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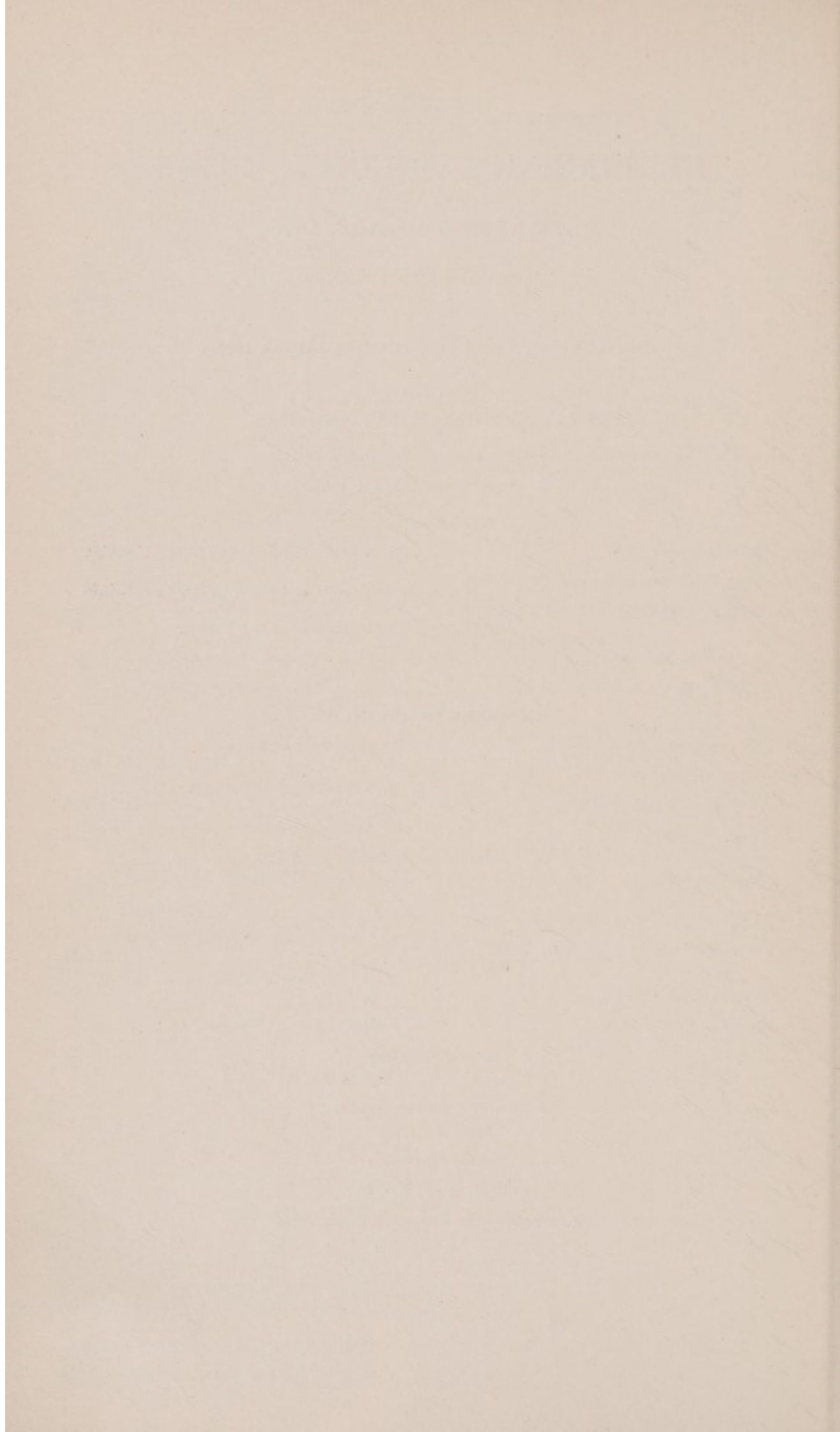
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THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1956, at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Aird Whyte.

Eleven Fellows 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 Mr. Binney and carried unanimously.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET. These were presented by the Chairman in his capacity of Honorary Treasurer.

He then proposed their adoption which was seconded by Mr. Binney and carried unanimously.

HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1956/57. The following retirements from the Council were announced:—

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

Sir Charles Dodds
Professor T. H. Marshall

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

Professor F. Grundy
Professor A. J. Lewis
Lord Simon of Wythenshawe
Mrs. F. Laski
Dr. K. Hutton
Sir Arthur Ellis
Mr. R. Rumbold

HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1956/57.

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

President: Sir Charles Darwin
Chairman and Treasurer: Mr. Aird Whyte
Librarian: Mr. Cecil Binney
Secretary: Dr. C. P. Blacker
Vice-Presidents: Professor A. Kennedy
Professor C. D. Darlington
Captain R. Pilkington
Mrs. B. Bosanquet
Professor F. Grundy
Professor A. J. Lewis

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 Mrs. Laski, was unanimously approved:—

Mr. P. R. Cox
Mr. G. C. R. Eley
Dr. G. C. L. Bertram
Mr. D. Caradog Jones
Dr. J. M. Tanner
Mr. P. Bloomfield
The Hon. Mrs. U. Grant Duff
Mrs. M. A. Pyke

Mr. R. C. Pritchard
Dr. A. S. Parkes
Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts
Dr. R. F. Tredgold
Mr. C. W. Usher
Miss E. Lawrence
Sir Charles Dodds
Professor P. E. Vernon

Dr. J. P. M. Tizard

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 Mr. Usher and seconded by Dr. Fraser Roberts.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING** was held at 4.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1956, at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W.1.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Aird Whyte.

Eleven Fellows were present.

The following **SPECIAL RESOLUTION** was put to the Meeting from the Chair:—

"That Article 44 of the Articles of Association be amended in manner following that is to say that immediately after the words 'resolution of the Council' the following words be inserted:—

'or a committee of the Council duly authorised by the Members of the Council'."

The Resolution was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

The above Resolution, which amended the existing Articles of Association, permitted the speeding up of the proper procedure required for the sealing of documents with the Society's Seal, where this was necessary.

ANNUAL REPORT 1956-1957

In this Report, the accounts relate to the period from 1st January, 1956, to 31st December, 1956, inclusive. The rest of the Report covers the period 1st April, 1956, to 31st March, 1957, inclusive.

Council

Council meetings were held on the following dates:—

13th June, 1956—13 present
17th October, 1956—12 present
13th February, 1957—13 present.

At its meeting held on 13th June, 1956, the Council agreed that, in future, the January and March meetings be combined and held in February on the day of the Galton Lecture. This arrangement would enable members of the Council living some distance away from London more easily to attend both meetings.

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

On 13th June, 1956:—

Sir Arthur Ellis
Dr. K. Hutton

Consultative Council

The Consultative Council has suffered losses in the deaths of Henry Herd, Esq., M.B., D.P.H., Colonel P. S. Lelean, C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., and Professor Lewis M. Terman, LL.D., Ph.D., Sc.D. (U.S.A.)

The Galton Lecture

The Galton Lecture for 1957 was delivered on Wednesday, 13th February, by Professor Tage Kemp on "Genetic-Hygienic Experiences in Denmark in Recent Years". The Chair was taken by Dr. C. P. Blacker and about 65 people were present.

The meeting was held at Manson House, 26, Portland Place, W.1, and was 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:—

23rd May, 1956: Dr. F. M. Martin on "Home Background and Selection for Secondary Education". Dr. Kenneth Hutton was in the Chair.

17th October, 1956: *Symposium* on Artificial Insemination (Donor).
Speakers: Dr. Margaret Jackson, Dr. P. Bloom, Dr. C. P. Blacker, Dr. A. S. Parkes and Mr. Cecil Binney. Dr. A. S. Parkes was in the Chair.

14th November, 1956: Dr. J. A. H. Lee on "Some Problems raised by the Regional Variations in Intellectual Ability in Britain". Mr. D. Caradog Jones was in the Chair.

12th December, 1956: Dr. J. W. B. Douglas on "Effects of Maternal Employment on the Health and Development of Young Children". Dr. J. P. M. Tizard was in the Chair.

16th January, 1957. Dr. Barbara Simonds on "Twin Research in Tuberculosis". Dr. C. P. Blacker was in the Chair.

20th March, 1957: Dr. G. Ainsworth Harrison on "The Measurement and Inheritance of Skin Colour in Man". Dr. H. Lehmann was in the Chair.

Eugenics Review

The *Eugenics Review* has continued to appear under the Editorship of Miss K. Lane.

The Editorial Committee, which has met four times during the past year, consists of Dr. C. P. Blacker, Mr. Aird Whyte, Mr. Cecil Binney, Mr. C. W. Usher, Mr. P. R. Cox, Dr. C. O. Carter and the Editor.

Report on Infant Morbidity and Mortality

A report entitled "Morbidity and Mortality in the First Year of Life", edited by Professor F. Grundy and Dr. E. Lewis-Faning, is now being prepared for publication by the *Society*.

The enquiry described in this Report is a survey of infant sickness and infant mortality in fifteen areas of England and Wales. It covers the first year of life of a little over 20,000 infants born in 1952.

It is expected that the Report will be published in the early Summer.

Promising Families Committee

During the year under review the Promising Families Committee met once.

Their second survey, in a large borough of the same southern county of England in which the first survey was conducted, was completed. In this case, the index children to the families were nominated by the Heads of Primary Schools in the borough and were 8 or 9 years old. One hundred and twenty-seven couples completed the *Society's* questionnaire.

The Committee hopes to conduct one more survey, again by nomination from Primary Schools, if co-operation can be obtained from another Education Authority, and then to publish a report which would embody the results of all three surveys.

Grants

(a) *The International Planned Parenthood Federation.* The Council has made a new grant of £250 per annum for one year, renewable for a further period of two years, to the International Planned Parenthood Federation as a contribution towards Headquarters expenses.

(b) *The Family Planning Association.* The Council has also made a new grant of £250 to the Family Planning Association for the purpose of completing its work on testing the harmlessness of contraceptives.

(c) *Mr. Cyril Bibby.* The Council has made to Mr. Cyril Bibby a grant of £25 in aid of publication of his proposed book on T. H. Huxley.

International Congress of Human Genetics

The First International Congress of Human Genetics was held in Copenhagen from 1st to 6th August, 1956. Several members of the *Society's* Council—Professor A. J. Lewis, Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts and Dr. J. M. Tanner—and Dr. C. O. Carter, the *Society's* General Secretary, were among those who attended the Congress.

An Account of the meeting appeared in the October, 1956, issue of the *Eugenics Review*.

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 of 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 the Honorary Secretary of the Population Investigation Committee.

Society's Premises

The maisonette on the third and fourth floors of 69, Eccleston Square, has been let to Mrs. M. K. Brown, a member of the *Society*, on a five years lease ending 25th March, 1961, at a rental of £300 per annum exclusive of rates.

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 60 books have been added to the Library by gift or purchase; 136 books and periodicals have been borrowed, 24 of them by the National Central Library. The Librarian has borrowed six books from the National Central Library for re-loan to Fellows and Members.

Obituary

We regret to record the death of the following Fellows and Members: Dr. W. Barr, Dr. D. Carroll, Mr. M. Egan, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Mr. J. W. Lucas, the Hon. F. F. Macnaghten, Dr. Joan Malleson, Dr. J. H. Marshall, Dr. A. P. Pillay, Lady Rathcreedan, Miss M. S. Samuel, Dr. B. Silbiger, Sir Francis Simon, Mr. E. Tomlin and Professor W. H. Wynn.

FINANCE

Donations

During the period under review the *Society* has received, with gratitude, donations amounting to £39 12s. 5d. This sum was made up as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. J. Davies....	3	3	0
Cambridge University Eugenics Society*	24	13	4
Mr. C. M. Goethe (\$5.00) ...	1	14	1
Mr. G. R. S. Snow ...	8	0	0
Mr. J. C. Watson ...	1	1	0
Dr. C. J. R. Morrison ...	1	1	0
	£39	12	5

* This sum represents the balance of the funds of the Cambridge University Eugenics Society, which has been inactive for many years. The donation was authorised by Sir Frank Engledow, one of its officials.

Covenants

During the year the total tax recovered by the *Society* by means of subscriptions paid under Covenant amounted to £71.

Accounts for 1956

The Balance Sheet, and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st December, 1956, together with a list of the *Society's* investments will be found at the end of this Report.

For the year to 31st December, 1956, Ordinary Income showed a surplus of £422 over Expenditure. Grants were drawn upon to the extent of £1,152. After allowing for a small taxation adjustment the excess of Expenditure over Income was £745, which deficit is carried to the General Fund Account.

A Schedule of Grants approved by the Council appears as usual on the Balance Sheet and shows in each case the extent to which they have not been fully drawn upon at the close of the financial year.

As at 31st December, 1956, the General Fund stood at £79,634 which compares with £68,608 at the end of 1955.

REGISTER OF FELLOWS AND MEMBERS

	Life Fellows	Life Members	Fellows	Members	Total
Total, 31st March, 1956	99	15	157	225	496
Elections, 1956/57	1	1	8	8	18
	100	16	165	233	514
Less:					
Deaths	4	—	5	6	15
Resigned	—	—	10	17	27
Lapsed	—	—	3	12	15
	4	—	18	35	57
Total, 31st March, 1957	96	16	147	198	457
Affiliated Societies					1

Balance Sheet, 31st December. 1956

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1956

Year to 31.12.55	£	£	£	Year to 31.12.55	£	£	£
69, ECCLESTON SQUARE:							
Ground Rent ...	100	...	100	General Subscriptions...	262	...	242
Insurance ...	55	...	59	Covenanted Subscriptions	107	...	96
Repairs ...	1,170	...	207	Tax Recoverable thereon	82	...	71
Housekeeper ...	155	...	166	Donations	259	...	167
Light and Heat...	151	...	151		710	...	40
							449
Less: Net Rents Receivable ...	1,631	...	683	INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS:			
	238	...	266	Rentals of Freehold Properties less Expenses	1,589	...	1,557
	1,393	...	417	Interest and Dividends	2,328	...	2,863
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:				Ricarde-Seaver Bequest	149	...	155
Salaries ...	1,825	...	1,947	(Less: Pension to the late Madame Rocca)	4,066	...	4,575
Pensions ...	250	...	250		13	...	—
Postages and Telephone	113	...	115	SUNDRY INCOME:			
Printing and Stationery	166	...	173	Book Sales	54	...	33
Audit Fee (1955) ...	63	...	63	Review Sales	213	...	177
Miscellaneous Expenses	231	...	277	Hereditary Charts	8	...	16
	2,648	...	2,825	(Sale of Incomplete sets of Periodicals from library)	165	...	—
SUNDRY EXPENSES:					440	...	226
Printing and Expenses of Review	1,130	...	1,100	(Deficit carried down)	294	...	—
Other Publication Expenses	60	...	167				
(including Books for Resale)							
Hire of Halls ...	51	...	36				
Travelling Expenses	58	...	89				
Library, Press Cuttings, etc.	80	...	88				
Subscriptions to other Societies	14	...	12				
Expenses of Galton Lecture	16	...	43				
Amount written off Lease—	38	...	38				
69, Eccleston Square	9	...	13				
Lecture Fees ...	1,456	...	1,586				
	—	...	422				
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR carried down ...							
	£5,497		£5,250		£5,497		£5,250

INVESTMENTS

at 31st December, 1956 (at cost less Capital Distributions)

FREEHOLD PROPERTY

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
72/74, Denmark Hill	7,677	1	0			
168, King Street, Hammersmith	5,315	16	6			
Factory at Holmethorpe Avenue, Redhill	6,658	18	9			
				19,651	16	3

MARKETABLE SECURITIES

£3,000	4%	Consolidated Loan 1957 or after ...	2,340	7	1
£13,857	6 11	3½% Conversion Stock (Registered) 1969	11,838	3	2
£2,011	6 4	3% Funding Stock (Registered) 1966/68	1,635	17	0
£6,650	2½%	Treasury Stock 1975 or after ...	3,985	9	1
£551		Goodlass, Wall & 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 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
£425		Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd. Ordinary Stock	1,013	6	6
£575		British Drug Houses Ltd. Ordinary Stock	1,375	11	9
£528		British Insulated Callenders Cables Ltd. Ordinary Stock	827	6	0
£1,083		Clyde & Mersey Investment Trust Ltd. Ordinary Stock	965	5	3
200		Consolidated Goldfields of South Africa Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares... ..	608	16	6
501		Courage and Barclay Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	727	1	4
200		Equity and Law Life Assurance Society Ordinary £1 Shares 8/6 paid	1,420	13	6
£400		Fremlins Ltd. Ordinary Stock	696	3	0
£774		Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd. Ordinary Stock	807	10	3
400		Hawker Siddeley Group Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares	803	6	0
£816		Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Ordinary Stock	840	11	9

Carried Forward 35,712 13 11 19,651 16 3

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	Brought Forward ...	35,712	13	11	19,651	16	3
£400	Imperial Tobacco Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock	1,115	10	0			
500	Phillips Incandescent Lamp Works Holding Co. Eindhoven Certificates to bearer Ordinary Sub-units of 10 Fl. each ...	733	1	9			
300	Rand Selection Co. Ltd. Ordinary 5/- Shares ...	743	9	6			
£275 10 0	Selection Trust Ltd. Ordinary Stock	1,128	12	2			
£375	Shell Transport and Trading Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock ...	1,274	7	8			
260	Stewarts and Lloyds Ltd. Ordinary £1 Shares ...	977	4	0			
£200	Turner & Newall Ltd. Ordinary Stock ...	1,081	11	0			
285	Union Corporation Ltd. Ordinary 2/6 Shares ...	662	17	6			
1,900	William Uttley Ltd. Ordinary 2/6 Shares	678	5	3			
£260	Watney Combe Reid & Co. Ltd. Deferred Ordinary Stock ...	693	1	6			
10,000	David Whitehead & Sons (Holdings) Ltd. Ordinary 1/- Shares ...	1,027	1	10			
					45,827	16	1

Market Value at 31st December, 1956—£48,199.

CASH ON DEPOSIT ...	5,000	0	0
	£70,479	12	4

LEGACIES

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 31st December, 1956, £804.

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)

£A4,030 Australian Consolidated Stock

Market Value at 31st December, 1956, £3,084.

NOTE: The Society has an interest in a number of other Trusts and Estates from which the amount eventually receivable is at present unknown.

