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Some Reasons for Birth Control—

THE POPULATION PROBLEM

The population of the world is 1,700,000,000 and it is tending to double itself every sixty-five years. The total number the earth can feed is about 5,000,000,000. Adjustment of population to the means of subsistence is a fundamental requirement for social and economic progress and world peace.

BIOLOGICAL

The unfit are increasing rapidly and their care and the protection of the public from them are costing the states one-third of their income. The outlook for civilization is bad if it continues to breed from its worst stock.

MEDICAL

Over 20,000 women die in childbirth in the United States each year. These deaths are largely due to physical weaknesses which existed before maternity was undertaken.

Women who are not physically fit for maternity should have means to protect themselves placed at their disposal.

ECONOMIC AND CHILD WELFARE

Statistics show that the average cost to the individual and to society of bringing a child into the world is three hundred dollars, and that each child, when born, costs the breadwinner one-tenth of his income to support. Large families where the breadwinner earns little, mean overcrowded tenements, insufficient clothes, under-nourishment and no chance for healthy and normal development. Prevention and not cure should be the slogan of child welfare and social welfare programs.

VOLUNTARY MOTHERHOOD

Motherhood is a beautiful and noble undertaking, which should not be left to chance. It should always be undertaken with due regard to the mother's health, the health of children already born, the financial prospects, and the promise of a successful and happy life.

This is the basis of the Birth Control movement. A voluntary and intelligent motherhood instead of one that is accidental and promiscuous regardless of circumstances or consequences.

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EDITORIAL

THE persistence of police persecution would be absurd, if it were not annoying and expensive of time, money, nerves and effort. On August 26th Kitty Marion was again arrested for selling the Birth Control Review on New York streets. It will be remembered that last December Nathaniel Freier was haled to court for the same cause. Mr. Freier's case was dismissed summarily for lack of evidence, but, unabashed by this fiasco, eight months later the police arrested Miss Marion on a double charge of obstructing the sidewalk while selling magazines in violation of Chapter 23, Section 140 of the city ordinances. On page 306 is given the substance of the trial on August 28th. It is a commentary on our municipal police system that officers can again and again take people to court on charges which the magistrate, in effect, dismisses as ridiculous. Such an arrest is simply persecution by irresponsible persons who do no credit to the uniform of policemen.

Almost the most important news that comes to us from abroad is to be found in M. Hardy's notes on progress in France. We know that contraceptive methods, long known in France are still in spite of church and state, used by the classes to which they are the greatest blessing. But M. Hardy follows currently what is hard to get as "news", the persistence of individuals under the recent Anti-Malthusian law and the subtle social changes which are causing a minority to openly criticize those laws, and the government instigated "surpouleur" policy which is for the first time threatening France with a cheap life, cheap labor problem.

The Italian migration into France has brought the Italian problem of numbers to her attention. So too has the Italian demand for Corsica and other French possessions. Beginning under patriotic guise at Fiume, under Mussolini all sentiment has been dropped in justification of Italian agressions on other countries. Germany and the United States have refused the overflow of labor, while Australia, according to a representative at the World's Migration Congress in London, wants no more of the south Italian colonists who have already threatened Australian labor standards and rates of pay. So new colonies, never since Roman days a part of united Italy and long held by France, are demanded and the vigorous work of building up her army for the next great world war is going on. The eight-hour day for helpless Italian labor is swept away and the "rabbit warren" policy of the government, hitherto only unofficially announced is made official by the appointment of an anti-Birth Control Commission. The task of this commission, which is under the chairmanship of Dr. Pestalozza, a gynaecologist, as defined by the originating motion, is "To devise and propound administrative and repressive means against the numerous dangers deriving from pseudo-scientific and empiric neo-Malthusian propaganda."

The statement goes on to say that there has been an increased use of contraceptives since Italian laborers have been going into France.

We feature in this number Dr. Percy Clark's trip through the west in behalf of Birth Control, which in the interest he has aroused has been a triumphal progress. We give his radio talk, his very readable story of the early part of his trip and the news of his more recent
lectures Dr Clark has made this trip a contribution to the Birth Control movement. He has given time, energy and enthusiasm which cannot fail to have results in the west. The League and all those who are interested in the Birth Control movement owe Dr Clark, and Mr Raymond Arnold of San Francisco, whose preliminary work went far to make the trip a success, a deep debt of gratitude.

The British public was shocked at the statement made by Dr Godfrey Carter at a recent meeting of the British Medical Association to the effect that "large numbers of babies were criminally interfered with at or before their birth because their advent was not desired." Dr Carter, who is lecturer in Forensic Medicine at Sheffield University, pointed out that this practice was possible because of the lax definition of live birth under English law, which made it no crime to kill a full-time healthy child in the act of being born. This is only one of the many crude and brutal results of ignorance of Birth Control. It is in ethics if not in law infanticide, which, legal under a technicability in England, illegal in other countries, still exists. It is elder brother to the use of criminal abortion prevalent in all countries where the progress of scientific contraception is backward, and notoriously prevalent in this country where the teaching of Birth Control is forbidden by law.

Another result of ignorance of Birth Control was spoken of by Miss Paqui Norton in an article in the Birth Control Review. It is illustrated also by the group of letters in this month’s Review. It is a strange mad civilization which has driven this group of normal healthy parents to resort to so drastic a measure as sterilization, to deprive themselves, because they are not allowed to regulate the coming of children to suit their means and health, of the power of ever having children. The killing of the child before, or at birth and the destruction of the power to procreate or conceive-these unnatural measures are inevitable and will persist as long as desperate and overburdened parents are forbidden to have access to the means of Birth Control.

As if to round out scientific evidence on the mod vital of world problems, one of the most impressive of scientific bodies, the British Association for the Advancement of Science, has sounded the alarm on overpopulation and the food supply. The substance of the address of Sir Daniel Hall, president of the agricultural section of the British Association is given on another page. The comment of American scientists in the field of chemistry, then in session at Wilhamstown, Mass., is no less interesting, since on chemistry largely depends the future of the food supply. Dr Harrison Howe, of the American Chemical Society, does not believe that famine is approaching as rapidly as Sir Daniel’s address would seem to suggest. But he does believe that a shortage is near enough to threaten prevailing standards of living, and he recommends saving and the use of simpler foods.

On another page will be found the announcement of the new annual contributing memberships of the American Birth Control League. Up to now our members, joining for life for the nominal sum of one dollar, have given the League moral support alone. Our financial support has come from irregular voluntary contributions. The life membership has not been abandoned, but by the annual membership it is hoped to supplement moral support by a source of regular income. Readers who believe in our work are urged to become annual contributing members, to urge others to join on this basis, and to help support and extend the education for Birth Control to the full extent of their ability.

We wish to remind members of the League and readers of the Review of the two exhibits at which we have booths in September, and to urge them to visit if they are in New York or Philadelphia during that month. The booth at the Sesqui-centennial has been in operation ever since the exposition opened. The Women’s Activities Exhibit, at which the League is also represented, will be held at the Hotel Astor, New York City, September 28th-October 1st.
The Function of Sterilization

Part of an address delivered by Margaret Sanger before the Institute of Euthenics at Vassar College August 5th

The question of race betterment is one of immediate concern, and I am glad to say that the United States Government has already taken certain steps to control the quality of our population through the drastic immigration laws.

There is a quota restriction by which only so many people from each country are allowed to enter our shores each month. It is the latest method adopted by our government to solve the population problem. Most people are convinced that this policy is right, and agree that we should slow down on the number as well as the kind of immigrants coming here.

But while we close our gates to the so-called "undesirables" from other countries, we make no attempt to discourage or cut down the rapid multiplication of the unfit and undesirable at home.

In fact through our archaic and inhuman laws against Birth Control information, the breeding of defectives and insane becomes a necessity.

These are being multiplied with breakneck rapidity and increasing far out of proportion to the normal and intelligent classes. In 1923 over nine billions of dollars were spent on state and federal charities for the care and maintenance and perpetuation of these undesirables. Year by year their numbers are mounting. Year by year their cost is increasing. Huge sums—yes, vast fortunes—are expended on these, while the normal parents and their children are compelled to shift for themselves and compete with each other.

The American public is taxed, heavily taxed, to maintain an increasing race of morons, which threatens the very foundations of our civilization.

Over one-quarter of the total income of the state of New York is spent on the maintenance of asylums, prisons, and other institutions for the care of the defective and diseased. It must not be assumed that all the undesirable breeders are segregated in institutions. There is only a very small proportion of the feebleminded given over to institutions, the vast majority are living their lives among us, propagating their kind and providing abundant opportunity for the continuation of charities and various pauperizing institutions for generations to come.

When we view the political situation and realize that a moron's vote is as good as an intelligent, educated, thinking citizen, we may well pause and ask ourselves "Is America really safe for democracy?"

In England a few weeks ago the House of Lords passed a resolution sanctioning the giving of contraceptive instruction in all the maternity centers supported by the government.

It now remains for the United States government to set a sensible example to the world by offering a bonus or a yearly pension to all obviously unfit parents who allow themselves to be sterilized by harmless and scientific means. In this way the moron and the diseased would have no posterity to inherit their unhappy condition. The number of the feebleminded would decrease and a heavy burden would be lifted from the shoulders of the fit.

Such a bonus would be a wise and profitable investment for the nation. It would be the salvation of American civilization. It would enable thousands of parents to get a firm footing on the path of life and enable them to give some care to those children they have already borne.

It would mean facing our debts today, here and now, instead of passing them on and pilging them up for future generations to pay.

Our statistics tell us that the birth rate of the college men and women is lower than it should be. This applies to all the professional classes, doctors, clergymen, lawyers and skilled workers. There are some who deplore this condition and would remedy it by abusive epithets hurled at this conscientious group of decent and responsible citizens, who would rather have only the number of children they can decently rear, than to enter a cradle competition with the less responsible.

There is only one reply to a request for a higher birth rate among the intelligent, and that is to ask the government to first take off the burdens of the insane and feebleminded from your back. Sterilization for these is the remedy.
Sowing the Seed in the West

By Percy Clark, Ph.D.

WHEN we started out on this automobile lecture tour, it seemed to me as though it was going to the ends of the earth The "we" of this story is my wife and two children, the latter seven and four years old One of my friends said just before we started that he admired my nerve but he didn’t think much of my judgment.

At the first place that I was to speak on the subject of Birth Control, which the trip was all about, one of the men said to me, when he saw my two children “You are not practicing what you preach” I hastened to point out that I was practicing precisely what I preached, that I had two children, which was the number I could best take care of, and that we have had them two and a half years apart, according to a pre-arranged schedule.

This first place in which I spoke at was Indio, California, well down in the southern end The valley, of which Indio is the center, is the only place in the United States where they have a season long enough for dates to mature Being passionately fond of dates, I would move to Indio if it weren’t for the heat.

Asstnates for Birth Control

Some people believe that the Chinese and Japanese want an unlimited number of children A doctor in this valley, where there are large numbers of the Yellow Race engaged in agricultural work, told me that there was never a week went by that there weren’t at least two or three Chinese or Japanese in his office saying “Doctor, I already have six children, I can’t feed any more Tell me something to do, so that I won’t have any more “ What we need to avoid the so-called “yellow peril” is some real missionary work that will put into the hands of these people the power to so order their own lives that the number of children they may have be adequately cared for.

I spent three days in the San Joaquin Valley, speaking in Bakersfield, Selma, Delano, Wasco and Taft I thought it was hot in Indio, but they were having a cool spell there It was only 105 or 106! In the San Joaquin Valley it was 110 in the shade—and no shade! It was so hot up there that you could fry eggs on the sidewalk by moonlight (Page Baron Munchhausen)

I told the story there which was in a Birth Control Review article a year or two ago, about the young woman already the mother of three children in four years of married life who “thought she would simply scream if her husband touched her” One of the men came up to me afterwards and said that he knew his wife felt exactly that way, they had four children and could not adequately provide for more He, himself, could see how attempting to live an unnatural married life would certainly lead to the divorce court.

A Physician’s Evidence

In another town where I spoke, a doctor stood up after the talk and said that he certainly wanted to endorse everything I had said about the strangled relations caused by the continual fear of more children than the mother could take care of or the father adequately support, and he clinched his statements with this remark “You men may try to laugh this off, because you are really afraid to face it, but I am a doctor in this community and I want to tell you right here and now that the situation described by the speaker exists in at least half of your own cases, in a more or less aggravated form”.

We went on up the coast to San Francisco where Ray Arnold, an ardent supporter and advocate of Birth Control, had arranged a most complete schedule Ray frankly admits that if he is a fanatic about anything he is a fanatic about Birth Control because he knows how desperately it is needed He had done what I thought was impossible—arranged a public debate with a Catholic priest I take it as a sign of the times and a distinct mark of progress, that the Church is willing to discuss so vital a question Certainly, open discussion is the only possible opportunity which we may have of ultimately arriving at the truth.

Biological Waste

Everywhere I have heard stories by the score which make me more and more ardently a supporter and advocate of Birth Control The misery, unhappiness, and suffering caused by the lack of adequate Birth Control information is appalling One young man, not over 30, said his wife had had two children, 4 abortions, and 5 miscarriages.

On the food side of it alone, take a trip by automobile across the United States and from North Platte, Nebraska, west, until within a few miles of the Pacific Coast, you travel across a seemingly endless desert, broken only occasionally by valleys...
where irrigation is possible How many of you realize that possibly not more than two per cent, certainly not as much as ten per cent, of the entire state of Nevada can ever be used for human support There is not the water for any more, and land without water is utterly useless for the purpose of growing food

The strangest argument against Birth Control which I heard came in this connection A man, professing to quote from a pamphlet put out by the Catholic Church claimed that no land shortage was at all imminent that the ocean was drying up by evaporation and disclosing land at the rate of 100,000,000 acres per year! Some grammar school child should teach him physics.

Birth Control is as inevitable as the tides, and I believe that those now opposed to it will in the near future find their efforts as futile in attempting to stem this tide as King Canute found his efforts futile when he tried to stem the tides of the ocean. Five years ago, when I first began actively to take part in the Birth Control movement, Birth Control was on the defensive, it seemed to me. It was fighting for its existence. Today, Birth Control is on the offensive and the forces opposed to Birth Control are fighting a rear guard action as they retreat into oblivion, and every month from now on will see that retreat hastened.

The great thing needed is the constant support and co-operation of those earnestly backing the movement. The one great thing needed is—education, education and more education, and for this purpose funds must be provided. If they are provided, Birth Control is inevitable.

The Synagogue and Birth Control

By Stephen S Wise

I am here just to bear my personal testimony with respect to the problem that you are considering. I say "that you are considering" because I really think that I would be very much more interested in the problem of Birth Control if there were fewer of you to fight for it. I was a Birth Controller, before most of you. I think, speaking as much as ten or fifteen years ago from my pulpit, and inviting a really great man, in his day, Dr Abraham Jacoby, to give what proved to be a memorable address. I couldn't inveigle or seduce Dr Jacoby into speaking on religion from my pulpit, until one day I said to him "Now Dr Jacoby, won't you speak on Birth Control?" "Oh," he said, "if I may speak on Birth Control from the pulpit of a place of worship, then I am ready to come." And he did come and he made that memorable address.

I said that I would be more interested in your problem—in our problem—if Birth Control were a little more unpopular than it is. I am afraid that your cause is growing too popular, and that there is no more fighting to be done, or in any event very little of it. But that will be very good after all, for it is after the first fighting has been done, that men and women settle down to a wiser understanding and presentation of the problem or problems which they face.

I am asked to say a word about the attitude of the Synagogue—the Synagogue as a religious and ethical force—toward the problem of Birth Control. The other day a rather orthodox Jew, said to me with horror, real or assumed. "Dr Wise, you are not going to speak at a Birth Control meeting?" I said "I am, unless the invitation is rescinded in the meantime." "Well, don't you know, Dr Wise, that Birth Control runs counter to the teachings of Israel?" Well, there was only one answer to be made. I reminded this orthodox Jew that there was a time when, for example, polygamy was not only lawful, but, judging from the number of those who practiced it, it seemed to be a quite admirable affair, and I am sorry to make the admission that polygamy has not yet been wholly banned from Jewish life. There was a decree against polygamy in the Jewish church at a great council known as the council of Rabbi Garshen, which banned polygamy forever from the western world. In other words, Western Jews were denied the penalties of poly-
gamy, but the Jews in the East were suffered to rest under them.

As to Abraham

“Well,” I said, “Abraham and some others among my fathers were polygamists, and still that great decree of a rabbinical council banned polygamy, because it came to be seen that polygamy was incompatible with the acceptance of the religion of Israel which alone was possible in the later time.” There is nothing in the Jewish church to sanction Birth Control. I will go as far as to admit that there are no express or affirmative teachings with regard to the practices of Birth Control and I don’t pretend that there are. I rest my case on other grounds altogether. I rest my case, as a Jew and as a Jewish teacher, in giving my support to Birth Control, the doctrine and the practice alike, upon my faith as a Jew and a Jewish teacher that the life of the child is a sacred thing, and that we ought to hold life so sacred as to be unwilling to have life come into the world, unless we can surround it with those circumstances and conditions that make a full, complete, holy life possible. Now, on that simple statement of my faith as a Jew, I rest my own case, as a Jewish teacher, for Birth Control.

The Sin of Poverty

You know that there is a great deal of misunderstanding, even by teachers of religion, with regard to the things that are commended or condemned by the Bible. For example, there will never be a time when the Chambers of Minneapolis and Salt Lake City will insist that poverty can never be abolished from the world, because Jesus said, “The poor ye have with you always.” Well, there are two things to be said about that, either that Jesus was hastily and tragically mistaken, or (and this is my own hypothesis) that Jesus was stating a lamentable fact, rather than indulging in a glorious prophecy. Jesus was too great and perfect a humanitarian to asssent to the notion that poverty was inextinguishable, that it was indestructible. He looked around him and he saw that poverty was—

that poverty is—“The poor ye have with you always?” Had Jesus been asked, “Must this always be so? Will the poor always be suffered to perish from the earth?” if I understand the nund of Jesus, he would have said, he must have said, something such as this: “No, the day will come when in obedience to the will of God, you will find a way of ending the sin of poverty in the world.”

In our Jewish faith, or rather among the members of the household of Israel, I think it is true from one point of view that there has been a less critical and urgent need for the acceptance of the teaching of Birth Control than among some other groups. I am not prepared to say that a child born a Jew is more viable, more nearly viable, than a child born to non-Jews, but it is true that Jewish mothers, and only mothers (the only parents children have) did what they could, perhaps in some more effective way than any other group of mothers that I know, to ensure the advantage of that viability which is the endowment of a child. Of course you know what the figures are with respect to the death rate among children in two squares in the East End of London. The death rate among the children of the poor, the Jewish poor in London, is distinctly and quite muddubly lower than the death rate among non-Jewish children, very largely because, whether Jewish mothers are members of Birth Control societies or not, they have some understanding of the significance of the supreme significance of it, and again because I think that Jewish parents, among the poor and only the poor, perhaps the lower middle class, as some of you English folks say, give themselves utterly to the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of their children.

A Man Item as an Eugenic Program

The one thing that I mean to say this afternoon, I can say in just one word. I believe in the teachings and I believe in the practice of Birth Control. I am not a fanatical believer—that the Messianic reign will dawn when Birth Control is universally accepted. I ought to make that reservation, (I am saying, of course, the things that I believe, not that you believe) because frankly, I think of Birth Control as an item, an important item, but just an item in the eugenic program. I think it is supremely important as an item in the eugenic program, and the eugenic program is not Messianic. It again is an item, a very important item in a still larger program, and that larger program for me means this. The translation of the ideals of human justice and human decency and human brotherliness in the life of the world. That is all. But without a eugenic program we shall not have the beginning, let alone the end of the realization of the social programs of which we are dreaming, and Birth Control, I repeat, is the fundamental, primary element or item in the eugenic program.

I am a luckier man than Dr. Garth. He may receive an epistle tomorrow morning. Just at present it isn’t Jews who write epistles as in the days of the New Testament; it is Christians of high station in our midst. It is easy for me to say what I believe. It is a little harder for men in some.

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BIRTH CONTROL is absolutely essential for the very preservation of our present day civilization. Those things which we in America hold most dear, our high standard of living, the good food we have to eat, the clothes we have to wear, the houses in which we live, and the cars in which we ride, and the radios which we so much enjoy are all a part of it. As our population continues to increase, more and more of these things will have to be sacrificed.

The American Birth Control League, 104 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which I represent in my trip through coast cities, means by Birth Control the prevention of conception. This is very different from abortion. We are bitterly opposed to that as a very definite and dangerous evil. Reliable estimates place the number of women who die each year from this cause at not less than 10,000 in the vast majority of cases these women are already the mothers of several children, and it is one of our great social evils that these children should thus needlessly be robbed of a mother’s love and protection and guidance. A San Francisco surgeon told me the other day that half his practice consists of necessary operations on women whose lives have been ruined by such illegal operations. He must try to give them some semblance or shadow of health through the means of the surgeon’s knife. Illegal abortion is murder and is utterly to be condemned. Contraception prevents the very situations which lead to such illegal operations and so improves our society.

SOME people believe modern Birth Control methods to be wrong on the ground that they are unnatural. But consider this fact—all our modern civilization is built up on a series of so-called unnatural conditions, living in houses, eating cooked food, wearing clothes.

Those who insist that Birth Control is unnatural go on to say that since it is against nature it is therefore against God. To prove this, they quote from the Bible such commands as “Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth.” The first time this was given it was to two people, Adam and Eve, the second time it was to eight people, Noah and his family. Now there are one billion eight hundred million people on the earth and I wonder how long an emergency mandate is to be considered in full force.

We have now arrived at that period where it is necessary to abandon a blind adherence to another outworn phrase, “Be fruitful and multiply.”

JESUS said, “The Sabbath is made for man, not man for the Sabbath.” I should go further and say that religion is made for man, not man for religion, and so-called religious objections to Birth Control are invalid. If Birth Control will promote the highest well-being of each individual and make for more happiness, religious support should be given to it in full measure.

Birth Control will make possible the highest type of unselfishness. It is supremely selfish to bring into the world more children than can be fed, or clothed, or housed, or educated. To let our natural, strong parental instinct run beyond what is reasonable is a stark injustice to the helpless babies made to suffer for a fault not their own.

Birth Control will promote a higher type of morality. It will free our young people from the imputation that they are good only because they are afraid to be bad. To say that young men and young women would rush into an orgy of lust, if such information is available, is to grossly slander our youth of today. I don’t believe it. Real morality is something finer than that—a thing of the

Station KTAB, Calif.

Gentlemen

Thanks for the “Birth Control” debate. Let’s have more debates on timely questions. I like “controversial” numbers when both sides are so ably presented. In this case the facts were all on the side of the affirmative, though the negative speaker made as good an argument as possible with so little to work upon.

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sprit, a thing of the mmate man, a thing of character. And if it were true, the fault would he not with them, but with us, because with all our vaunted systems of education we could not instill into them higher ideals and loftier purpose.

FURTHERMORE, the very people who decry Birth Control as making for immorality in one breath, ordinarily take another and with it insist that Birth Control methods are now commonly known. Those that are thus commonly known are for the most part ineffective or injurious to health.

Furthermore, our doctors, lawyers, teachers, preachers, scientists, statesmen, legislators, are practicing limitation of families. But the less informed, unable to get adequate information, continue to produce large families which in turn cannot be properly nourished, trained, taught moral control. These families cost the state millions of dollars, besides being responsible for many murders and other crimes.

Population control is absolutely essential for the preservation of our civilization for economic, for political, and for social reasons, and modern methods of Birth Control offer the only feasible means of controlling our population.

Our population has increased at a startling rate during the last century. The population of the entire world has doubled in the last 92 years. The increase in the white population has been even more startling. In 1750, only 175 years ago, there were less than 130 million white people in the world. Today there are 650 million whites, five times as many.

Two or three years ago when Margaret Sanger, the great leader of the American Birth Control movement, made her tour of the world, the great Japanese daily paper, Osaka Mainichi, opposed her entrance into Japan. Today the same paper has become an advocate of Birth Control as it has been compelled by circumstances to realize that population control is necessary. If China, Japan, and India adopt our western civilization, they will have to adopt population control as an integral part of it and we need not fear them because ancient methods of war and industry cannot compete with modern methods.

This astounding increase in population must be stopped, if we are to maintain our American standard of living which we all hold so dear. We cannot have things unless we are able to make them. We cannot consume so much unless we produce that amount. We cannot eat something that is not produced, wear something that is not made. And from now on as our population increases we are going to produce less per capita, per worker, and as we produce less we shall have less to consume.

Those who oppose Birth Control delight in pointing to the fact that England produces on the average twice as much wheat per acre as our farmers do in the United States. But the really vital fact is that they produce half as much per man. The producers, the men are the ones that do the consuming, and it is the production per worker.
that is important, not the production per unit of land

It is true that we can feed a much larger aggregate population in the world and especially in this country,—but at a constantly lower and lower standard of living. This one additional thing should always be remembered: The great bulk of our western states will never be fit for human habitation. Nothing can ever be grown there—there is not water enough. Not more than 10 per cent of the state of Nevada, for instance, can ever be made to grow food for human consumption. There is not the water for any more. This country could support a far larger population, ultimately, if it had half its present land area, but had twice as much water in the form of rainfall, properly distributed.

Looking at the economic problem from another angle, population control by modern Birth Control is absolutely essential for the very preservation of our industrial organization. Our highly specialized method of machine and factory production is absolutely dependent upon fuel. Coal is the most widely used form of fuel today. Now please understand this fact—we are not going to run out of coal in any conceivable period of time. There will always be some coal in the ground, but it may be so costly in terms of human effort to extract it that it will not be done. England, for instance, has exhausted all of her best coal fields. She is dependent upon relatively fifth rate coal lands for her coal production. The result is this: A British coal miner working underground in the mme one day produces on the average 114 tons of coal. An American coal miner, still working in relatively virgin coal fields produces 8 tons of coal for each day's work, exactly four times as much. But the day is not far distant when an American coal miner will produce only what a British coal miner produces, not enough to keep him decently alive. Then it will be necessary for each one of us to give him part of what we produce, to subsidize him, and just in so far as that is necessary our average standard of living must fall.

This very pressure of the fuel problem is one of the great political problems of the present day. The mad scramble for political control of countries still possessing rich oil lands is a splendid example of just this situation. This will be more and more intensified as time goes on, and will be a chief cause of future war.

A large and rapidly expanding population is one of the big causes of political difficulties. The British National Birth Rate Commission in its report to the government said:

"The pressure of population in any country brings as a chief historic consequence overflows and migrations not only for peaceful settlement, but for conquest and for the subjugation and exploitation of weaker peoples. This always remains a chief cause of international disputes."

(To be continued)

Warless? When her tens are thousands and her thousands millions then—
All her harvests all too narrow—who can fancy warless men?

—ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON
The People of New York vs. Kitty Marion

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AFTER the routine examination of Pohceman Stanley Polchinski, (Sheriff No 12328) by the court, J J Goldstein, attorney retained by the American Birth Control League for Miss Marion, cross-examined him. He elected the statement that the arrest was made on the double charge of obstructing traffic and selling magazines without a permit, and that the officer faded to accede to Miss Marion’s request that he enquire of the chief inspector as to whether a permit was required by law. This examination settled once and for all in open court the fact that no permit is required by law and vendors should not be arrested again on that charge.

The legality of street selling being settled, the court then called Miss Marion, on the question of obstructing the sidewalk. After the routine questions Mr Goldstein asked:

Q: Will you explain to the Judge how you came to be served with the summons, state what happened.

A: The night before last I was selling the Birth Control Review on the block between 43rd and 44th Street as I have been doing for the last nine years, and this officer came along. I just sold one paper when this officer came and he said, “You can’t stand here selling this, have you got a permit?” I said, “There is no permit needed.” I said, “Only the night before the last I had occasion to call up your headquarters on a similar complaint. Will you please call up your Chief Inspector Lahey and he will tell you I need no permit.” He said, “You better come to the station house and find out there.” I said, “Does this mean I am under arrest?” And he said yes, and we were held up by the traffic on 44th Street and I said, “What charge are you going to make?” He said, “Peddlng without a license” I said, “No license is required but anyhow I would like to get this settled once and for all” and at the station house I asked the officer at the desk who would call up Chief Inspector Lahey and make sure about this. This had been tried out in court time after time and he said, “We will try it out once more, we will get a ruling on this” and that was perfectly agreeable to me.

Q: Was there anything said at 43rd or 44th Street about obstructing traffic?

A: No. He said that afterward in the station house that I was obstructing traffic, that he saw me sell a paper and that there were five or six people standing around.

Q: Traffic is always heavy at that hour on Broadway?

A: Yes, they keep on moving.

Q: You don’t obstruct any more traffic than the police officer does?

A: Absolutely no! I stand near a hydrant so that I don’t obstruct the traffic any more than that hydrant.

Q: Wasn’t there another man selling newspapers there?

A: Of course there was. I know the rules. I am not obstructing traffic. I am most careful not to. Not only that, but nobody ever stops to see what is happening unless the policeman stops and speaks to me, and then everybody seems to stop to see what is happening. But in this case, I walked away immediately with the policeman instead of arguing as I very often do, and I told them to get in touch with headquarters.

And so, while I am about it, is there any way to get protection against this police persecution? That is all it amounts to.

Ma GOLDSTEIN That is all.

THE COURT I find the defendant Not Guilty. Discharged.

"Here y’are, Mrs Housefly, latest copy"

Courtesy of Collier’s Weekly
Population and the Food Supply

From the "London Times" is taken this digest of the address given by Sir Daniel Hall, President of the Agricultural Section, before the British Association for the Advancement of Science on Aug 9th

The president said that sociological factors were coming into play, and almost bringing back the old problem of Malthus. The capacity of agriculture to provide food for the growing numbers of the people depended on the extent of land available, as well as on the pitch of cultivation. The question was how far could tuning-up methods compensate for a non-expanding acreage? After making a number of estimates, he concluded that, under the existing conditions of agriculture among western peoples, it required between two and 2½ acres of cultivated land to supply the needs of one unit of population (one man, one woman, and one child). The expansion of the white peoples in the last century was unprecedented, but was achieved only because of the vast areas of unoccupied land, chiefly in the Americas, which suddenly had become available for cultivation. There was no similar increase of good land to be expected.

Economy in Diet

A vegetarian diet was more economical of the resources of the soil, meat and all animal products, like milk and eggs, were produced with an expenditure of energy which might be from seven to twenty times as high as the energy available from them. If the maximum of population supported by a given area of land were to be the objective, vegetarianism and a cessation from the use of alcohol would become necessary. Prophecy in such matters was vain, but he could not help feeling that the race (not individuals) which cut out meat and alcohol to multiply would be of the permanent slave type, destined to function like worker bees in the ultimate community.

With regard to the intensification of production, the dominating factor was the cost of labor, in the past, the cheaper way had been by extending the cultivated area. A certain gain might be achieved by the introduction of more heavily cropping varieties, but too much was not to be expected from the plant breeder. The present annual increment in the white population was about five millions, which would necessitate the taking into cultivation of 12 million acres of new land every year. No process of that kind was going on, indeed, in many crops the acreage was decreasing, and it was notorious that economic conditions in almost every European country were reducing the numbers of agricultural laborers.

Summing up his view, Sir Daniel Hall said: "If we are to continue to feed the growing population of the world on the present methods a continued expansion of the cultivated area is required, new land is called for year after year. I cannot see where this new land of the necessary quality is to be found in quantities commensurate with the immediate demand. Doubtless the white races will insist on maintaining their rising standard of living and will apply deliberate checks to their fertility, a process we already see in action. But the restriction of increase will not take effect all at once, even under economic pressure, and the danger lies in the period preceding the comparative stabilization. As it cannot be supposed that the development of the civilized races can be allowed permanently to be checked by lack of food when food is obtainable, it follows that resort must be had to the intensification of production from the area already under cultivation. The means for that intensification are already in sight, more will be supped with the advancement of research.

Intensification, however, is in the main attended by a higher cost of production, and movement in that direction is likely to slow until it is stimulated by a rise of prices. Organization will have to be introduced into the industry, and it may be expected that organization will take one or other of three forms. The farmer may be left as the producing unit, but his methods will be strictly controlled and standardized by the great selling corporations that handle his produce, and these corporations may be either commercial ventures or co-operative associations of the farmers themselves. The co-operative venture appears to imply an even more rigid discipline of the individual than that imposed by the capitalist firm. Alternatively, the capitalist may venture upon the direct exploitation of large areas of land and industrialize farming as he has industrialized other producing businesses.

Production and Prices

But capital will only be tempted back to farming whether for the organization of the business or even to enable the individual to take advantage of the possibilities of intensification, if prices rise to a definitely remunerative level. I hope I have given reasons for supposing that they must rise, because the surge in population set up by the unprecedented extension of the cultivated area last century cannot all at once be checked, whereas the new land still available is either inadequate in amount or unsuited to cheap production by the old methods. Pressure is sooner or later inevitable, and one of the biggest problems before the world at present is to prevent the pressure developing suddenly or becoming unbearable. The intensification of production is the only remedy, and again the only means of rendering intensification practicable is the continued pursuit of scientific research.
Letters From Men and Women Who Are Forced to Make a Desperate Choice

A Little Delicate Person

I am writing to you for advice. I am a little delicate person, 28 years old, have three children and had childbed fever with my last one and I have had no health since. I am just a nervous wreck and have a weak heart and am not able to bring any more babies into the world. I want to be sterilized and I want to know if it is dangerous and I want you to explain the operation to me in plain English and tell me who I could get to perform it for me. I think you are the greatest mother the Nation has ever known and hope you have the power to go on with your great work until the end of time.

To Sterilize a Healthy Man

I decided that I would be sterilized and have called on two different doctors here to get information as to where I can get this operation and cost, etc. Now these doctors won't talk about this and each just seemed to want me to go home and forget about Birth Control. My wife is "all in" from giving birth to six children and she has varicose veins which cause piles and she suffers terribly with them after each childbirth and with the last child she was in an awful misery from them for three months and has them yet at times. Now our doctor in Canada does no good for these piles. I am a steel worker and make fair money when the mills run, but can't keep the family. I have now the way I would like to stay away from home now since March 27th this spring and if I can't get sterilized I am away for good. (5 days home in June) Now I thought that I would write you for information these doctors won't speak about sterilization. If you know of any doctors in New York or Pittsburgh where I can get this operation done—and if there is any law against sterilization of a healthy man—cost of the operation, etc.

Refuses Her Consent

I am 36 years of age, am the mother of 7 babies. One came at 7 months, the other 3 had to be delivered, the fifth I carried 6 months dead, had to undergo an operation, then one came to time, hved. And in March of this year had to be conveyed to sanatorium, lay on operation table 3 hours and 34 minutes and had seventh one delivered dead, it weighed 16 pounds, measured 23 inches. Now the doctors will say you can't live over another one and I feel that way as I am suffering from Brights Disease and have tumor. I just live in constant dread of being pregnant again and sometimes I think I will go crazy. I menstruate every 2 weeks and sometimes as long as 5 or 6 months at time. I don't feel like I will ever be well again as I haven't been able to do any work since November. I am on diet. I have stated just part of my case to you and if there is any means of getting information to me please do send it and explain things. Doctors say for me to have an incision made and cords tied to stop breeding but I can't stand that.

Death or Sterilization?

I am a married woman 23 years of age. Three years ago I was married and I now have a boy of 16 months. I am not very strong and only weigh 100 lbs. I am in constant fear of conception not only because I am not strong but because I am still living with my parents and find it hard to save a little money to buy a home, so I can scarcely afford to raise any more children. My husband, who is very good to me, and I are very fond of children and wouldn't like to part with our little boy but we both realize we have our hands full at present to try to buy a home and give our baby the necessities of life on $27 00 a week. I am the oldest of 6 children. My mother is a broken woman and a nervous wreck trying to keep a large family and doing all her duties. Twice she had miscarriages because she was too weak to carry her children. She is a great advocate of Birth Control but my father is not. I am sorry he couldn't be a woman. The worst part of my story is I am about to tell you. I believe as you do. Why don't doctors give you a preventive for conception when they say to have a child would be a calamity, it would mean death? I have a sister who last month reached her 19th birthday. Since she was 9 years
old she has suffered from a bad heart contracted thru diphtheria. Four months ago she married against our wishes. We have had specialists for her and they all say she has a leaking heart and it cannot be cured. Since she married her heart has become worse and the doctors told her not to become pregnant or it would surely kill her. None have told her how to prevent this. Now we find that she is pregnant 2 months and is getting worse every day. Her doctor, a specialist in obstetrics, is at a loss what to do. He doesn't know whether to commit abortion or let her carry it as long as she can. He said he should operate her and her heart can't stand it, but he thinks she will have to go to bed and stay until the baby is born, or until he will have to take it from her on account of her heart, as he thinks she can only go 6 or 7 months at the most. Should she come all night he would remove those organs so she could not become pregnant any more. I suppose you can see how we feel. Can't you please help us out in some way and tell us how to overcome this trouble?

**Cannot Bear the Thought**

*Pennsylvania*

I have had 6 children, only 5 living. My oldest child would be 12 years old if she was living. She died at the age of 21 months. Now I have 2 girls and 3 boys, all two years apart, not so bad as some poor women that have one every year. Yet I am not strong and with my last baby the doctor wanted me to go thru an operation so I would not get any more children. I was ready to go when I was in bed with my baby but after I got up and around I saw I just couldn't make up my mind to go for it. I love babies and the thought of not having any more, I just couldn't go. Yet I knew in my heart how I have to suffer to have a baby but oh, if I could just have a couple more years of rest if you could only tell me what to do. I avoid my husband whenever I can, but any married woman understands a man. My sister is 39 years old and single. Often tells me let well enough alone. I am 32 years old and married 13 years now.

**Seriously Considering**

*Utah*

I have read all your books which are very interesting so I am coming to you with a very important question. Hopefully you will be able to answer me as I am pinning all my faith on your answer. This is my question: I have 2 children, one 6 years, one 21/2 years, both girls. Some way or other I got pregnant again which I do not want. My husband or I do not care for more children as two is all we can take care of right. When it is born will it harm me or if I go through an operation at the time of birth after so as to become sterilized? Now I am only 22 years old. My husband is 35 years old and he does not want me to suffer and ruin my health by having children as I am sickly and nervous. My physician is willing to perform the operation but he advises me to think it over. He says I am too young and that after the operation I will have no sexual desire and that I will be lazy, also that I will become stupid and wouldn't care for anything. Now I think if I was sterilized I would be very happy and would have no cause for worry. My husband is also willing but I want to know the truth about it first. Please let me know what to do, also tell me what is to be done. Remember that all your advice and answer will be held in strict confidence and I will be ever grateful for any help you can give me along this line. I do not wish to give birth to another one if I can help it.

** Couldn’t I be Sterilized?**

*Iowa*

I have been married 9 years and have 4 children all very healthy and whom I worship, and two abortions which I never quite got over. I have tried all of my married life to find a sure preventive but could never get nowhere. It seemed as tho I couldn't take a long breath without becoming pregnant which was running my health as well as my home because my husband never wanted a family and could never understand why I could not keep from having them, not realizing I was as ignorant of sex and my body when I married as my little 8 year old daughter is now. I thought at times I would lose my mind as I worshipped my husband and children both and it was saddening to have such a discontent in my home when all the time I was eating my heart out for happiness. I thought I knew a safe method of Birth Control but four months ago for some cruel reason I found myself pregnant again. When I tell you my home is ruined I put it mildly. My husband puts the blame entirely upon me and has given up all interest in the caring for nothing, taking no interest in the children, almost ignoring me and staying away from home a great deal. It is driving me crazy because I so wanted a happy home and to raise my children up right but how can I with such prevailing conditions. I do not tell you this to degrade my husband because he is a very good man and wants the children that he has to be well provided for, but I do it just to show you what a problem I have. What am I to do? I feel as tho now there is nothing that would be sure for me. I have thought very seriously lately and I am willing to be operated on so that I can't have any more because I refuse to submit to abortion any more and I know if I keep on having them it would be better that I should die. I don't want my own children taken but if that is the last resort I will. Couldn't I be sterilized and what is the process of the operation? Will you please give me your opinion as I must do something for the safety of the family I have and as I said before I have no one else in this world to go to. I haven't told you that my husband and I are both just 27 years old so you see we are so young yet.
Passing the Buck to Posterity

By Vilhjalmur Stefansson

Part II

NOW we come to a very special class of conscious or unconscious anti-Malthusians—the vegetarians.

Most vegetarians practice their cult from sentiment or because they think that they improve their health by avoiding meat. Thus do emotionalism and food faddism play against Malthus, for the eating of meat is a wasteful practice.

If you feed corn to a hog or a steer or a dairy cow and then live on the resulting meat and milk, you are wasting anything from four-fifths to nine-tenths of the corn. There is similar waste when you feed to chickens anything which you and your family could have eaten direct. In the ultimate sense of balancing food production against population, eggs are a great luxury and so is butter.

In addition to whatever good the Theosophists and Dr Kellogg may be otherwise doing, they are fighting valiantly, whether they consider it or not, to retard the march of world starvation.

THERE are to-day in the United States alone more than sixty million head of cattle. Assume, for argument's sake, that half these are in sections too dry for cereals. Even so, we have thirty million cattle living on land that could be used for wheat or potatoes. I don't know (and neither do you, probably) how much more a steer eats than you or I. But we don't care to know exactly. We are only playing at exactness with most of our figures, though we are trying our best to get a true general view. What matters about the steer is that whether he eats two or four or eight times as much as a man, he is in any case wasting anything from four-fifths to nine-tenths of whatever he does eat. For we can get back from him by eating him only one-fifth or one-tenth of the food value of what he consumes.

This seems to show that vegetarianism is going to stave off the Great Hunger by several decades. Where there is one corn-fed steer to-day, we may have two decorous vegetarians to-morrow, for each hog we oust from Iowa a vegetarian will flourish. Thirty million cattle equal sixty million vegetarians, thirty million sheep equal thirty million vegetarians, three hundred and sixty million chickens equal eighteen million vegetarians, and so on for the rest of all the birds and beasts.

These figures are for the United States alone. Think of the vast vegetarian saving for the whole world. Let us say five hundred million extra human beings. That would stave off the Great Hunger, say, thirty-three years more, or till 2042. We are getting far into the future now and have emphasized sufficiently the ridiculousness of being exact. Suppose we begin talking in still rounder numbers and call it 2050. We are safe till 2050 AD.

That's getting to look pretty safe for most of us. We who read The Post to-day will be dead by then, even with vegetarian longevity and Stomach operations. And most of us favor the policy of letting posterity look after itself. This is partly for reasons very complimentary to posterity—we have confidence in them that they will be able to take care of themselves in the matter of food. This is the same flattering trust which makes us assume they will be able to pay off the national, municipal, and other debts that we are bequeathing to them. We even try to imagine they will almost enjoy doing it.

But the larger part of our disinclination to do much for posterity is doubtless really based on the sound principle that we owe them no gratitude, since they have never done anything for us. So we blithely leave them to wrestle with Malthus as best they can.

In a way of speaking, the life of the human race is as much longer than the life of an individual, as a century is longer than the twinkle of an eye. At least, that seems so when we look back through the vistas of history, archaeology and geology. It will be so for the future, too, except for a possible collision with a comet, or some other cataclysmic tragedy of the earth. And except, of course, for Malthus.

So let us follow our reasoning a little further, even if we have already saved the world up to and including the year 2050.

We come, then, next, to my own pet idea—the one that has led me to the study of all the others.

The world's domestic animals, except the reindeer, are tropical or subtropical in origin and not well adapted to feeding for themselves in the northern portion of the Temperate Zone or any-
where within the Arctic A steer feeds out all winter in Texas without danger. Steers do feed out all winter in Alberta, too, but only at a risk, in an exceptional year they may be killed by thousands in a blizzard. The same is true of sheep. The horse is somewhat hardier, but it is only the French and other Latin races that eat much horse meat at present, and in any case the northward limit of the beef-producing horse is only a little beyond that of cattle and sheep.

But beyond the northern range of the horse, and all the way to the shores of the polar sea, there are vast areas, in part grass-patches and forest-patches, and in part level or rolling prairie. All this grass can be turned into meat, if the right animal is used.

Greenland is not only the largest island in the Arctic, but much the largest in the whole world. Ninety per cent of it is covered with ice, but there is fair grazing over the remaining ten per cent. The Scandinavian colony in Greenland created a dairy industry for home supply, and for some slight export to Europe, between the tenth and thirteenth centuries. That industry vanished with the colony, about 1450 A.D., for reasons not probably directly connected with any change in climate. The Danes are now reviving animal husbandry in Greenland.

The only other partly ice-covered islands in the Arctic are Franz Josef, Spitsbergen, Heiberg, Ellesmere, North Devon, and perhaps Nicholas. Undoubtedly more than twenty-five per cent of these is some sort of pasture. All the other Arctic islands are moderately good grazing ground throughout most of their areas.

Our best estimates indicate that if you take the Arctic islands and the parts of Alaska, Canada and Siberia lying north of the heavy forest, you will have an average of grass or other edible forage per acre about equal to those sections of Montana or Texas that are used for stock because they are too dry for cereals.

The reindeer has been a domestic animal since history began, and there are now projects for domesticking the ovibos (sometimes called "musk ox," though they are not oxen and have no musk). They fend for themselves in comfort all winter, and are in no more danger of freezing in a blizzard than a cow is of drowning in a spring shower.

Reindeer are in vast numbers now in several Arctic countries, and the ovibos may become equally numerous later. Neither of these animals needs a barn to shelter it or hay to feed it. Not even the scientific men of Russia can estimate within the nearest million how many domestic reindeer there are in northern Russia and northern Siberia. In parts of Arctic Siberia, a herdsmen is considered only moderately well-to-do if he owns ten thousand head. At present they are used there only for local food supply, but export plans are already being formulated.

Some thirty years ago the United States Bureau of Education had the wisdom to import 1,280 reindeer from Siberia into Alaska. These have doubled every three years since then, so we now have more than 300,000, although 150,000 have been butchered for food meantime. Under the new policy of the United States Department of Agriculture, this is fast developing into an export business, and reindeer meat is now served in some of the best restaurants and hotels of New York, Chicago, and other large cities.

The reason you don't hear much about reindeer meat is that there is no selling problem, and, therefore, no need to advertise. The demand vastly exceeds the supply, and those in control of the Alaska export merely quietly stock the hotels which are their regular customers. They avoid new customers because they could not keep them permanently supplied if they did secure them.

The United States Biological Survey estimates that before 1940 there will be something between two and four million reindeer in Alaska. The difference between the upper and lower limits of the estimate is so great because they do not feel certain as yet as to how many animals per square mile can be supported permanently by the Arctic prairies.

Since the annual turnover will be about twenty-five per cent of the herd, the yearly export of reindeer meat from Alaska, presumably mainly to the rest of the United States, will be anything from 500,000 to 1,000,000 head in 1940. By then the breeding experts think they will have increased the average weight per carcass from the present 150 pounds to perhaps 250 pounds.

This all means that by 1940, or sooner, we will have on sale in the United States per year between 50,000 and 100,000 tons of reindeer meat.

In a rapid survey like this we cannot explain why reindeer is to be classified with beef rather than with venison, or why there will not be any problem in introducing it. Those and similar subjects have
been thoroughly and satisfactorily threshed out by
the Department of Agriculture and by private
owners, who agree in thinking that there is no ad-
vertising or similar promotion problem, for the
supply will always be less than the demand. They
agree equally that remdeer will not compete with
venison, but only with beef and mutton.

Now, the world's supply of beef and mutton is
bound to decrease every year. We have discussed,
above, the fact that if you feed corn to a hog or a
steer, you are wasting most of the corn. Another
way of stating it is that if you raise wild hay or
timothy for stock, on land capable of produc-
mg wheat or potatoes, you are wasting anything
from four-fifths to nine-tenths of the productivity
of the land.

The man who raises stock on good farm land
may be making as much money as he can, but
he is not making as much food as he can. That is,
partly, what the farming authorities mean when
they discuss "money crops" as opposed to "food
crops".

With the growth of population and the increas-
mg pressure on food supply, all land capable of
producing vegetable foods for direct consump-
tion will have to be gradually converted from stock
ranching to cereals, orchards, and market gardens

The process of change from stock ranges to cul-
tivated fields is already going on rapidly in
Texas, the Argentme. Australia and indeed in
most of the unimportant grazing countries of the
world. Accordingly, with a steadily increasing popula-
tion you will have a steadily decreasing output of
beef and mutton. It is not conceivable that the
supply of remdeer meat will increase rapidly
enough, even when Canada and Siberia begin
to supplement Alaska, to keep pace with the decrease
in the older meats.

Range cattle are doomed in the comparatively
near future (within, say, a hundred years) becausethe land on which they graze is capable of
producing corn or apples, and more valuable if so
used. But, so far as the modern agriculturalists
can see, there is no food plant suitable for direct
human consumption that can grow in the lands
north of the forests where the remdeer are native
The remdeer is therefore the one animal already
domestic that can save the world from compulsory
vegetarianism.

Those who believe that meat eating is a human
necessity must put their trust in the remdeer, for
we can see already how and why the older sources
of meat are going to fail us.

(To be continued)

Why?

By Marjorie K. Hillier

Huddled together in squalor and dirt,
Uncared for, unwanted, in hopelessness born,
Knowing nought else but dread, hunger and hurt,
To life such as this, barns are born with each dawn

Hollow-eyed mothers, who hark to their cry,
Droop listlessly, hopelessly, down to the grave
Leaving babes motherless, gladly they die,
To watch children starving does not make one brave

Children in anguish, their rags round them draw,
They just have to live, just live day after day
Winter is merciless, small limbs grow raw,
The road's always muddy, the sky's always grey

They did not want to come into the world,
And they have not sinned, have not made any foe,
Yet into heartrending sorrow they're hurled.
O! Why are they born? Alas, they do not know
Book Reviews


The aim of the volumes in the Handbook Series is "to set forth" compactly, in an open forum, as it were, some of the representative and best available literature for and against the subject chosen. In this volume on Birth Control, this aim has been well carried out. The volume opens with the briefs of the advocates and opponents of Birth Control. A fairly comprehensive bibliography, covering nearly fifty pages follows the briefs, and the remainder of the volume is occupied with articles which have been selected to illustrate the various phases of the question. Many of these articles have been taken from the Birth Control Review, and from other publications of the American Birth Control League, and almost all the writers are familiar to our readers.

The Affirmative

They include such names as Margaret Sanger, Have-lock Elish, Harold Cox, C. V. Drysdale, E. G. Punke, W. R. Inge, C. K. Millard, H. M. Dilla, Dr. W. J. Robinson, and Dr. S. A. Knopf. We look in vain, however, for some of the most eminent names in the ranks of our scientific and clerical friends. Dr. Adolf Meyer, Raymond Pearl, C. C. Little, C. E. East, and Lord Dawson are conspicuously absent, as are also such men as Rabbi Wise, Rev. Nelson J. Springer, Rev. Karl Reiland, and the Bishop of Birmingham. In fact, it must be stated that the moral and religious significance of Birth Control is somewhat too slightly treated, especially as the strongest stress on the negative side is laid on the assumed immorality and unnaturalness of any regulation of the reproductive instincts of mankind. There is one article by Harold Cox on the "Morality of Birth Control." But the large amount of recent literature on this aspect of the question, which is gradually building up a new and higher concept of sexual and parental morality is ignored. Another objection to the choice of articles might be taken in regard to the one by Margaret Sanger, which the compiler has selected as representative of the arguments of the leader of the Birth Control movement. It barely covers two pages, as compared with the 20 or 25 that are allotted to others—Louis I. Dubhn is given 20 pages, and Dr. W. J. Robinson, the veteran Birth Controller, 24. As the compiler had a wide field of Mrs. Sanger's writings from which to select, it seems as though the case would have been more fairly presented, if there had been included a more adequate statement from the President of the American Birth Control League.

The arguments in favor of Birth Control as presented in this volume offer nothing that is new to our readers. The interest for us lies chiefly in the arguments of our opponents. There are sixteen names on the side of the negative. The first is Louis I. Dubhn, and is the address which Dr. Dubhn made before the Sixth International Birth Control Conference of last year. In that address he conceded that there is already a widespread use of Birth Control as to diminish the danger of over-population, and his strongest arguments were directed against the inefficiency and danger of many methods now in use. It cannot be said that any case against Birth Control was very clearly or powerfully stated by Dr. Dubhn.

The Negative

The chief reliance of the other opponents of Birth Control is on the traditional morality which insists that sexual relations are a concession to the lower nature of man, only to be excused as necessary for the production of children, and that any other use of sex functions is "unnatural," immoral and irreligious. These arguments have the advantage for their proponents that their basis is taken for granted, and it is assumed that people in general agree in the degrading new of the marriage relation which is inherent in them. To meet these arguments one must challenge their foundation. Take for example the dictum of Rev. Mabel Irwin, who writes: "the very essence of prostitution is in the fact that a function has been so used as to frustrate its evident end." This is dogmatism, not reason, and the only reply is a total denial of the premises. That this form of dogmatism may be enunciated by writers who are not of the Roman Catholic Church does not alter its character, and the only reply that can be made is: "We refuse to believe that the noblest and finest sentiments of humanity are bound up in a God-given instinct which is low and degrading and only to be admitted a place in life, because God made the survival of the race dependent on its exercise."

As to Dysgenic Selection

Another argument of the opponents of Birth Control is that it is already in practice and that it makes for dysgenic selection, in that it is the intelligent and educated who limit their families and the weak-minded and unfit who do not. This argument is frequently put forward, but the men who urge it never seem to take into account the fact that it is impossible to alter this state of affairs except by more Birth Control. If the educated and intelligent see the advantages of their present restriction of the number of children, they will continue to exercise Birth Control. If the poor and the ignorant do not see such advantages, or if they see them are unable to discover means to obtain them, the remedy is to carry instruction and education to the poor, and not to attempt the vain
task of taking these away from the more informed. That is just what the American Birth Control League is advocating—more Birth Control to balance the Birth Control that already exists.

The fallibility of many methods of Birth Control comes in for structures by some of the medical opponents of Birth Control. Here against some of the arguments brought against us are really arguments in favor of the work the League is doing. Science and medicine, until very lately, have altogether ignored this field of research. The problem presented to science is a very simple one, and already there are signs that it is being examined and tested, and that solutions of widely differing characters are almost ready for presentation. That medical men have failed in their duty to find a remedy for an acknowledged evil, does not justify any doctor in bringing forward this failure as an argument against Birth Control.

There are nineteen names in the list of the opponents of Birth Control. But there is little variety in the arguments used. One writer, Mai Edge of London, insists that Birth Control is due purely to selfishness, and warns the workers against it, because "the smaller the family, so much the easier will it be to impose a lower standard of wages." The remainder of her tirade, which can scarcely be called argument, rests upon unproved assumptions as far from the truth as that the man with a big family is able to set the standard of wages received in his trade.

In the days of the suffrage struggle, it was frequently found that women who had been indifferent to the cause were stirred to enthusiasm by indignation at the arguments used by its opponents, and thus became valiant members of the suffrage army. If any reader has a friend who is doubtful as to Birth Control, a gift of this volume, with some of the anti-arguments deeply scored in red for her attention, will prove an almost infallible method of conversion to whole-hearted enthusiasm for the cause of Birth Control.

Annie G. Porritt

MARY MACARTHUR, by Agnes Hamilton Thomas Seltzer, New York

MARY MACARTHUR was one of the three great women leaders who have been produced by the British Labor Movement. Entering upon her career as an organizer, a very attractive young Scotchwoman, she refused at first to marry, feeling that her work came first. Later she became the wife of Will Anderson, one of the most sagacious and best beloved of England's Labor leaders, who died after about five years of ideally happy married life. In addition to the equipment of a born agitator, Mary Macarthur had the judgment and boldness of the leader. It would be impossible to recount the strikes she led, the negotiations she conducted and the meetings she addressed. Her biography is the history of seventeen arduous years of tireless effort for the organization of the mass of scattered, underpaid and helpless women workers of England, into the security of the Women's Trade Union League.

A G P

RACIAL REALITIES IN EUROPE, by Lothrop Stoddard Charles Scribner's Sons, New York

Believing that "scientific discoveries of the past generation have revealed the vital importance of the racial factor in human affairs," Professor Stoddard undertakes in this volume to present a "frankly pioneer sketch" of European history in the light of this factor.

In the opening chapter he describes the mind and temperament, the characters of the three leading races which have occupied Europe since the earliest invasions from the east.

These characters he applies through ten chapters to a reexamination of European social and political developments and causes. Leaving aside the usual factors of climate, soil, traditions and ideas, he stresses the importance of fixed race habits and temperamental race differences in determining national development, showing the instability and confusion resulting from mixture of races and the permanence of governmental forms in unracial countries.

Migrations, political ascendency and decline, trade preferences, class leadership, all are attributed in the main to Nordic, Alpine or Mediterranean race supremacy within the given region.

Placing under scrutiny the histories of kindred Britain, the Norse North, the Mediterranean South, Alpinized Germany, disrupted Eastern Europe and the Alpine East he thus measures off the chasm of events in each by the rule of racial balance. His well-known championship of the Nordic peoples appears consistently throughout the discussion.

Particularly valuable to the inexpert student of history are three maps. These indicate the physical contour, the distribution of races, and present language areas of the Continent and British Isles. One is moved to suggest that racial and language maps would constitute an equally instructive addition to school histories and geographies.

Certain critics see no "momentous discovery" in Dr. Stoddard's theory of the significance of race as a pre-determinant of the destinies of nations. One reviewer finds "no new facts." Yet the book contains for the average reader a great light, revealing to him an underlying cause of outward events and trends which, if he be neither anthropologist nor psychologist, he had unaudied been unable to discern, and which gives him a new guide to the study of public movements in his own time.

Again, a very pertinent conclusion might be deduced from the text. Historians have pointed out how seven civilizations have arisen and decayed. In the opinion of many of our own civilization is threatened with a similar
fate. But today we have science to summon in such a crisis. And there are those amongst us, world-budders, who find in the regulation and control of populations a scientific offset to so dread a calamity. Theirs, then, to lessen the inferior, to strengthen the superior strains. Theirs to re-shape world elements, to re-balance the races.

Anna Harrtuttle Whittic

CHANGES IN THE SIZE OF AMERICAN FAMILIES IN ONE GENERATION, by Ray Erwin Baber and Edward Alsworth Ross. No. 10 Univ Wisconsin Studies in the Social Sciences and History. Univ. Wis. Press, Madison, Wis. 1924


AGE OF PARENTS AND ORDER OF BIRTH IN RELATION TO LONGEVITY OF OFFSPRING, by S. J. Holmes and I Wilson. Reprint Jour. Heredity, February 1925

The outstanding fact in the first monograph is that there has been a shrinkage of 38½ per cent in the size of American families of college students in the middle west in a generation. The present generation averages 2.8 children per couple, which is "about one child short of what they should have to reproduce themselves." A separate study of the size of dependent American families in the last chapter shows no shrinkage there, for "these dependent families are twice as large as the average self-supporting family of native stock." This is not new, but it needs to be re-emphasized, and the fact that the American dependent is like the foreign-born prolific, deserves attention.

The authors do not take a well rounded point of view of human nature in discussing the causes of the decline in the first group. They do not believe that late marriage or economic pressure accounts for it. They attribute it essentially to Birth Control, abortion, and sterility due to the social diseases. The motives they assign for Birth Control range from the love of ease and luxury to a desire to climb the social ladder. Such a treatment is neither accurate nor complete, and it may be doubted if the authors themselves contend that Birth Control is only practiced for such motives as these.

Higher educat-contains in for disapproval, they quote from Poponoe and Johnson* the warning that "the con-

* 'Applied Eugenics'

sistant lengthening of the educational period (by the universities) will result in serious deterioration of the race." To any person in the possession of common sense, the shortening of the educational period seems a strange solution of the differential birth rate. Furthermore, this dictum is inconsistent with the authors' statement that postponement of marriage is an unimportant factor.

But their gravest mistake lies in assuming that correlation means causation. They state that since this study "includes every educational group,—this should give us a very clear picture of the effect of educat-on upon the size of the family." Does educat-er ster se cause a low birth rate, or does a lower birth rate (along with some other things perhaps) give some the opportunity for more education? Or are they both independent and both caused by something else? The question is at least still an open one. The study is hardly convincing on that score.

Again they state in the discussion of the relative infertility of American women as compared with the foreign born. "With 13 per cent of our couples of native stock childless, and with nearly 18 per cent of the fertile couples having only one child, what chance have they in competition with their prolific neighbors from abroad?" This can hardly be said to show penetrating analysis. The answer depends upon many things, among others upon what they are competing for. If they are competing to people Heaven or Hell they will undoubtedly procreate fast, but if they are competing to promote human well-being, especially the well-being of their own class or group, they may lower their birth rate with the express purpose of giving them an advantage in competition. For what Professor T. N. Carver has called "occupational congestion" is a factor in increasing competition within the group, making for an unbalanced economic order and thereby lowering incomes within the group.

In the second monograph Professor S. J. Holmes of the University of California has studied the stock that has given that institution its male students since 1920 and finds that the grandparents of these students had on the average a family of 5.21 children, while the parents had between 3 and 3.66.

This might be considered sufficient to maintain the stock undiminished provided the marriage rate were nearer that of the general population. But we find that this group varies in marriage rate all the way from the 97 per cent of Methodist ministers through the 75 per cent of Harvard graduates, to the extremely low marriage rate of the graduates of some of the eastern women's colleges. Dr. Holmes agrees with Baber and Ross therefore, that the stock from which we have been recruiting our college material is not reproducing itself.

Holmes' study considers both native and foreign born and takes account of religion and education. He finds,
as one would expect, that the native born have the smallest families, the foreigners the largest, and that Catholics average larger families (4:14) than the followers of other religions.

What is most striking in these two monographs is the fact that in no case do the authors mention, what it seems they must realize—that the possibility of voluntary parenthood by the general populace would go a long way toward solving the problem of the differential birth rate over which they are so much concerned. One looks in vain for a suggestion to this effect.

The third monograph in the group is a scientific investigation showing that there is no correlation between either the age of parents or the order of birth and the longevity of offspring. Of the earlier students of this subject, Beeton and Pearson had concluded in favor of the younger parents; Redfield in favor of the older, the latter basing his conclusions on an absurdly small number of cases. Holmes and Wilson have followed a sound method and there is reason to believe that their conclusions are more carefully drawn than those of the English biometricians. — Norman E. Himes

SOCIAL PROGRESS A handbook of the Liberal Movement. The Arbtrator, New York

The causes of discontent in the United States, in spite of the great prosperity of the country and the favorable status of the workers, as compared with those in other parts of the world, are comprehensively dealt with from a Liberal viewpoint in the first part of this handbook. The second section, devoted to definitions and short articles on varied phases of the Liberal movement, including Workmen's Compensation, Birth Control, the League of Nations and Patriotism is supplemented by an extensive and useful bibliography for Liberals.

A G P

IN THE NEWS

"With each new burden the mother finds herself less able to shoulder any burden," writes Dr. Ahce Hamilton.

The news columns supply three examples to illustrate her text.

When Lilian Osborne, mother of 11 children, of whom five are alive, was charged at Birmingham with attempting to commit suicide by jumping from a bedroom window, she said she had so many children she did not know what she was doing.—Evening News (London)

"Murder against some person or persons unknown" was the verdict at Hammersmith last week on a woman who had succumbed to an illegal operation. One of the arguments for Birth Control instruction is that it would tend to check the crime of abortion, with which, apparently, the police cannot successfully deal.—John Bull (London)

A PHYSICIAN'S VIEW

My evening consultations seem to collect the most unfortunate among the cases which attend the Centre, and I must confess that I am discouraged at the results.

Many of our patients are so handicapped by hereditary defects that even with the best environment it would not be easy to give them much help, and when, in addition, there are too many children in the family, bad housing conditions, unemployment or inadequate wages leading to under-nourishment, faulty use of the available means due to lack of training, alcoholism or other antisocial manifestations—and I see few cases that do not labour under more than one of these disadvantages—I reluctantly conclude that we are like people who go on pouring water into a bucket that has a hole in it. We are trying to cure an evil by tinkering with results, instead of attacking the causes of the trouble, and success never comes that way.

The first necessity seems to me to be limitation of the family to a size commensurate with the Income, for without this all other measures will fail. In addition there must be better housing accommodation, the adoption of an adequate general minimum wage (such as is already in force in Australia), and a better education of men and women in their responsibilities to each other, to the rest of society, and above all to posterity.

The attainment of family limitation depends largely on education by Welfare Workers, and until we face this problem frankly we are, in my opinion, neglecting one of the basic conditions for the success of our work. —Norman Haire, Medical Officer of Saffron Hill Welfare Clinic, London.
Press Clippings

Birth Control of insects and cattle has come into vigorous effect. But it merely controlled the birth of our lesser treasure—the output of our gardens, fields and pastures. Over the greatest treasure of all, the output of our homes, we exercised no precautionary supervision. We made the shooting of mad dogs and elimination of diseased stock compulsory. We would not allow congestion in stables nor breeding in diseased herds. We protected our fruit crop by forbidding the entrance of doubtful fruit from unsupervised areas. But at the same time we continued to allow tuberculosis in cattle.

We fought scab on fruit trees and tuberculosis in cattle. We made the shooting of mad dogs and elimination of diseased stock compulsory. We protected our fruit crop by forbidding the entrance of doubtful fruit from unsupervised areas. But at the same time we continued to allow tuberculosis in cattle.

At the present writing that is the condition prevailing in America. That is the condition for which you are paying increasingly heavy tax money. Our population is increasing enormously, but a substantial part of that increase is diseased, simple-minded and practically doomed to a life of crime. Think about these things.

—Elaine Robinson in San Francisco Call

It is slowly but surely becoming recognized that Birth Control must be adopted and practiced if the world's populations is ever to rise to a higher standard of living. It will become more and more an economic necessity if human life is ever to become what it ought to be. It is true that many people, including men prominent in church and state, have denounced the practice and at least pretend to look upon it with abhorrence. Yet many of these same people have, unconsciously perhaps, adopted it to a greater or less extent in their own families. Today a vast number of the wealthy and prominent people in every land have adopted it and have very limited families, while the struggling poor bring armies of children into the world which they are utterly unable to support or bring up properly. The result is a steady lowering of the intellectual and moral standard of populations. Struggling millions beget more struggling millions until famine, pestilence or war brings to a terrible end their misery and suffering. "Far better had they never been born" applies with terrible truth to millions upon millions of the suffering and starving populations of Europe and Asia. The result will apply more or less to all the continent.

The mandate for big population as expressed so frequently by military and political leaders should be suppressed and become subject to sound and sane economic principles. Far better a small population in decent dwellings with pleasant surroundings and with a larger measure of education and culture, than vast millions with fifty per cent or more living in squalor and misery. This cannot be life as God and Nature intended it to be—Halifax (Nova Scotia) Citizen.

Wars are no longer fought for bread, but they are fought for the jam. Man has long ago refused to live by bread alone and the whole problem has become tremendously tangled by that unknown quantity the standard of living. Wars are fought because groups of men are discontented with their standard of living. Whenever the birth rate is high, the standard of living is low, but this in itself does not lead to discontent, nor war, as we see by once more turning to China. It is only when changing circumstances lead to a rapid drop in the standard of living that discontent leads to war, such a period engulfs us at present in the west and especially in America. Never in the history of the world has so high a standard of living existed as in America at the present moment, hence the greater need of America for a progressively diminishing birth rate. No one suggests that America could not absorb a far larger population, but you do not wait till the glass is full to overflowing before beginning to turn off the tap. —The New Republic

But what, then, is the answer to this problem of rapidly increasing populations, so that a nation must expand into the territory of some other expanding nation or slowly die of starvation? If the answer is not war of conquest and extermination what is it?

Obviously the limitation of population. We are limiting it now by the restriction of immigration. We refuse to admit defective, weaklings, paupers, idiots, through that gateway. When we get wise enough we shall refuse to admit undesirables through the gateway of birth. "Quality, not quantity," is the slogan for the parents of the future. This will necessitate other changes in human nature. But unless such changes are brought about it will be the same old hell of bloody and brutal war to the end of the hideous chapter. —F O H in the Universalist Leader.

"HONI SOIT"

Two men bought the Review and a woman passing jeered, "no wonder you've got boy friends." About ten minutes later a clergyman turned toward me in passing and hissed in cultured tones—"you are a beast."

—Kitty Marion
News Notes

UNITED STATES

New York

KITTY MARION'S case, of which a resume a given an another page, was the most important event of last month at headquarters of the American Birth Control League, because it establishes once for all in open court the fact that it is perfectly legal to reach a large New York public through street sale of the REVIEW.

Other large audiences for the work of the league have been reached through Dr. Clark's radio address and through the booth at the Sesqui-centennial. Full stories of this and of the booth to he opened at the Women's Activities Exhibit will be published later.

The Brooklyn branch of the Clinical Research Department, which was founded last January, sends the following report of progress. The work was started through the instrumentality of Mrs. J. Rhee Kappeyne, a Brooklyn lawyer who has been untried in her work for Birth Control. Mrs. Kappeyne is chairman of the Brooklyn Committee. Dr. Ella M. Hediger is Clinical Director, Miss Emilv Stonehill is Social Worker.

The report is the informal story of the response and the intangible benefits derived from the Clinical Research Department. Figures of the year's work will be given later. Dr. Hediger writes:

"Already a large and increasing number of women are rejoicing in the benefits of the Brooklyn Branch. Into the ears of the women in charge are poured the most heart-rending tales of mental and physical torture from women whose health has been wrecked through excessive child-bearing and overwork. Others are victims of ill health through frequent abortions, in an effort to properly provide and care for the several boys and girls already in their family.

Women of all races and classes have found relief, from the woman with a college diploma to her sister who can only make her mark, with all the grades between.

Not figuratively, but literally, among these patients have been the deaf, the lame, and the blind. Other patients have husbands suffering from diabetes, tuberculosis, alcoholism, locomotor ataxia, gonorrhea, syphilis, feeble-mindedness and insanity.

Some of the patients are brought by their husbands. Men who, while wishing to live a normal, married life, are solicitous of the happiness of their wives and the welfare of their children. And this is the bright side of the clinical work, for some of these have since called to express their gratitude and wish the work God-speed. And oh, the change the patients tell of in their lives!

Mrs. A gives thanks that her health has been greatly improved by the elimination of fear.

Mrs. B declares she has just begun to find life worth living. Mrs. C that she is now able to perform her daily tasks with cheerfulness, because she has regained her lost hope of a better day.

Mrs. D., that the strained relations between herself and her husband are ended, and they are living more happily together than at any period since their honeymoon. Mrs. E., that her husband now spends his evenings with her, and they have resumed their courtship. Mrs. F rejoices in reconciliation to her husband, estranged because of her unwillingness to run the risks of adding to an overlarge family, endangering her own life and their welfare.

Mrs. G delights in passing the good news on to poor women as wretched, sick, and overworked as she herself was before she became a patient.

Not material, but space, prevents our running through the alphabet."

Most of the month of August was spent by Dr. James F. Cooper, Medical Director of the Clinical Research Department in Oregon and Washington, with one stop in Nevada and a start on his program for Montana. Of the response in the far west he writes: "Physicians are seeking practical information as never before." His reports for September are not yet in. The list of places covered is as follows:

August 30th
August 31st-Sept 1st
September 2nd
September 3rd, 4th
September 6th, 7th
September 8th, 9th
September 10th, 11th
September 13th, 14th
September 15th
September 16th
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September 22nd
September 23rd, 24th, 25th
September 27th
September 28th
September 29th
September 30th
October 1st

Great Falls, Mon
Butte, Mon
Helena, Mon
Missoula, Mon
Butte, Mon
Great Falls, Mon
Minot, N. D
Levi Lake, N. D
Grand Forks, N. D
Fargo, N. D
Jamestown, N. D
Carrington, N. D
Aberdeen, S. D
Sioux Falls, S. D
Sioux City, Ia
Omaha, Neb
Lincoln, Neb
Grand Forks, Neb
Geneva, Neb
Hastings, Neb
North Platte, Neb
Among visitors at headquarters were men and women students at Columbia University Summer Session. Among these were clergymen, teachers, nurses, from all parts of the United States who regarded knowledge of the Birth Control movement as a legitimate part of their summer educational work and expressed the strongest enthusiasm for the work of the League.

California

Dr Percy Clark left California August 11th. During his six weeks tour he brought Birth Control to the attention of local business men and church people in many cities. More important still, he had the opportunity twice to thrash the question out before large audiences with representatives of the Roman Catholic Church, and to place it before a membership 200,000 strong, when he spoke in Oakland before the National Association of Colored Women.

Though no vote was taken after his debate with a Catholic priest at the San Francisco Open Forum on July 29th, it is estimated that he opened with opinion about equally divided for and against and closed with less than twenty-five per cent of the audience opposed. In the days immediately preceding the debate Dr Clark had spoken to clubs of business men at Palo Alto, Richmond, Stockton and Newman, besides those places named in last month's Review.

In the last week in July he also addressed a good audience at the South Methodist Church of Berkeley. On August 1st he spoke again in a church, the Eighth Avenue Methodist Church of Oakland. During the next few days he was heard by the Rotary Club of Hayward and other business organizations.

August 5th was a very busy and fruitful day for Dr Clark. In the morning he addressed an audience of almost a thousand women representatives of the National Association of Colored Women in biennial convention at Oakland, lunche and spoke before the Mutual Business Club and in the evening lectured on the “American Problem of Population” before 500 Oakland Elks.

On August 6th he was heard at a luncheon of the High Twelve Club and in the evening by the Inner Circle Club, both of Oakland. The next day Frutie Lodge No. 830 heard him and on August 8th he lectured on “Racial Parenthood” before the First Congregational Church of Oakland and on “Rural Betterment” before the Illinois Society of California. His largest audience and the climax of his tour was reached when on August 10th his debate with Father Budge was broadcast by Station KTAB from a leading Baptist church of Oakland.

An interesting incident of Dr Clark’s tour was the offer of an attorney influential in local politics to defend his suit if he would make a test case under the California law by giving out information on contraceptive methods. A physician who was present offered to be party to the test also.

Nevada

On his way to Oregon, Dr Cooper stopped at Reno, to speak before a group of physicians. Dr Henry Albert, State Health Officer of Iowa, presided.

Oregon

In spite of hot weather and vacations during the last days of July, Dr Cooper had a good audience of doctors at the meeting of the Lane County Medical Association on July 30th. In the first days of August he spoke before about thirty members of the Marion County Medical Society at Salem and at a public meeting of about 300 physicians and invited guests at the sessions of the East Oregon District Medical Society at Hot Lake.

Among the physicians present at this lecture was Dr William Lee Bishop, editor of the Medical Sentinel, the principal medical journal of the far west. Dr Bishop expressed a profound interest in Birth Control and is arranging to publish Dr Cooper’s pamphlet “Some Reasons” in the Sentinel.

Washington

Dr Cooper reached Longview where he gave an address at the local hospital on August 6th. Other lectures in his first two weeks were before medical bodies at Aberdeen, Tacoma, Port Angeles, Bellingham, and Seattle. Vigorous opposition from Roman Catholic physicians drew an especially large attendance at Tacoma and the expression of great enthusiasm and a desire to cooperate on the part of the majority of the audience.

At Seattle, where the meeting was held at the Swedish Hospital, the attendance, in spite of counter attractions was almost 100. Of this meeting Dr Cooper writes:

“Wonderful meeting! U. S. Fleet giving return reception to doctors, same night and many wives. Fine attendance under circumstances and very fine interest. Over 40 doctors came up and spoke to me personally expressing appreciation and unity. Many will treat cases and cooperate. Great interest! Best meeting on Pacific Coast!”

Lectures were given by Dr Cooper before medical bodies during the second half of August.
at Anacortes, Everett, Yakima, Walla Walla and Spokane. At the latter place a special meeting called with only thirty-six hours notice brought out an attendance of 54 physicians, who, as at many other places, expressed the hope of a return visit by Dr. Cooper.

**ENGLAND**

LATER news of the discussion precipitated in the House of Commons by Sir Malcolm MacNaghten bring out the fact that his recommendation was supported by another member Mr. Basil Peto, and opposed by Sir Henry Slesser, a Labor representative. "This Labor lawyer," comments The Nation and The Athenaeum, "attacked the proposal to make knowledge of vital importance available to the poor." One Labor member has, however, expressed approval in no uncertain terms. This is Margaret Bondfield, member for Wallasey, who at a public meeting before her election expressed her belief that "maternity centers are places where women who desire the information should be given it in a scientific and proper way." The Catholic press expresses alarm because her candidacy was strongly supported by Catholics who knew her views on this question.

Catholic opposition has crystallized in the formation of the League for National Life with the indefatigable Sir Halliday Sutherland as honorable secretary and its purpose "to expose the moral evils and serious physical results of the practice of contraception."

The recent reply of the Ministry of Health to an enquiry from the Surrey County Council seems to us on this side of the Atlantic an important concession. According to the Wimbledon Borough News the Public Health Committee of the Council made official enquiry whether they would approve of properly qualified medical officers giving advice on Birth Control at maternity and welfare centres to married women in those cases in which it was considered desirable for reasons of their personal health. The ministry pointed out that information given by the medical officer of a centre in the exceptional cases mentioned was a wholly different matter from the giving of contraceptive advice and instruction at the centre itself, and that such information should be given only on medical grounds by the medical officer of the centre, and not by voluntary helpers or nurses on general social grounds.

Birth Control was under discussion at several sessions of the English-Speaking Conference on Maternal and Child Welfare, which was held in London during July.

**FRANCE**

FROM M. Hardy comes the following report on developments in France:

"The question of population and the problems it raises seem as if they will soon be openly discussed in our country. This is for two reasons. First, because we have been invaded since the war by an increasing multitude of strangers who make the two-thirds of our workers more and more difficult. This will without doubt soon necessitate immigration laws and a general examination of all sides of the immigration question."

Furthermore, our neighbor Italy has the attention, openly avowed, of demanding for its formidable surplus population the adjoining territories of France. The subjects of M. Mussolini declare to the world that their federation has given them certain rights. They demand the pushing back of our frontiers and the cession of certain territories, among them Corsica, Tunisia, Algeria.

This is sufficient reason why the question of population should be faced in France, not merely from the point of view of France, but of all Europe. It is so considered perhaps Italy will be made to recognize that she must use some discretion in the multiplication of her people and must take measures of birth control.

M. Henri Bellamy in Le Progrès Canuque of the 8th and 15th of May, which is one of the most widely read publications in France has published two very reasonable and intelligent articles on population and the Malthusian law. Taking as his theme M. Manual Devaldes' article, he has explained the activities of our English friends, holding them up as an example for our French leaders. His articles have stimulated discussion by readers of this renew in which several people whose opinion is of weight have taken part. M. Ferdinand Busson, who is responsible against French Neo-Malthusians and who still remains a rabid over-populist (surpeupleur), has tried to wipe out the impression made by M. Bellamy's articles and the support that they have brought forth. He published in the May 22nd number an article, filled with statistics which represent nothing new, in which he made a great point of the miconestable fact that France has many old people! What does that prove, except that life is good in our country, once everything is done to protect and conserve our vitality? Many of our old people are young in energy. Would he have us kill them off in slaughter houses for the aged? Does he think an excess of weakling infants more valuable than an abundance of pale old people? No, M. Busson may be a good republican but he...
is not an authority on population and Birth Control.

This discussion and other symptoms indicate that a right-about-face is approaching in respect to repressive laws against Neo-Malthusian propaganda.

Last May at the Conference of the French Socialist Party M Leon Marmont, one of the old militants for Birth Control introduced a motion calling for the abrogation of the law of 1920 forbidding anti-conceptional teaching. His motion was passed unanimously and it was arranged that the Conference to be held soon is to discuss the question in detail. M. Marmont announces further that a movement will be set on foot to change the law.

We have then something to hope for. Meanwhile a little provincial journal of high ideals, Le Semeur de Normandie, whose condemnation for the publication of a purely theoretical article on Malthusianism has already been spoken of, has had its condemnation confirmed by a higher court, the Court of Appeals of Caen (Calvados). This is not very encouraging as an indication of public sentiment as to the chances of a speedy abrogation of the law of 1920.

According to an item in John Bull (London), measures to correct the high infant mortality which has been the real population problem of France are already showing noteworthy results. The French birth rate in the first three months of last year dropped below the deaths by 4,567. This year the corresponding period showed an excess of births over deaths by 9,091.

PORTO RICO

A VISITOR at headquarters was Mr. George Warrek of Porto Rico. Mr. Warrek expressed his sincere belief in Birth Control and stated that Porto Rico greatly needed this information. The agitation for Birth Control is being ably carried on there by Dr. Jose A. Lanauze Rolon, through press discussions with a Roman Catholic priest.

ITALY

Word has been received from a correspondent at Rome, stating that "We have discussed the question of Birth Control at two meetings of the Italian Federation of University Women. It is very difficult not to be misunderstood, but there have been several clever women, especially doctors who have understood the great importance of the problem and who have seen it as it ought to be seen, as a scientific and moral question of the greatest national importance. In view of the official action of the Italian government described in our editorial columns, it is encouraging to learn that Italian women still dare to discuss the subject of Birth Control in open..."
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churches You know my church is strictly congregational I am accountable to no one, not even to myself. Now think of the joy of being unaccountable, of being absolutely unaccountable and irresponsible, instead of being privileged to have lords of the realm and lords of other realms to guide one and lead one and bless one from hour to hour. Well, I wanted to come today and in these poor Imperfect words of mine register my faith, which I believe is the faith of a growing number of Jews everywhere, that there can be no eugenic control worthy of the name which omits the Birth Control factor, or the factor of Birth Control.

Does that violate Jewish teaching? I think not. If it does, if church or synagogue stand in the way of the forward movement of human society to a decenter, juster, nobler order, so much the worse for church or synagogue. Our business is, and I think that Dr. Garth in his great communique and I among the people of my own religious and racial fellowship, can do something, as far as it may be needed, to bring our great religious fellowships to the understanding of the truth, that the Church was made for man, not man for the Church, that the business of Church and Synagogue is to deepen, to enrich, to ennoble the life of man. Birth Control is one of the truths making for that supreme end of life.

It is at the bidding of these collective weal, what the remuneration of labor shall be, for they have entire and absolute command over the supply of labor. If they will, by their rash and blindfold marriages, over-people the land, all the devices of human benevolence and wisdom cannot ward off from them the plagues of an oppressed and straightened condition. They will at length save the country from the miseries of a redundant population—and this we apprehend to be the great and only specific for its worst moral and its worst political disorders.

—THOMAS CHALMERS, D D (1780-1847)

Great Presbyterian divine and celebrated preacher
Leader of the Scottish Free Church

The deal of married life, I think, is comradeship. The decent man, the manly man, cannot bully his wife and is not proof against tears. He does not want a slave for a wife, nor does he want a pathological freak, he wants a comrade and an equal—ROBERT BLATCHFORD

The agitators, from Christ downwards, have been the salt of the earth. It is only such as they who save society from dry rot and putrefaction—ROBERT BLATCHFORD

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