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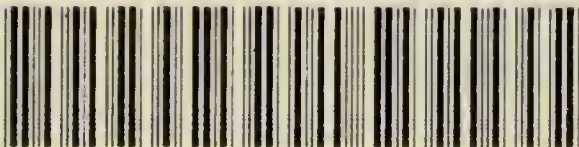
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The First International Eugenics Congress, London, To be held at the University of London, WEDNESDAY, JULY 24th, to TUESDAY, 30th, 1912.



EUGENICS, as Sir Francis Galton aptly termed the study of the agencies under social control that may improve or impair the racial qualities of future generations, presents problems of the utmost social importance.

At present the most urgent need is for *more knowledge*, both of the facts of heredity and of the effects of social institutions in causing racial change. As knowledge accrues, it must be disseminated and translated into action. The imparting of such knowledge would constitute a great advance in education: for both private individuals and public bodies have yet to be impressed with the gravity of the situation, and induced to act on eugenic principles. Ultimately it may be possible to induce Society to adopt a well-considered eugenic policy and to carry out reforms on eugenic lines.

To attain these ends, however, it is necessary that those who are alive to the dangers of the present social situation should combine together for the purpose of exchanging views, and to discuss a concerted scheme of action. For these reasons the Eugenics Education Society has arranged to hold an International Eugenics Congress in London in July, 1912.

The General Committee extend a cordial invitation to attend the Meetings of the First International Eugenics Congress to--

- (1) All Societies studying Eugenics, Race-Hygiene and Heredity.
- (2) Delegates from public bodies occupied in Administration, Education, Religion, Medicine and Law.
- (3) All who are interested in the various aspects of Eugenics and Social Reform.

Arrangements have been made by which the Meetings of the Congress, as well as the Exhibition, will be held at the University of London, South Kensington. Interpreters will be in attendance to assist members who are unfamiliar with the English language.

OBJECTS.

It is hoped, by means of this Congress, to make more widely known the results of the investigations of those factors which are making for racial improvement or decay ; to discuss to what extent existing knowledge warrants legislative action ; to organise the co-operation of existing societies and workers by the formation of an International Committee or otherwise, and to hold an Exhibition, etc.

GENERAL PROGRAMME. As intimated in the Preliminary Circular, the general heads under which the subjects to be dealt with at the Congress will be grouped are as follows—

1. **THE BEARING UPON EUGENICS OF BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.**

Facts of Heredity. Physiological aspects of Heredity. Variations, their nature and causation. Race Mixture.

2. **THE BEARING UPON EUGENICS OF SOCIOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH.**

Historical evidence with regard to changes in racial characters. Birth Rate and Death Rate Statistics. Effects of medical and surgical treatment in encouraging unfitness.

3. **THE BEARING UPON EUGENICS OF LEGISLATION AND SOCIAL CUSTOMS.**

Marriage Laws and Customs. Taxation. Economic Conditions. Insurance. Trades Unionism.

4. **CONSIDERATION OF THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF EUGENIC PRINCIPLES.**

Prevention of the propagation of the Unfit by segregation and sterilization. Voluntary restriction of propagation of the unsound. The encouragement of the propagation of the Fit. Promulgation of the Eugenic Ideal. The place of Eugenics in Educational Systems.

A full Programme, with complete local arrangements, will be forwarded to all members at least a month before the Meeting takes place. A detailed Programme for the Meetings of the day will be distributed to the members early each morning at the reception room.

Membership is acquired by the payment of £1. Members have the right to vote ; they participate in all the functions of the Congress and receive the publications gratuitously.

Persons desiring to attend the Congress as **Associates** pay 10/-. They are precluded from voting and are not entitled to receive the publications gratuitously, but they may be present at all Meetings of the Congress.

Receipts and Railway Vouchers will be forwarded on receipt of the amount of subscription, which may be paid in cash, by postal money order, or by cheque payable to the Assistant Treasurer of the Congress, 6, York Buildings, Adelphi.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES. All the British and some of the Continental Railways have very kindly granted exceptional facilities to members of the Congress. In all cases, the *Congress Voucher* (which will be sent together with the receipt for members' subscriptions to each subscriber), must be presented to the booking clerk at the station of departure.

Great Britain and Ireland. Special *return* tickets will be issued to Members of the First International Eugenics Congress from July 23rd to July 31st inclusive, at the rate of a single fare and a third from all parts of the United Kingdom.

France. From Paris to London the special reduced return fares will be First-Class, 72f. 85c.; Second-Class, 46f. 85c.; Third-Class, 37f. 50c. Return available for 15 days from July 22nd.

These tickets are available by the following trains:—

Paris	{ Via Boulogne	... (dept.)	8-25 a.m.	... 2-30 p.m.	...
(Nord)	{ Via Calais	...			9-20 p.m.
	Charing Cross	(arrive)	... 3-25 p.m.	... 10-45 p.m.	... 5-43 a.m.

Special arrangements can be made for reserved accommodation. Tickets to be obtained at the Paris Nord Station, or at the Office of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway (14 Rue du 4 Septembre) on presentation of the Congress Voucher.

Germany. Members from Germany desiring to obtain reduced rates are requested to communicate, through their Secretary, with the General Agent of the South Eastern and Chatham Railway Office in Cologne (6 Domhof). Provided at least 20 members travel together on the journey to London arrangements can be made for reduced fares at 50% reduction from the Belgian or from the Dutch Frontier to London and back. At least 14 days' notice must be given to secure these facilities.

Hotel Arrangements. Arrangements are being made for the accommodation of the visitors attending the Conference either for the full period, or per day, for Room and Breakfast, leaving the members to make their own arrangements for Lunch and Dinner at places suitable to their convenience.

The rates for Room and Breakfast, are from 4s. to 5s. 6d. Early application stating exact requirements is necessary.

Intending members are particularly requested to intimate their intention to attend the Congress, to the Secretary, on the annexed form as soon as possible, in order that their names and addresses may be registered, and all subsequent communications concerning the Congress sent to them.

THE RECEPTION COMMITTEE are arranging for a series of Evening Receptions, Afternoon Parties, Dinners, Excursions, etc. The plans when completed will be duly announced to all who intimate their intention to be present at the Congress.

CORRESPONDENCE. From July 24th to 30th, members of the Congress may have their letters addressed to them at The First International Eugenics Congress, c/o. The University of London, South Kensington, S.W.

The Organizing Committee, after deliberation with the Consultative Committees and representatives of participating countries, have made definite arrangements for the treatment of various selected subjects which they consider of special importance.

In each case the subject will be introduced by a paper read by a leading authority, followed by a discussion in which other specialists have agreed to take part. The subjects thus provisionally arranged for, and the names of some of those who have already promised papers are given below.

All further contributions which may be sent in will be most carefully considered by the Committee, and such of them as are considered suitable will be allotted a place in the programme of proceedings as far as time permits.

Even on the subjects for which definite arrangements have been made additional contributions may be sent, and these will be considered.

As the Congress is *international*, it is proper that the subjects submitted for consideration should be of wide importance and of permanent interest.

When the Committee have definitely selected the papers to be read it will be decided to what extent, if at all, the Congress will be divided into groups or sections for the purpose of holding meetings. But in any case the business will be so arranged that as far as possible all the subjects for discussion and consideration will be brought before all the Members. When necessary Committees will be appointed to deal with special subjects.

It is requested that contributors of papers to the Congress will send their complete manuscripts (preferably type-written) before the middle of May, 1912. Each of these must be accompanied by an abstract not exceeding in length 1,500 words.

Communications intended for the Congress may be written in English, French, German or Italian. The Committee reserves to itself the right of limiting the time to be allowed to each speaker.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

The following have promised either to give papers or participate in the discussions :—

1. THE BEARING UPON EUGENICS OF BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.

Papers.

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| DR. RAYMOND PEARL
(Director of the Maine Agricultural Station). | “The Inheritance of Fecundity.” |
| PROFESSOR R. PUNNETT
(Professor of Biology, Cambridge). | “Eugenics and Genetics.” |
| DR. DAVID F. WEEKS
(Superintendent of the New Jersey State Village for Epileptics). | “The Inheritance of Epilepsy.” |
| PROFESSOR GUISEPPE SERGI
(Professor of Anthropology, the University of Rome). | “Heredity and Mutability in Human Races.” |
| PROFESSOR E. MORSELLI
(Professor of Psychiatry, University of Genoa). | “Persistence and Variation of Racial Characters, particularly with regard to Ethnical Psychology.” |
| PROFESSOR V. GIUFFRIDA-RUGGERI
(Professor of Anthropology, University of Naples). | “The so-called Laws of Heredity in Man.” |

Discussion.

PROFESSOR W. BATESON. PROFESSOR J. ARTHUR THOMSON. DR. ARCHDALL REID.

2. THE BEARING UPON EUGENICS OF SOCIOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RESEARCH.

Papers.

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| DR. CORRADO GINI
(Professor of Statistics, University of Cagliari). | “The Problem of Eugenics from the Democratic Point of View.” |
| DR. F. A. WOODS
(Harvard Medical School). | “Some Interrelations between Eugenics and Historical Research.” |
| MRS. C. D. WHETHAM and W. C. D. WHETHAM, F.R.S. | “Race as a Factor in History.” |
| DR. IGNACIO VALENTI Y VIVO.
(Professor of Medicine and Toxicology, University of Barcelona) | “A Healthy Sane Family showing Longevity in Catalonia.” |

3. THE BEARING UPON EUGENICS OF LEGISLATION AND SOCIAL CUSTOMS.

Papers.

- DR. C. B. DAVENPORT "Marriage Laws and Customs."
(Superintendent American Eugenics
Record Office, Long Island, N.Y.)
- PROFESSOR J. L. KELLOGG, "Eugenics and Militarism."
(Professor of Entomology, Stanford
University).
- PROFESSOR D. STARR JORDAN "War and National Welfare."
(Professor Leland Stanford Uni-
versity; President American
Eugenics Section).
- PROFESSOR ALFREDO NICEFORO, "The cause of the Inferiority of
(Professor of Statistics, University
of Naples.) Physical and Mental Char-
acters in the lower social
classes."
- PROFESSOR A. LORIA "The Physio-Psychological Aris-
(Professor of Political Economy, tocracy and the Social
University of Turin.) Aristocracy."
- MONSIEUR LUCIEN MARCH, "The fertility of Marriages,
(Superintendent of the Bureau of the according to profession and
Statistique Générale de la France) social class.
- FRAULEIN DR. AGNES BLUHM (Berlin). "Race Hygiene and Midwifery."

Discussions.

SIR JOHN MACDONNELL, C.B., LL.D.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF EUGENIC PRINCIPLES.

Papers.

- SIR WILLIAM OSLER, M.D., F.R.S. "Eugenics and the Medical
(Regius Professor of Medicine, Profession."
Oxford).
- MR. BLEECHER VAN WAGENEN "Report of Recent Investiga-
(Chairman of the Sterilization tions as to the effects and
Committee American Breeders' practicability of Steriliza-
Association.) tion.
- DR. H. E. JORDAN "The Place of Eugenics in the
(Professor of Anatomy, University Medical Curriculum."
of Virginia.)
- DR. F. C. S. SCHILLER. "Practicable Applications of
Eugenics to Education."
- DR. A. PLOËTZ "The Bearing of Neo-Malthus-
(President of the International ianism on Eugenics."
Society for Race Hygiene,
Germany).
- DR. PINARD.

Discussions.

PROFESSOR SADLER.

DR. MURRAY LESLIE.

The Organising Committee reserve to itself the privilege of determining the order and nature of the proceedings of each day.

PROGRAMME OF THE EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition in connection with the First International Eugenics Congress will include—

(1) Charts, pedigrees, photographs, and specimens illustrative of Heredity, especially in man.

(2) Relics of Charles Darwin, Sir Francis Galton and Gregor Mendel.

(3) Portraits of Notable Workers.

The Committee desires to make the Exhibition as fully representative as possible of the present state and past history of the science of Heredity and Eugenics.

It is intended that the Exhibition shall be International, and it is therefore hoped that contributions will be received from all the countries taking part in the Congress.

The Committee will be glad of an early intimation of the character of the exhibits and the space likely to be required by any exhibitor.

In every case this information should be sent and a reply awaited before the exhibit is despatched.

A Catalogue of the Exhibition will be published.

The Exhibition will be held in the Buildings of the London University, South Kensington, London, S.W.

All communications with regard to the Exhibition should be addressed to

The Secretary for the Exhibition,

Eugenics Education Society,

6, York Buildings, Adelphi, London, W.C.

In order that the Meeting of the Congress should be useful and successful, it is necessary that the regulations as to the contribution of papers to be read, of the resolutions to be discussed, and as to the arrangements for the Exhibition, be rigidly adhered to.

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