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THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

Annual Report

1965-6

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at 3.45 p.m. on Thursday, 20th May, 1965 at 69, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1. *Chairman*: Professor A. S. Parkes.

Eleven persons were present.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report, which had been previously circulated, was received.

The Chairman then proposed its adoption which was carried unanimously.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET

These were presented by the Honorary Treasurer.

Their adoption was proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously.

HONORARY OFFICERS AND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1965/66

HONORARY OFFICERS

Sir James Gray, who had completed his term of office, had retired from the Presidency (Article 34) and Sir Robert Platt had agreed to succeed him. The following appointments by the Council were announced:

<i>President:</i>	Sir Robert Platt, Bt.
<i>Secretary:</i>	Professor A. S. Parkes
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Professor J. E. Meade
<i>Librarian:</i>	Mr. P. R. Cox
<i>Vice-Presidents:</i>	Dr. G. Ainsworth Harrison Mrs. V. Houghton Dr. W. M. Keynes Dr. Eliot Slater Professor J. M. Thoday Sir Gerard Thornton

(Also under Article 34 Dr. C. O. Carter had ended his term of office as Honorary Librarian and, under Article 35, Dr. A. C. Stevenson and Professor F. Yates had ended their terms of office as Vice-Presidents.)

COUNCIL

There having been no nominations for membership of the Council from

Fellows outside it, the election of the following, presented by the Council, was proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously:

Dr. G. C. L. Bertram	Lady Lewis
Mr. L. Farrer Brown	Mr. John Peel
Dr. C. O. Carter	Mrs. M. A. Pyke
Professor P. Sargant Florence	Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts
Professor E. Grebenik	Dr. J. M. Tanner
Professor F. Lafitte	Professor R. M. Titmuss
Dr. H. Lehmann	Professor C. H. Waddington

(Under Article 36 the following had ended their terms of office as ordinary members of the Council: Colonel J. Campbell, Dr. G. Ainsworth Harrison and Sir Gerard Thornton.)

AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

The re-election of the Auditors, Messrs. West & Drake, who had expressed their willingness to continue to serve, was proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously.

The following was RESOLVED:

"That the Auditors remuneration for the current year to 31st December, 1965 shall be the sum of one hundred guineas with a further charge for additional accountancy as may be agreed by the Auditors and the Treasurer."

The Resolution was proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously.

Annual Report: 1965-6

IN THIS REPORT the accounts relate to the period from 1st January, 1965 to 31st December, 1965 inclusive. The rest of the Report covers the period from 1st April, 1965 to 31st March, 1966.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

Council meetings were held on the following dates:

21st June, 1965	7 present
27th October, 1965	10 present
2nd February, 1966	12 present

During the period under review the Executive and Finance Committee met three times.

CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL

The Consultative Council has suffered a loss in the death of Professor W. C. W. Nixon, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.O.G.

STATEMENT OF AIMS

By decision of the Council the Statement of Aims is now being revised; the current issue has therefore been withdrawn.

MEETINGS

The Galton Lecture. The Galton Lecture for 1965 was delivered on Wednesday, 5th May by Dr. Howard B. Newcombe on "The Study of Mutation and Selection in Human Populations". The Chair was taken by Dr. Alan C. Stevenson and about sixty-five people were present. The Lecture took place at the Rooms of the Royal Society and was preceded by tea.

The Galton Lecture for 1966, which will also be held at the Royal Society, will be given at 5 o'clock on Wednesday, 1st June by Dr. J. M. Tanner on "Galtonian Eugenics and the Study of Growth". Dr. Tanner is Reader in Child Health and Growth in the Institute of Child Health, University of London, and Consultant in Growth Disorders to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

The Darwin Lecture in Human Biology. The fifth Darwin Lecture in Human Biology sponsored by the Institute of Biology in association with the Society, was delivered on Thursday, 20th May, 1965 by Professor L. S. Penrose, F.R.S. on "Congenital Malformation in Man and Natural Selection." Professor O. E. Lowenstein was in the Chair and some 110 people attended. The Lecture took place in the Lecture Hall, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, S.W.7.

The sixth Darwin Lecture will be given, also in this Lecture Hall, at

5.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 4th May, 1966 by Dr. O. G. Edholm on "The Physiology of Human Adaptation".

A notice of this and Dr. Tanner's Galton Lecture will appear in next year's Annual Report.

Joint Meeting. A half-day meeting, on The Biology of Co-operation, organized jointly by the *Society*, the Royal Anthropological Institute and the Society for the Study of Human Biology, was held at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday, 11th December, 1965 under the Chairmanship of Professor J. S. Weiner. About fifty people were present including students from overseas.

Dr. M. J. Cullen, Dr. J. H. Crook and Dr. B. Benedict spoke respectively on co-operation in mammalian societies, primate societies and primitive human communities and Dr. H. Tajfel spoke on the physiology of co-operation.

The meeting, which closed with general discussion, was held in the Engineering Lecture Theatre of University College, London. The papers will be published in the June, 1966 issue of *The Eugenics Review*.

THE EUGENICS REVIEW

The Eugenics Review has continued to appear quarterly under the Editorship of Mrs. K. Hodson.

On the recommendation of the Editorial Committee the Council has decided that, while retaining the present topical character of the *Review*, more space shall be given to comprehensive reviews of current research.

Efforts are being made, in collaboration with the Publishers, Messrs. Oliver & Boyd Ltd., to increase the circulation of the *Review* especially among American University Libraries.

LIBRARY

During the past year forty-six books have been added to the Library by gift or purchase: eighty-five books have been borrowed, seventeen of them by the National Central Library.

Arrangements are being made for more of the periodicals in the Library to be bound during the current year.



The Editorial and Library Committee, which has met four times during the past year, has consisted of Mr. P. R. Cox (Chairman), Mr. D. R. Brothwell, Dr. C. O. Carter, Professor P. Sargant Florence, Dr. H. Lehmann, Lady Lewis and Mr. John Peel with the Honorary Secretary as an *ex officio* member.

DARWIN RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Dr. John B. Gibson has continued for a third and final year his tenure of the Honorary Darwin Research Fellowship to which he was appointed in 1963 in respect of his work on social mobility and differential fertility.

No other appointment was made in 1965.

GRANTS

During the period under review the Council has made the following grants:

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| <i>Professor A. S. Parkes</i> | A sum of £640 for the continuation of research on low temperature preservation of human semen. This is the second annual payment for this work guaranteed by the Council in 1964. |
| <i>Dr. R. J. F. H. Pinsent</i> | A sum of £130 for genetic research on family characteristics. |
| <i>The Family Planning Association: York and District Branch</i> | A sum of £900 for continuation of its domiciliary service and a sociological survey of this service. |
| <i>Dr. J. B. Gibson</i> | A sum of £200 for research on social mobility and differential fertility. |

Owing to pressure of other commitments Professor F. Lafitte is unable to direct the programme of inquiries and surveys in the field of abortion for which, in 1964, the Council made him a grant of £200. He has therefore withdrawn his claim and the money is being reserved for a similar project in another area.

At 31st December, 1965 the Grants Fund stood at £1,298 13s. 4d., representing two undrawn balances—by Professor Parkes (1965) £398 13s. 4d. and F. P. A. York (1965) £600—and grants amounting to £300 which had not been drawn upon at that date, i.e. to the Society for the Study of Human Biology (1963) £50, to Dr. Roughton (1964) £50, and the above-mentioned reserve of £200.

SYMPOSIA

The *Society's* second symposium, on *Genetic and Environmental Factors in Human Ability*, took place on Thursday and Friday, 30th September and 1st October, 1965 and was again held in the Botany Lecture Theatre of University College, London.

There were four sessions the first of which, under the Chairmanship of the President who opened the meeting, was on the nature and meaning of intelligence tests. Lord Robbins took the Chair for session two which dealt with selection for higher education. The third and fourth sessions, held on the second day, covered aspects of subnormality and differential fertility and intelligence; the Chairmen were, respectively, Dr. Brian Kirman who kindly took the place of Professor Jack Tizard who was unable to take part and Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts.

The meeting was very well attended and the interest of the large audience was evidenced by its lively participation in discussion.

The Proceedings will be published as volume two in the series of the *Society's* Symposia. Volume one, *Biological Aspects of Social Problems*, appeared in July, 1965 and at the end of December nearly 1,300 copies had been sold.

Arrangements are now being made for the third symposium, on *Social*

and Genetic Influences on Life and Death, which will be held in the same Lecture Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, September 28th and 29th next. The four sessional topics as planned at present will be: Conception, Pregnancy and Birth, Some Major Causes of Illness—which will cover, in the first part, Somatic Illness (session two) and, in the second, Psychological Illness (session three)—and Causes and Effect of Ageing. A full programme will be obtainable in May from the *Society's* office.

THE MARIE STOPES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION LIMITED
The Balance Sheet and Revenue Account for the year to 31st December, 1965 of The Marie Stopes Memorial Foundation Limited will be found at the end of this Report.

There was an excess of income over expenditure for the year amounting to £2,954 which, added to the Revenue Account balance at 31st December, 1964 of £5,688, increased the revenue surplus to £8,642. Of this balance £5,084 was carried forward, the sum of £3,558 having been expended during the year on training, the domiciliary service, grants and an allocation of £1,000 to the Eugenics Society for its general purposes. A further allocation of £374, charged to the Revenue Account, was made to the Society in respect of administrative and secretarial services.

The cost of the training courses for overseas nurses was £160 which was reduced by fees received of £79 to a net figure of £81. The cost of the domiciliary service was £1,327 which, after crediting Local Authority grants amounting to £600, was reduced to £727.

The grants included £500 to Brook Advisory Centres Limited (the first of three equal payments guaranteed annually until 1967) together with those made, but undrawn, in 1964 of £250 to the Young People's Advisory Centre under the direction of Dr. Faith Spicer and of £1,000 to Dr. J. B. Gibson for his work on social mobility and differential fertility.

Mr. John Peel, Lecturer in Sociology in the University of Hull and a member of the Council of the Eugenics Society, has been appointed to membership of the Board.

During the year under review further extensive repairs to the Whitfield Street premises have been completed. These include the rehabilitation in both houses of the basement rooms which now accommodate a self-contained clinic suite for the IUCD sessions, and also a private office for the Secretary so releasing the ground floor for patients' reception. One of the small upper rooms has been converted for use as a staff rest room.

The number of doctor sessions has increased during the year to 453. Three IUCD sessions are held each week, two observer and one training, and, in December 1965 a monthly session was started for cervical smears. Since January this year pregnancy diagnosis tests have been carried out on a trial basis at the Clinic, five members of the staff having been trained to do this; the position will be reviewed in the early summer.

Attendances at the Clinic have continued to increase, the rise in the number of new patients having been particularly encouraging.

Six training courses have been held during the year for overseas nurses of whom a total of forty-four attended; and a monthly demonstration session is now being held for overseas doctors attending the Family Planning Association's training courses.

In July 1965 the Board made clinic and office accommodation at Whitfield Street available, rent free, to Brook Advisory Centres Limited and since that date Dr. Spicer has carried out her work with young people under the auspices of this Charity.

Dr. Elizabeth Horder, with the assistance of Dr. Phyllis Fleury, has continued to direct the Clinic's domiciliary birth-control service which, since June 1965, has received local authority support. The London Boroughs of Camden and Westminster, where the project is operating, each agreed to pay £400 in the current year to cover the cost of fifty families taken into the scheme from each area and approved by the Medical Officers of Health. The report on the project, submitted in March 1965 to the then London County Council and to these Boroughs, appeared in the June 1965 issue of *The Eugenics Review*. It is hoped now to carry out a follow-up enquiry of those families who, having accepted the advised method, have not been visited for a year.

OBITUARY

We regret to report the death of Dr. Frederick Dillon, a Fellow of the *Society*.

FINANCE

DONATIONS. During the year to 31st December, 1965, the *Society* has gratefully received the following donations: Mr. C. M. Goethe, £11 14s 11d. (\$34.00); Major D. D. Sellon, £4. 4s 6d.; and Mr. G. R. S. Snow, £8 os. od.

The *Society* has also received with gratitude two donations from the Hopkins Donation Fund (Mr. Prynce Hopkins, of California) for specific purposes: the first, of £892 9s. 2d. (\$2,500.00) for the support of Dr. J. B. Gibson's research on social mobility and differential fertility, and the second, of £712 10s 6d. (\$2,000.00), for the travelling expenses of overseas speakers at the symposium. By kind permission of the Trustees the latter amount has been carried forward to 1966.

LEGACY. The Council has made a grant of £500, from the balance of Mr. Richard Rumbold's legacy, to The Simon Population Trust to meet the expenses (including surgeon's fees) of necessitous cases who would benefit from sterilization, this project being within the terms of the Will.

The grant was not drawn at 31st December, 1965.

LEASEHOLD PROPERTY. Messrs. John D. Wood & Co., Estate Agents, of 23, Berkeley Square, W.1., have continued to manage the *Society's* property.

INVESTMENT. At 31st December, 1965 the *Society's* investment in the Charities Official Investment Fund amounted to 87,655 income shares. There has been no change during the year.

ACCOUNTS FOR 1965. The Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year to 31st December, 1965 will be found at the end of this Report.

For the year under review, income exceeded ordinary working expenses by £2,266. This surplus was increased by an allocation of £1,000 from The Marie Stopes Memorial Foundation Limited and donations amounting to £1,605 from the Hopkins Donation Fund. The latter have been transferred to the specific purposes fund on the Balance Sheet. Net expenditure on the publication of *The Eugenics Review* of £1,877 and on the symposia volumes of £78 has been debited together with costs of the Darwin Research Fellowship, £200, and the symposium, £450; these, in addition to the grants made during 1965, £1,870, produced a net deficit of £1,209.

The General Fund, which stood at £97,430 at 31st December, 1964 has been reduced by this deficit of £1,209 and the balance at 31st December, 1965 was £96,221.



Register of Fellows and Members

	<i>Life Fellows</i>	<i>Life Members</i>	<i>Fellows</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Total</i>
Total, 31st March, 1965 ..	79	30	173	169	451
Elections, 1965/6 ..	5	—	16	14	35
	84	30	189	183	486
<i>Less:</i>					
Deaths	—	—	1	—	1
Resigned	—	—	6	6	12
Lapses	—	—	2	3	5
	—	—	9	9	18
Total, 31st March, 1966 ..	84	30	180	174	468

Accounts for 1965

BALANCE SHEET

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1965

31.12.64	£	£	£	31.12.64	£	£	£
GENERAL FUND							
Balance as shown by annexed Account ..	97,430	..	96,221	4,340	..	4,340	..
				1,618	..	1,650	..
				<u>2,722</u>		<u>2,690</u>	
STAFF PENSION FUND							
Balance at this date ..	1,000	..	1,000				
SPECIFIC PURPOSES FUND							
Balance at 31st December, 1964 ..		921		1,090	..	1,040	..
Donations—The Hopkins Donation Fund ..		1,605		66	..	14	..
				<u>1,156</u>		<u>1,054</u>	
		2,526		116		104	
Less: Contribution to Research, J. B. Gibson ..		893		<u>1,040</u>		<u>950</u>	
	921		1,633	<u>3,762</u>		<u>3,640</u>	
GRANTS FUND							
Balance at 31st December, 1964 ..		2,175					
Grants made during the year ..		1,870					
		<u>4,045</u>					
Less: Expended during the year ..		2,746		87,562	..	..	87,562
	2,175		1,299				

A. S. PARKES *Honorary Secretary*
J. E. MEADE *Honorary Treasurer*

<i>A. S. PARKES</i> <i>Honorary Secretary</i> <i>J. E. MEADE</i> <i>Honorary Treasurer</i>			
<u>£101,526</u>			

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, 1965, and of the deficit for the year to that date.

SARDINIA HOUSE,
52 LINCOLNS INN FIELDS,
LONDON, W.C.2.
23rd February, 1966.

ALLFIELDS.

Chartered Accountants

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1965

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116	Depreciation of Furniture and Equipment ..	104			
32	Amount written off Lease of 69 Eccleston Square	32			
727				602	
					64
229	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR carried down ..			2,266	
<u>£5,453</u>				<u>£5,671</u>	
PUBLICATION EXPENSES					
	<i>Eugenics Review</i>				
	Deficit incurred by Publishers ..	1,190			
996	Proportion of Editorial Expenses ..	697			
			1,887		
80	Symposia Volumes				
	Proportion of Editorial Expenses ..		312		
1,076				2,199	
	<i>Less: Royalties Receivable</i>				
3	<i>Eugenics Review</i> Back Numbers ..	10			
	Symposium Volume ..	234			
			244		
1,073				1,955	
200	Darwin Research Fellowship ..			200	
916	Symposium Expenses ..			450	
356	Transfer to the Specific Purposes Fund ..			1,605	
	Grants made during the year transferred to				
2,558	Balance Sheet ..			1,870	
<u>£5,103</u>				<u>£6,080</u>	
21	SUNDRY INCOME				
78	Book Sales ..				12
	Hereditry Charts ..				52
99					
<u>£5,453</u>					
229	SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR brought down				2,266
1,000	Marie Stopes Memorial Foundation Limited				
	Allocation from the Revenue Surplus ..				1,000
356	Donations to the Specific Purposes Fund				
	The Hopkins Donation Fund ..				1,605
3,518	DEFICIT carried to General Fund Account ..				1,209
<u>£5,103</u>					<u>£6,080</u>

General Fund Account for the year ended 31st December, 1965

Year to 31.12.64 £		Year to 31.12.64 £		Year to 31.12.64 £
3,518	DEFICIT on Income and Expenditure Account ..	1,209	BALANCE AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1964	£
3,246	(Purchase price of annuity for Carpenters) ..	—	brought forward ..	97,430
729	(Back-Service Premiums for Staff Pensions) ..	—	(Profit on Sale of Investments) ..	—
97,430	BALANCE AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1965, carried forward	96,221		
		<u>£97,430</u>		<u>£97,430</u>
		<u>£104,923</u>		<u>£104,923</u>

DEFERRED 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.

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*).
£A4,020 Australian Consolidated Stock.

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

THE MARIE STOPES MEMORIAL
FOUNDATION LIMITED

Accounts for 1965

BALANCE SHEET

REVENUE ACCOUNT

Balance Sheet, 31st December, 1965

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MARIE STOPES MEMORIAL FOUNDATION LIMITED

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ALLFIELDS



THE EUGENICS SOCIETY

Honorary Officers and Council

1966-67

The Council announces the Honorary Officers as follows:

President	Sir Robert Platt, BT., M.SC., M.D., F.R.C.P.
Secretary	Professor A. S. Parkes, C.B.E., M.A., SC.D., F.R.S.
Treasurer	†Professor J. E. Meade, C.B., F.B.A., M.A.
Librarian	P. R. Cox, F.I.A., F.S.S.
Vice-Presidents	*Professor P. Sargant Florence, C.B.E., M.A., PH.D. W. M. Keynes, M.A., M.D., M.CHIR., F.R.C.S. *John Peel, B.A. *J. A. Fraser Roberts, C.B.E., M.A., M.D., D.SC., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. Professor J. M. Thoday, PH.D., F.R.S. Sir Gerard Thornton, D.SC., F.R.S. †Re-appointed (Article 33(b)) *Appointed 1966

There being no other nominations, the Council presents the following names for election:

Council	G. C. L. Bertram, M.A., PH.D. L. Farrer Brown, C.B.E., B.SC.(ECON.) Professor E. Grebenik, M.SC.(ECON.) H. Lehmann, M.D., SC.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.I.C. Lady Lewis, M.D., M.R.C.P. Mrs. M. A. Pyke, O.B.E. Professor R. M. Titmuss, C.B.E. D. R. Brothwell, M.A. Martin Cole, B.SC., PH.D. G. Ainsworth Harrison, M.A., B.SC., D.PHIL. Mrs. V. Houghton Eliot Slater, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M.
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