent.

**Library** During the past year 98 books have been added to the Library by gift or purchase, 145 have been borrowed by Fellows and Members and a further 36 by the National Central Library. Twelve books have been borrowed from the National Central Library for the use of Fellows and Members of the Society.

**Obituary** We regret to record the death of the following Fellows and Members: Rear Admiral Tufton P. H. Beamish, the Rev. K. N. Bell, Mrs. Cecil Cobb, B. Abdy Collins, Esq., Dr. S. Graham, R. B. Kerr, Esq., Major J. H. W. Knight Bruce, P. C. Sinha, Esq., and Geoffrey Whitworth, Esq.

### FINANCE

**DONATIONS** During the period under review, the Society has received, with gratitude, donations amounting to £9 19s. 2d. This sum is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
The Albert Reckitt Charitable Trust	1	1	0
Mrs. Austen Goodman	...	18	2
Mr. R. Snow	...	8	0
	£9	19	2

The donation of £400 from Lord Horder, which was mentioned in the text of last year's Annual Report, is included in this year's accounts as a special gift.

**COVENANTS** During the year additional subscriptions paid under Covenant have brought an increased benefit to the Society of about £6. The total tax recovered by the Society by this means during 1951 amounted to £89 2s. 9d.

**ACCOUNTS FOR 1951** A statement of Income and Expenditure during 1951, together with the Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1951, will be found at the

end of this Report and a list of the Society's Investments at the same date is set out on page 4. The market value of our investments, in common with most other investment portfolios, suffered a considerable depreciation during the year.

During 1951 Expenditure exceeded Ordinary Revenue by £71 15s. 3d. This deficit was extinguished by Lord Horder's generous gift of £400—referred to above—which also enabled the Society to pay out £67 18s. 4d. in Special Grants, to place £200 to the Staff Pension Reserve and to carry forward £60 6s. 5d. to the General Fund Account. Such donations obviously cannot be regarded as a normal expectancy of the Society and it is well to remind ourselves that the Society really operated at a loss during the year. The General Fund, after taking into account the small carry forward and a benefit from profits (less losses) on the sale of securities during the year, now stands at £76,502.

The Society is committed to the making of further disbursements of £182 13s. 11d. on account of grants that are set out in a Note on the Liabilities side of the Balance Sheet. The grants disbursed during the year are detailed in the second part of the Income and Expenditure Account.

### Register of Fellows and Members

	Life		Life		
	Fellows	Members	Fellows	Members	Total
Total, 31st March, 1951	80	11	177	259	527
Elections, 1951/52	1	2	3	13	19
	81	13	180	272	546
Less:					
Deaths			4	5	9
Resigned			6	15	21
Lapsed			1	7	8
			11	27	38
Total, 31st March, 1952	31	13	169	245	508
Affiliated Societies					1

**Secretariat** As mentioned in last year's Report, Dr. Blacker will, in June, 1952, retire from the Secretaryship of the Society, which he has held since 1st April, 1931, after completing a period of 21 years. He will be followed by Dr. C. O. Carter. Miss F. B. Schenk continues to act as Business Secretary.



# INVESTMENTS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1951 (AT COST)

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>FREEHOLD PROPERTY—</b>						
82, High Street, Bromley ...	5,391	0	8			
72/74, Denmark Hill ...	7,677	1	0			
168, King Street, Hammersmith ...	5,315	16	6			
				18,383	18	2
<b>MARKETABLE SECURITIES—</b>						
£1,000 3% Defence Bonds (P.O. Issue) ...	1,000	0	0			
£1,610 3% Defence Bonds (Second P.O. Issue) ...	1,612	18	3			
£2,000 2½% Funding Loan 1956/61 ...	1,977	15	4			
£5,000 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 ...	5,315	10	0			
£3,111.3.8 2½% Treasury Stock 1975 or after ...	1,906	0	0			
£7,781.8.2 3½% War Loan 1952 or after ...	8,152	12	5			
£1,135 British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock 1968/73 ...	1,121	5	6			
£1,895.3.10 British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock 1974/77 ...	1,899	14	9			
£2,000 British Iron and Steel 3½% Guaranteed Stock 1979/81 ...	2,247	10	6			
£2,328.15.0 British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock 1978/88 ...	2,795	6	6			
£A2,200 Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Internal Loan 1957/60 ...	1,771	8	0			
£215 Courage & Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock ...	727	1	4			
£400 Scottish Brewers Ltd., 6½% Cum. Pref. Stock £1 Units ...	558	6	6			
£260 Watney Coombe and Reid Ltd., Deferred Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	693	1	6			
1,000 Amalgamated Metal Corporation Ltd., £1 Ordinary Shares ...	1,128	4	7			
551 Goodlass Wall and Lead Industries Ltd. 7% Cum. Pref. Stock £1 Units ...	803	16	7			
387 Guest Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd., Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	807	10	3			
500 Harrods Ltd., 7½% Cum. Pref. Stock £1 Units ...	813	0	3			
350 Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	723	2	9			
120 Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	624	1	6			
750 Olympia Ltd., 5% £1 Cum. Pref. Shares ...	723	15	0			
1,500 Olympia Ltd., Ordinary 2/6 Shares ...						
315 Skefko Ball Bearing Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock 5/- Units ...	636	6	6			
1,900 William Uttley Ltd., Ordinary 1/- Shares ...	678	5	3			
3,066 David Whitehead & Sons Ltd., Ordinary 1/- Shares ...	717	3	0			
400 Penmount Estates Ltd., 5½% £1 Cum. Pref. Shares ...	260	8	6			
35 Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd., Ordinary £1 Shares ...	638	2	9			
£556 Clyde and Mersey Investment Trust Ltd., Ordinary Stock ...	657	13	9			
£700 Clydesdale Investment Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock ...	444	7	3			
1,000 Second Scottish Investment Trust Ltd., Ordinary 5/- Stock Units ...	448	8	6			
500 Selection Trust Ltd., Ordinary 10/- Stock Units ...	1,128	12	2			
90 Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Ltd., Ordinary 10/- Shares ...	686	19	9			
200 Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa Ltd., Ordinary £1 Shares ...	608	16	6			
300 Rand Selection Corporation Ltd., Ordinary 5/- Shares ...	743	9	6			
57 Union Corporation Ltd., Ordinary 12/6 Shares ...	662	17	6			
130 Anglo Iranian Oil Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	1,145	7	3			
320 Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	1,237	18	6			
100 Devon General Omnibus and General Touring Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	934	16	6			
				49,031	14	8
(Market Value at 31st December, 1951, £44,039)						
<b>OTHER SECURITIES—</b>						
50 Family Health Club Housing Society (Coventry) Ltd., £1 Shares ...	50	0	0			
2,000 Buildane Trust Ltd., 10/- Shares ...	700	0	0			
				750	0	0
(Estimated Market Value at 31st December, 1951, £800)						
CASH ON DEPOSIT ...				3,500	0	0
				£71,665	12	10
<b>SYERS TRUST (Income payable to Mrs. Syers for life with remainder to the Eugenics Society)—</b>						
£1,186 17s. 6d. British Transport Guaranteed Stock 1978/88.						
(Market Value at 31st December, 1951, £914)						
<b>DRAKE-BROCKMAN TRUST (Income payable to Mrs. Drake-Brockman for life then to each of the children for life with remainder to The Eugenics Society).</b>						
£A4,030 Australian Consolidated Stock,						
(Market Value at 31st December, 1951, £3,078)						



## BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1951

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EUGENICS SOCIETY.**

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for that purpose. So far as appears from our examination proper books of account have been kept by the Society. In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account which are in agreement with the books of account, give the information required by the Companies Act, 1948, in the manner so required and also a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st December, 1951, and of the surplus for the year to that date.

Sardinia House, 52, Lincoln's Inn Fields,  
London, W.C.2.  
March 13th, 1952.

**WEST & DRAKE,**  
*Chartered Accountants,*

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*Chartered Accountants,*



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 1951[illegible]





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