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THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 25th May, 1955, at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. G. Aird Whyte.

Fifteen Fellows and Members were present.

ANNUAL REPORT. The Secretary briefly outlined the items contained in the Annual Report.

The adoption of the Report was then proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Dr. Bertram and carried unanimously.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET. These were presented by the Chairman in his capacity as Honorary Treasurer. Their adoption was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. C. W. Usher and carried unanimously.

HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1955/56. The following retirements from the Council were announced:—

VICE-PRESIDENTS. Under Article 28 the following were due to retire:—

Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts

Dr. A. S. Parkes

COUNCIL. Under Article 30 the following were due to retire:—

Captain R. Pilkington

Mr. C. W. Usher

Dr. J. B. Bramwell

Miss E. Lawrence

Mrs. P. Goldman

Mrs. B. Bosanquet

HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1955/56.

HONORARY OFFICERS. The following appointments by the Council were announced:—

President: Sir Charles Darwin

Chairman and Treasurer: Mr. G. Aird Whyte

Librarian: Mr. Cecil Binney

Secretary: Dr. C. P. Blacker

Vice-Presidents: Sir Charles Dodds

Professor T. H. Marshall

Professor A. M. Kennedy

Professor C. D. Darlington

Captain R. Pilkington

Mrs. B. Bosanquet

COUNCIL. There having been no nominations of Members of the Council by Fellows outside the Council the appointment of the following, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Sir Charles Dodds, was unanimously approved:—

Dr. G. C. L. Bertram

Mr. P. Bloomfield

Mr. P. R. Cox

Mr. Geoffrey Eley

Sir Arthur Ellis

The Hon. Mrs. Grant Duff

Professor F. Grundy

Dr. K. Hutton

Mr. D. Caradog Jones

Mrs. F. Laski

Professor A. J. Lewis

Dr. A. S. Parkes

Mr. R. C. Pritchard

Mrs. M. A. Pyke

Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts

Mr. R. Rumbold

Lord Simon of Wythenshawe

Dr. J. M. Tanner

Dr. R. F. Tredgold

AUDITORS' REMUNERATION. The Chairman reported that Messrs. West and Drake would continue to serve as the Society's Auditors.

The following was RESOLVED:—

“That the Auditors' remuneration should be agreed at the end of the year.”

The resolution was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Dr. Blacker.

At the close of the meeting Dr. Blacker, from the floor, proposed that a vote of thanks be passed to Dr. Gamble whose generosity had made possible a wide distribution of the *Eugenics Review* to American University Libraries.

Sir Charles Darwin seconded this proposal which was carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REPORT

1955 - 1956

In this Report, the accounts relate to the period from 1st January, 1955, to 31st December, 1955, inclusive. The rest of the Report covers the period 1st April, 1955, to 31st March, 1956, inclusive.

Council

Council meetings were held on the following dates:—

- 15th June, 1955—9 present
- 19th October, 1955—11 present
- 18th January, 1956—13 present
- 21st March, 1956—5 present.

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

- On 15th June, 1955:—
 - Mr. C. W. Usher
 - Miss E. Lawrence

Consultative Council

The Consultative Council has suffered losses in the deaths of Dame Evelyn Fox, C.B.E., and Mrs. Neville Rolfe, O.B.E. Crighton Bramwell, Esq., M.A., M.D., Ch.B., F.R.C.P., and Professor W. C. W. Nixon, M.D., F.R.C.O.G., have been appointed members of the Council.

The Galton Lecture

The Galton Lecture for 1955 was delivered on Wednesday, 4th May, by Professor Sir Cyril Burt, D.Sc., D.Litt., LL.D., F.B.A., on "The Meaning and Assessment of Intelligence". The Chair was taken by Sir Charles Darwin and about 75 people were present. A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. C. P. Blacker.

The Galton Lecture for 1956 was delivered on Wednesday, 15th February, by Mr. Frederick Osborn on "Galton and Mid-Century Eugenics". The Chair was taken by Sir Charles Darwin and some 65 people were present. A vote of thanks was proposed by Sir Charles Dodds.

Both meetings were held at Manson House, 26, Portland Place, W.1, and were preceded by tea.

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:—

- 25th May, 1955: Dr. J. A. H. Waterhouse on "Twins and Genetics". Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts was in the Chair.
- 19th October, 1955: Dr. J. F. Loutit on "Biological Hazards of Nuclear Fission". Sir Charles Darwin was in the Chair.
- 16th November, 1955: Dr. H. C. Maurice Williams on "Problem Families in Southampton". Dr. C. P. Blacker was in the Chair.
- 7th December, 1955: Professor H. J. Eysenck on "The Nature and Inheritance of Extraversion". Dr. Eliot Slater was in the Chair.

18th January, 1956 (Symposium): Dr. Elizabeth Tylden, Dr. Mildred Creak and Mr. S. G. Singleton on "The Personality Characteristics of Parents of Promising Children". Dr. C. P. Blacker was in the Chair.

21st March, 1956: Dr. J. H. Renwick on "Linkage in Human Genetics". Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts was in the Chair.

An additional Members' Meeting was held in the Society's Library on 23rd November, 1955, when Dr. C. P. Blacker gave a talk on the Fifth International Conference on Planned Parenthood (see below). Mr. Aird Whyte was in the Chair. The meeting was preceded by tea.

Eugenics Review

The *Eugenics Review* continues to appear under the Editorship of Miss K. Lane. Mr. P. R. Cox has been appointed to the Editorial Committee which consists of Dr. C. P. Blacker, Mr. Aird Whyte, Mr. Cecil Binney, Mr. C. W. Usher, Dr. C. O. Carter and the Editor.

World Population and Resources

Under the above title a report by a PEP Group, distributed by Messrs. George Allen & Unwin (price 30/-), was published in September, 1955.

The Society, which was well represented on the Group, contributed financially, and has distributed, free of charge, 75 copies of the report amongst appropriate individuals and organisations in India, Japan, the United States and various European countries.

Promising Families Committee

The Promising Families Committee met twice during the past year. Their first survey was completed during the year in a rural southern English county. The index children to these families were nominated by the Heads of the grammar schools in the county. Eighty-one, that is, 70 per cent., of the 122 couples approached completed the Society's questionnaire. The findings on analysis of these questionnaires suggested to the Committee that further surveys would be worth while and that they should start with younger children. It is hoped in the coming year to conduct a survey from primary schools in a large county borough in the same southern county and also by another in a large northern city.

Grants

(a) *The North Kensington Marriage Welfare Centre.* The Council has renewed for a third year its grant of £750 per annum to the North Kensington Marriage Welfare Centre for the purpose of establishing in their clinic a Five Purposes Parenthood Centre covering family planning, treatment of infertility, marriage guidance, premarital health examinations and eugenic guidance.

(b) *The Family Planning Association.* The Council has also renewed for a third year its grant of £250 per annum to the Family Planning Association for the investigation of the properties of bases used in chemical contraceptives.

(c) *The International Planned Parenthood Federation.* On 1st March, 1956, the Council completed its grant of £250 per annum (agreed in 1953, to run for three years) to the International Planned Parenthood Federation as a contribution towards Headquarters expenses.

The grants to the North Kensington Marriage Welfare Centre and The Family Planning Association will be completed in June and July, 1956, respectively.

Representation at Conferences

Dr. C. P. Blacker attended the Fifth International Conference on Planned Parenthood held in Tokyo from 24th to 29th October, 1955, in his capacity of Vice-Chairman of the Federation.

Mrs. Grant Duff represented the Society at the Annual Conference of the National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare held in London from 22nd to 24th June, 1955.

Representation of the Society on other Organisations

The Council is represented by Dr. C. P. Blacker and Mr. R. Weatherall 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; by Dr. C. O. Carter on the National Council of Social Service; 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.

Society's Premises

The Society has continued to make all three rooms on its second floor available, rent free, to the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

Library

During the past year 53 books have been added to the Library by gift or purchase; 122 books and periodicals have been borrowed, 19 of them by National Central Library. The Librarian has borrowed three books from the National Central Library for re-loan to Fellows and Members.

The Librarian has disposed of many back numbers of journals not of special value to the Society; the National Central Library accepted as a gift the back numbers of one of these journals and, with the Council's approval, the remainder were sold to a bookseller for the sum of £165.

Obituary

We regret to record the death of the following Fellows and Members: Major A. G. Church, G. W. Daman, Esq., Mrs. M. F. Fitzgerald, Joseph Forrester, Esq., J. H. Guy, Esq., Sir Frederic Hamilton, Mrs. I. F. Henderson, The Lord Horder, Dr. R. Langdon-Down, Major J. B. Paget, Dr. R. N. Salaman, H. Vesey Strong, Esq., Dr. E. W. Ainley Walker, Eric S. Welch, Esq., and G. F. Williams, Esq.

The Society has suffered a great loss in the death, on 13th August, 1955, of Lord Horder. He was President of the Society for fourteen years and one of its most valued and active supporters. A full appreciation appeared in the January, 1956, issue of the *Eugenics Review*.

FINANCE

Donations

During the period under review the Society has received, with gratitude, donations amounting to £259. This sum is made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Mr. R. Snow	8	0	0
Dr. J. M. Laird	1	0	0
Anon.	250	0	0
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	£259	0	0
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Covenants

During the year the total tax recovered by the Society by means of subscriptions paid under a Covenant amounted to £82.

Accounts for 1955

The Balance Sheet and a Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year to 31st December, 1955, will be found at the end of this Report, together with a list of the Society's Investments.

For the year ended 31st December, 1955, Ordinary Expenditure exceeded Income by £294. Grants were drawn upon to the extent of £2,046. After taking credit for a small taxation adjustment, the excess of Expenditure over Income amounted to £2,336.

A schedule of grants approved by the Council but not fully drawn is set out on the Balance Sheet and shows that at 31st December, 1955, £1,660 remains available for the purposes described.

The General Fund now stands at £68,608, which compares with £75,855 at the end of 1954.

REGISTER OF FELLOW AND MEMBERS

	LIFE FELLOWS	LIFE MEMBERS	FELLOWS	MEMBERS	TOTAL
Total, 31st March, 1955 ...	97	15	168	235	515
Elections, 1955/56 ...	3	1	6	18	28
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	100	16	174	253	543
LESS:—					
Deaths ...	1	1	10	3	15
Resigned ...	—	—	7	13	20
Lapsed ...	—	—	—	12	12
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	1	1	17	28	47
Total, 31st March, 1956 ...	99	15	157	225	496
Affiliated Societies ...					1

INVESTMENTS

at 31st December, 1955 (at cost less Capital Distributions)

FREEHOLD PROPERTY

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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

MARKETABLE SECURITIES

£13,857 6s. 11d. 3½% Conversion Stock (Registered), 1969	11,838	3	2			
£2,011 6s. 4d. 3% Funding Stock (Registered), 1966/68	1,635	17	0			
£6,650 0s. 0d. 2½% Treasury Stock, 1975 or after	3,985	9	1			
£551 Goodlass, Wall and Lead Industries Ltd. 7% Cumulative Preference Stock ...	803	16	7			
£500 Harrods Ltd. 7½% Cumulative Preference Stock	813	0	3			
750 Olympia Ltd. 5% £1 Cumulative Preference Shares	579	0	0			
400 Penmount Estates Ltd. 5½% £1 Cumulative Preference Shares	260	8	6			
£480 Scottish Brewers Ltd. 5½% Cumulative Preference Stock	558	6	6			
£1,000 Bowater Paper Corporation Ltd. 5½% Unsecured Loan Stock, 1963/67 ...	938	19	7			
1,000 Amalgamated Metal Corporation Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	1,128	4	7			
99 Anglo-American Corporation of South Africa Ltd. Ordinary 10/- Shares ...	745	9	9			
£170 Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units ...	1,013	6	6			
£575 British Drug Houses Ltd. Ordinary Stock 5/- Units	1,375	11	9			
£528 British Insulated Callenders Cables Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	827	6	0			
£375 British Petroleum Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	661	3	5			
£1,083 Clyde and Mersey Investment Trust Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	965	5	3			
550 Colvilles Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	764	6	4			
200 Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	608	16	6			
501 Courage and Barclay Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	727	1	4			
£400 Fremfins Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	696	3	0			
£774 Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	807	10	3			
£816 Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	840	11	9			
Carried Forward	32,573	17	1	18,383	18	2

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought Forward	...	32,573	17	1	18,383	18	2
£192	Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	...	624	1	6			
35	Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd. Ordinary Shares	...	638	2	9			
500	Phillips Incandescent Lamp Works Holding Co. Eindhoven Certificates to bearer Ordinary sub-units of 10 Fl. each	...	739	19	6			
300	Rand Selection Co. Ltd. Ordinary Shares 5/-	...	743	9	6			
£262	10s. 0d. Selection Trust Ltd. Ordinary Stock 10/- Units	...	1,128	12	2			
£499	Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	...	2,119	14	6			
260	Stewarts and Lloyds Ltd. Ordinary Shares £1	...	977	4	0			
£200	Turner and Newall Ltd. Ordinary Stock £1 Units	...	1,081	11	0			
285	Union Corporation Ltd. Ordinary Shares 2/6	...	662	17	6			
650	United Steel Companies Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	...	855	17	1			
1,900	William Uttley Ltd. Ordinary Shares 2/6	...	678	5	3			
6,132	David Whitehead & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Ordinary 1/- Shares	...	717	3	0			
£260	Watney, Coombe, Reid & Co. Ltd. Deferred Ordinary Stock £1 Units	...	693	1	6			
						44,233	16	4
	Market Value at 30th December, 1955—£49,740.							
	CASH ON DEPOSIT	...				250	0	0
						£62,867	14	6

SYERS TRUST

(Income payable to Mrs. Syers for life with remainder to the Eugenics Society)

£1,186 17s. 6d. British Transport 3% Guaranteed Stock 1978/88.

Market Value at 30th December, 1955, £855.

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)

£A 4,030 Australian Consolidated Stock.

Market Value at 30th December, 1955, £2,979.

THE EUGENICS SOCIETY
Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1955

<p>As at 31.12.54</p> <p>£</p> <p>75,855</p> <p>1,000</p>	<p>£</p> <p>68,608</p> <p>1,000</p>	<p>As at 31.12.54</p> <p>£</p> <p>5,208</p> <p>1,562</p> <p>3,646</p>	<p>£</p> <p>5,208</p> <p>1,562</p> <p>1,600</p> <p>3,608</p>
<p>GENERAL FUND:</p> <p>Balance as shown by annexed account ...</p>		<p>LEASEHOLD PROPERTY:</p> <p>69, Eccleston Square—at Cost ...</p> <p><i>Less:</i> Amounts written off:</p> <p>To 31st December, 1954 ...</p> <p>For year to date ...</p>	
<p>STAFF PENSION RESERVE:</p> <p>Balance at this date ...</p>		<p>FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT:</p> <p>At cost less depreciation charged to 31st December, 1947, with subsequent additions (less proceeds of sales) at cost...</p>	
<p><i>Note.</i>—The following grants were approved before the 31st December, 1955, but had not been fully drawn by that date.</p>		<p>INVESTMENTS (at cost less capital distributions per list attached):</p> <p>Freehold Properties ...</p> <p>Quoted Investments ...</p> <p>(Market Value £49,740)</p> <p>Cash on Deposit ...</p>	
<p>Total Grant £ 100 3 750 1,000</p>		<p>Total Drawn to Balance Outstanding £ 97 125 875</p>	
<p>41. For an enquiry into illness in infancy ...</p> <p>46. International Planned Parenthood Federation</p> <p>47. Committee on Promising Families ...</p>		<p>18,384</p> <p>47,424</p> <p>(49,153)</p> <p>3,200</p> <p>69,008</p>	
		<p>564</p> <p>4,172</p> <p>62,868</p>	

Income and Expenditure Account (contd.) for the year ended 31st December, 1955

	Year to 31.12.54	£		Year to 31.12.54	£
DEFICIT brought down					
SPECIAL GRANTS PAID DURING THE YEAR:					
No. 45. Field Work in Medical Genetics at Leeds		200			294
46. International Planned Parenthood Federation		250			
47. Committee on Promising Families		106			
51. North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre		750			
52. The Family Planning Association		250			
52A. The Family Planning Association		200			
55. Mass Observation: Mrs. Hubback's Questionnaire		40			
56. Delegate to Tokyo—5th International Conference on Planned Parenthood		250			
				2,046	
(Income Tax 1953/54 not recoverable)					2,046
	3,028			£3,032	
	4				£2,340
	£3,032			£3,032	
					£2,340

General Fund Account, 31st December, 1955

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR THE YEAR					
TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1955, brought down		2,336			77,174
LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS		4,911			1,038
BALANCE AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1955, carried forward		68,608			100
	75,855				(Profit on Sale of Investments)
	£78,312				(Legacy—Mrs. D. J. Owen)
					75,855
	£78,312			£78,312	
					£75,855





