

FIRST AMERICAN BIRTH CONTROL CONFERENCE NUMBER

BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW

Sept., 1921

25 Cents



BIRTH CONTROL ORGANIZATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

The Federation of Neo Malthusian Leagues—DR ALICE DRYSDALE VICKERY *President*

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>ENGLAND—Malthusian League 96 Victoria St, London S W 1</p> <p>HOLLAND (1885)—De Nieuw Malthusiaansche Bond Secretary Dr J Rutgers 9 Verhulststraat Den Haag Periodical <i>Het Gelukkig Huisgezin</i></p> <p>GERMANY (1889)—Sozial Harmonische Verein Secretary Herr M Hausmeister Stuttgart Periodical <i>Die Soziale Harmonie</i></p> <p>FRANCE (1895)—G Hardy 29 Rue Piverecourt Paris Periodical <i>Generation Consciente</i></p> <p>SPAIN (1904)—Liga Espanola de Regeneracion Humana Secretary Senor Luis Bulfi Calle Provenza 177, Pral la Barcelona Periodical <i>Salu y Fuerza</i></p> <p>BELGIUM (1906)—Ligue Neo Malthusienne Secretary Dr Fernand Mascaux Echevin Courcelles</p> <p>SWITZERLAND (1908)—Groupe Malthusien Secretary, Valentin Grandjean, 106 Rue des Eaux Vives Geneva Periodical <i>La Vie Intime</i></p> <p>BOHEMIA AUSTRIA (1901)—Secretary, Michael Kacha 1164 Zizkov Prague Periodical <i>Zadruhy</i></p> | <p>AUSTRIA—Secretary Rudolf Grossman (Pierre Ramus) Klosterneuburg (bei Wien) Nied Ost Periodical <i>Erlentnis Und Befreiung</i></p> <p>PORTUGAL—F Silva Junior, L da Memoria 46 r/2 Lisbon Periodical <i>Paz e Liberdade</i></p> <p>BRAZIL (1905)—Seccion Brasileira de Propaganda Secretary Manuel Moscoso Jua d Bento Pires 29 San Pablo Antonio Dominiguez Rue Vizconde de Moran, napez 25 Rio de Janeiro</p> <p>CUBA AVTIQ—Seccion de Propaganda Secretary Jo e Cuadi ola Empedrado 14 Havana</p> <p>SWEDEN (1911)—Sällskapet for Humanitar Barnalstring President Mr Hink Bergegren Vanadisvigen 15 Stockholm, Vi</p> <p>ITALY (1913)—Lega Neomalthusiana Italiana Via Lamarmora 22 Turin Periodical <i>L'Educazione Sessuale</i></p> <p>AFRICA—Ligue Neo Malthusienne Maison du Peuple 10 Rampe Magenta Alger</p> <p>MEXICO (1918)—Mexican Birth Control League Secretaries Mr and Mrs Finn A E Gale P O Box 518 Mexico D F Mexico Periodicals <i>Gales</i> (English) and <i>El Comunista</i> (Spanish)</p> |
|---|--|

IN THE UNITED STATES

Notice

The list of organizations has been left out until the Conference meets when the various leagues will be reorganized

An Appeal

In order to make the coming American Birth Control Conference—November 11th—13th, a success, we need your help!

Could you send a donation toward the expenses? If you have \$100 00 send us that If you have \$50 00 or \$25 00 to help insure success, send it, or even a smaller amount—send that!

THE BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW

DEDICATED TO VOLUNTARY MOTHERHOOD

MARGARET SANGER, Editor

VOL V

SEPTEMBER, 1921

No 9

The Leaders and the Cause

CENTURIES DRAG with leaden feet to certain elements of humanity who ardently desire the accomplishment of ideals

Looking back, it all appears to have taken only a short while

Yet in the midst of the milling of the process of time, it was as though *nothing moved, nothing happened*

Far ahead, the slender few grouped about the tattered standards, see Victory written clearly across the future

They fight on, and in falling, hand the guerdons of battle to more capable hands—hands that have become dexterous by their teaching. Even then the war seems lethargic in the light of their enthusiasm

Suddenly, acting as the result of some unexplained manifestation of Destiny, the right leaders come forth—one of those too pitifully few Joan of Arcs of life—and straightway the battle is carried into the enemy's territory and the war is won

Without these years of preparation the leaders could not have hoped for success

Without the leaders, the long years of struggle could not have culminated in decisive victory

And without the patient work of those patient workers who achieve under the cloak of silence, and only for the good of the cause, the leaders would have been helpless

All have been necessary—each to the other

The pity is that many great movements have failed because either one or the other of these great necessities to human progress, was lacking

Without a foundation, no building can stand

We are all familiar with the old story of the builder who erected his home upon sand

Without the brain and the will that conceived and carried the architectural plans into execution and adapted them not only to the future but to the exigencies of the present, the building would not have been erected

AND THE ARCHITECT would have been left only with the plans had there not been the workers who gave themselves up to the ideals embodied in the house

Birth Control has been one of those movements that has been fortunate both in its workers and its leaders

To those who have struggled during the past, future success has ever seemed certain, though far off. There was no diminution of effort because of delays or apathy on the part of the world at large

To such loyal workers as the Drysdales in England, and the little knot of enthusiasts in America, toiling on in silence year after year, there has only been one desire—the ultimate adoption of Birth Control as a deterrent to overcrowding of the earth, with the resultants of war, famine, disease and poverty

Here and there in other countries, little groups have done what they could

Now leaders have come forward everywhere and gathered together the loose materials, raised the standard of revolt in the very face of fury, entered the enemy's camp with fearless faith in truth, and the battle has been started on the way to victory

Today Birth Control stands at the doorway of humanity's future

To refuse recognition of the truth now that it has been laid bare, will do no good

It has culminated in the demand that a conference of doctors, scientists and social workers be called where the subject may be discussed from every angle. Likewise, when these delegates have come together from all over the United States, there will be ample opportunity to form a Birth Control League—a definite co operation of those minds in America best fitted for carrying on this great work

The dates have been set. November 11th to 13th. The city New York. It only remains for those who have not already volunteered their services, to do so at once

H H

GOSSIP OF THE CONFERENCE

Mrs George H Day, Sr, of Hartford, Conn, is forming a committee for the maintenance of Headquarters. The committee under her direction has located suitable headquarters at 117 West 46th St, New York City. There is a large reception room and three private offices. It is furnished and equipped with telephones (Bryant 0248) with three extensions. These private offices will be used by the three departments—Organization, Field Extension and Publicity. These Headquarters are to be devoted only to the needs of the Conference. The committee is to be made up by a group of people who will support it. Each member is asked to contribute \$25.00 a year toward the maintenance of Headquarters.

Clara Louise Rowe has become associated with Headquarters as Director of the Field Extension Work.

Anne Kennedy will be the Executive Secretary and is in charge of the general arrangements for the Conference.

In order to facilitate the enormous work of sending delegates from over the country to the Conference, it has been found necessary to divide the organization into State groups under Chairmen.

Mrs Donald Hooker, of Baltimore, has taken over the responsibility of sending delegates from Maryland. Mrs Hooker is the former Maryland State Chairman for the National Woman's Party and has devoted a great deal of time to Social Hygiene in her state.

Miss May Windsor of Haverford, Pa, a prominent suffragist, has taken over the Chairmanship for her state.

Mrs Clara Carter of New Jersey has accepted the Chairmanship of her state.

The Chairmanship of Indiana has been assumed by Mrs Sara Messing Stein, prominently known through press activities and varied public work.

Mrs William McGraw of Michigan, well known for her legislative work, has accepted the Chairmanship of her state.

Many other states are being organized under Chairmen. As fast as the organizations are completed they will be listed here under the names of the Chairmen.

FIGURES FROM GERMANY

The latest records from Berlin are

Year 1920, births 33,469, marriages, 28,369, as against year 1913, births, 40,833, marriages 21,194. Berlin only, suburbs excluded.

A CONFERENCE AT THE HAGUE

A CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS and specialists met at the Hague, August 28th and 29th where methods of Birth Control were discussed. The notice given to the REVIEW says that arrangements were to be made at this conference for holding a large International Birth Control meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, October, 1922. A more complete report will be given in a forthcoming issue.

IMPORTANT NEWS

HAROLD COX, the editor of the Edinburgh Review, eminent English writer and authority, has agreed to attend the Birth Control Conference.

CONTENTS OF THIS NUMBER

THE LEADERS AND THE CAUSE, by H H	- - -	3
GOSSIP OF THE CONFERENCE	- - - - -	4
A JAPANESE VIEW OF BIRTH CONTROL		
By Baroness S K Ishimoto	- - - - -	5
REVERENCE AND GREATNESS, by Hugh de Selincourt		7
EUGENICS AND BIRTH CONTROL by Havelock Ellis	-	9
QUALITY VS QUANTITY, by Walter Merchant	- -	10
SCATTERED MEMORIES, by Kitty Marion	- - -	11
OPINIONS OF THE CONFERENCE, by Members of the		
American Public Health Association	- - - -	12
A FINANCIAL STATEMENT (December 31, 1920)	- -	16
THE LIGHT DAWNS by Ruth Anna Fisher	- - -	17

THE BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW

104 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, N Y

VOL V SEPTEMBER, 1921 No 9

Editor

MARGARET SANGER

Associate Editors

FLORENCE GUERIN TUTTLE LOU ROGERS

ANNE KENNEDY BLANCHE SCHRACK

Published Monthly Subscription price \$2.00 a year,
foreign countries and Canada \$2.25, postpaid
Bundle rates \$14 per hundred

Owned and Published by

THE NEW YORK WOMEN'S PUBLISHING CO., INC

Entered as second class matter March 11 1918 at the post office
at New York N Y, under the act of March 3 1879

Issued on the first of each month

Address correspondence and make checks and money orders
payable to THE BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW

English Agents W T Edgar & Co Ltd, 51 & 52 Chancery,
London W C Z

NOTICE—When requesting change of address, give both old and
new address

A Japanese View of Birth Control

By Baroness S K Ishimoto

(An eminent Baroness of the Japanese Empire whose husband's father was the Minister of War during the Russo Japanese War. She is extensively interested in the Birth Control movement and has formed a League in Tokyo. As she is a woman of great prominence, her writings are widely read and quoted.)

THE MEANING OF BIRTH CONTROL

BIRTH CONTROL IS called *Sanji Seigen* in Japan. This word means limitation of birth. But by Birth Control we mean the ability to have a child when one is desired, and to avoid having one when it is not. Lately, the term Voluntary Motherhood, in the sense of birth restriction, is also widely used. This enlightens the problem of the relationship between the obligation of parents to bring up their children and the income necessary for this duty. In Japan the difference between Birth Control and Eugenics is not as clear as it should be. Eugenics had been advocated in ancient Greece. Its object is to improve the quality of the children by the mating of the finer types of men and women. However, it is true that by Birth Control, a finer type of child is produced than the children of chance, where Birth Control methods are not used. But this is not the principal object of Birth Control.

NECESSITY OF BIRTH CONTROL

To promote the civilized life of Mankind, the necessity of Birth Control is now universally recognized. And especially so in Japan. Let us observe this question from two standpoints. First, from the viewpoint of mankind at large, then from that of the Japanese.

a) *Birth Control is necessary to civilization.* Hasn't the Great War shaken human civilization to its very foundations? The young men lost in that war numbered about nine millions. The money spent only for direct war purposes is estimated at about 360,000,000,000 Yen (\$180,000,000,000). The time for the restoration of the devastated regions will be at least ten years.

BUT WHAT WAS the real cause of this Great War? It was neither the ambition of the Kaiser, nor the skilful diplomatic aim of Great Britain to dominate the world. It was the mutual economic oppression of the peoples of Central Europe. They had simply grown into a mutual menace, by the uncontrolled increase of population. Within the last fifty years, more than 100,000,000 people were added to Germany, Austria, Russia, and the other countries of Central Europe. And yet, before the war, the Governments of these countries severely prohibited the propaganda of Birth Control. Every one who visits Europe can understand that if Columbus had not discovered America, the Great War of 1914 would have occurred 200 years previously—in the seventeenth century, by reason of the unlimited increase of population without the possibility of emigration to the new world. Really the discovery of America played the most important part in solving many of the disastrous problems arising out of the unlimited increase in population.

Therefore, if there were conscious Birth Control practised in the countries of Central Europe, as well as in others, each nation in the effort to find an outlet for its surplus population would not be forced into competition with its neighbors. It is war that destroys so much of our civilization. And war is mostly the outcome of the unlimited increase of people upon a limited area of land. So to prevent this unconscious increase in all countries is the most certain way of putting a stop to war and of promoting human civilization.

But we should explain, at the same time, that the practice of Birth Control does not lessen the strength of the young men on the battlefield, especially in the case of provoked war. We have seen a good example of this in the Great War. France had been well known as a country practicing Birth Control, yet French soldiers developed endurance, physique, and sticking powers. They won, from the strategic point of view, the final military victory. Everybody who visited the western front attests to this fact. Moreover, it is worth while to recall that the French soldiers were superior in physical strength to those of Germany where Birth Control was looked upon by the imperial government as illegal.

IN THE NEXT place, Birth Control is especially necessary to promote civilized life, because we live in a society of Capitalism—that is, a society in which the majority of people are concerned with the problem of getting food enough to live on.

To take the example of Japan, the majority of our people expend 53.30% of their total income for food (according to the report of the Tokyo Engineering Association, August, 1919). When it is a family of eight—man, wife and six children—the cost of food amounts to 65% of the total cost of living. A truly civilized life depends upon a surplus of time and money, to assure proper education, recreation, etc. Taking the American middle class as a contrasting standard, a report on American middle class living gives us these figures—

40 per cent for food, 25 per cent for dwelling and clothes, 35 per cent for education, recreation, etc. Therefore the problem for the Japanese family is: How can we provide 35 per cent of our income for education, recreation, culture, and not for immediate living necessities? The most practical way would be, evidently, to cut down the amount spent for food, because that consumes more than half the income. But to do this it is necessary to limit the number of children.

A few years ago in England, a questionnaire was sent to many homes, asking whether Birth Control was practiced, and if so, for what reason. Ninety per cent of the answers were in the affirmative, and economic oppression was given as the cause in eighty per cent of these answers. This indicates then that Birth Control must be the most convenient and practical

way to promote living conditions,—in such a world as ours, in which men are obliged not merely to work for their daily bread, but to bring up their children as well

IN THE THIRD place we understand that the labor problem, one of the greatest of world questions, has risen out of the claim of labor, comprising the great majority of mankind, for its share of civilization, its right to enjoy. One key to the solution, as Malthus explained, is to limit the number of children. That is why we cannot pass lightly over the question of Birth Control, whenever the labor problem is discussed

b) The Reason, Especially for Japan

The present condition of Japan, no less than England, Holland, or Belgium, is a good example of the Malthusian theory. England, Holland and Belgium have even a little greater population per unit area than Japan. These countries, however, are not as hilly, and have immense natural resources, like coal and iron, to support many industrial workers. As Japan is quite the opposite in topography and natural resources, compared to these countries, she may be in fact the most densely populated country in the world. The Japanese population has already reached its maximum in food crops. The yield of rice in the normal crop is scarcely enough to feed the whole nation. There is a sharp fluctuation in the price of rice according to the expected and the actual crop. This fluctuation has always undesirable effects upon the economic life of the Japanese people. To adjust the proportion between the population and the food supplies, there are two methods. One is to send people abroad, the other is to limit the increasing population within a country. The first method has been one of the vital policies of Japanese statesmen for the past fifty years. The Chinese Japanese war, the Russo Japanese war, the emigration to North and South America, and to Australia, are all the results of this policy. The results have been less than was expected. The problem has become more complex than ever before. To speak without reserve,—the quality of Japanese men and women has declined by too rapid an increase of the birth rate. No wonder that such men and women cannot be welcomed any place in the world. Judging from the present social organization of Japan, it will be difficult to improve the quality of our men and women without resorting to the method of Birth Control. It is therefore necessary to adopt Birth Control—even if only to solve the problem of Japanese immigration in California, a problem too great for our Japanese statesmen. But they did not believe in Birth Control

AS FOR THE latter problem—to adjust the proportion of food to the population—this seems too evident to demand an explanation. People are now beginning to recognize that many of the important problems that confront Japan are bound up with that of an overcrowded population. Is it not the time for far seeing statesmen of Japan to adopt Birth Control as a national creed? Moreover, a scholar has recently attempted to show that the relation of the population to the world supply of food has already reached a crisis. One evidence of this is said to be the Great War. And how otherwise can we explain the fact that there are great famines in India, China and Russia every year, with such disastrous results to

the humans involved, morally as well as physically? We see now that there is no necessity to increase the number of men in the whole world. This fact should be pointed out to those of my country who speak of the necessity for Japanese emigration overseas

The second reason for the necessity of Birth Control in Japan is as a method to improve the standard of living. This is emphatically necessary in a country when this standard is so low.

The third reason for Birth Control in Japan is to effect the emancipation of women. In Europe and America, this propaganda is chiefly in the hands of women. It has a special importance in the life of women. It is even more so in Japan, because the social position of woman is so low. The material and spiritual independence of the Japanese woman is far below that of women in Europe and America. One must travel abroad to realize this inferiority. The Japanese woman must be liberated to develop freely. Finer children are possible only through this development of women, since children reflect the characters of their parents.

HOW THEN CAN women be emancipated to obtain this development? The fundamental solution of a problem can only be obtained internally, by itself. So this question must be solved by women themselves. Japanese women must have time and money to seek self development. But in the present condition of Japan, how are they to obtain the necessary time and money? Before answering this question, let us look at the life of Japanese women.

In Japan today, women spend their time mostly in pregnancy, in delivering children and in incessant household cares. The time and money spent in bearing children is too evident a fact to dwell upon here. As for household cares, the women of Japan are accustomed to serve their parents in law, preparing clothes according to the seasons and cooking for them as well as her children. Not less than two thirds of the mother's time is devoted to the children when young. This time varies with the number of children. But even the unmarried woman cannot escape the care of children, for there are always boys and girls in the house in which she lives. We may say, roughly, that Japanese women sacrifice half of their lifetime in the care of children. But besides this, they are called upon to attend the parents in law, to serve their ignorant husbands, and even boarders. It is not too much to say that they spend their lives for others, not for themselves. In such conditions, the development of women can be helped only by the adoption of Birth Control.

Next Birth Control has an intimate connection with money, which is so necessary for emancipation. The women sacrifice their time when the children are infants, they give money as the children become of school age. For instance. The boy goes to a middle school, the girl to a girls' school. Each costs about *thirty yen* a month. This is about, together, \$30 a month. The father's income, in a middle class family is about 200 *yen* a month. It is therefore impossible for the mother to buy books or magazines or spend money on education or culture for herself.

(Concluded on page 17)

Reverence and Greatness

By Hugh de Selincourt

Impressions and Comments Second Series 1914 1920 By Havelock Ellis (Constable 12/net)

THERE IS SOMETHING firm and formidable, ponderous and unswerving in the customary idea of a great man, and certainly there is something loud and unsparing in the notorious figures of the moment, be they politicians, journalists, generals, publicists or what not, one raucous voice after another is raised above the general din and attracts its moment of attention, to crack and break and be forgotten. The sense of human greatness is blurred by much imposture and we are left starving for the rich nourishment which reverence alone yields and without which we are inclined to become wary, unkind and suspicious, and so naturally to find our wariness and suspicion justified. The noise and hubbub deafens our ears and distracts our vision, we spin round like sticks in an eddy until we touch some personality strong enough to lead the way once more into the course of life which lies between eternity and eternity, where the sun shines, the clouds move, the flowers bloom, the birds sing and a man can feel his place in this marvellous setting for his brief days on earth.

Havelock Ellis is such a man. When a few decades have put these troubled noisy times into perspective, his work will stand out, quietly living and deeply revered, as a contribution to that knowledge which will lead Man into his kingdom, the knowledge of Himself. Other exhaustive treatises on sex have been written, but none which, combining like his, the vision of the poet with the exact accuracy of the scientist, treats sex not as a curse from which knowledge may free a man or a woman, but as a beautiful instrument which knowledge may fit a man or woman to use for personal growth and the enrichment of the human race. He substantiates with ample detail the vision of Shelley and Blake and Whitman.

IT IS FORTUNATE to have lived in the same time as such a man and to have been aware of his beneficent presence. One good man, we are told, saved a doomed city from destruction, for one good man attracts and bears the light of wisdom without which a generation may wander in darkness and stumbling confusion. The nearer one is allowed to approach this supreme source of life, a good man's heart, the more richly does the spirit thrive. In the First Series of Impressions and Comments we were brought to the threshold of this holy place. In the Second Series we are allowed to enter. But without reverence we see nothing and we hear nothing without reverence we are like the boy in the fairy tale who entered the Chamber of the Princess and saw nothing but a cobwebbed attic and could not believe his little attendant who saw a beautiful room and a shining woman. It is well to remember that a book says two things: the usual one to which long years of patronage have accustomed us is "Reader, how likest thou me?", but the other no less true of a live book is proud and challenging: it is "Reader, how like I thee?" The

more love we have in our hearts, the keener is our vision of greatness and beauty where these life giving forces exist in others.

Let us enter then with reverence this holy place and learn what it is in the life around us and within us, to which this great man responds with pleasure or with disdain or with sadness, and notice how often the response is tinged with the fine smile of pity or delicate irony, the smile of understanding. Let us in this way learn to appreciate what greatness in a human being is, coming in the first instance speedily to realise that the common notion of bulk and weight and immobility is false, and that sensitiveness, simplicity and honesty are the distinctive qualities which an immense scope of learning serves only to make more prominent and more lovely.

"IF I WERE ambitious," he writes on page 203, "I would desire no finer epitaph than that it should be said of me 'He has added a little to the sweetness of the world and a little to its light'." He has done so permanently: for wherever there is a genuine search for truth and wisdom, there will his work come to encourage to sustain and to enlighten.

He is listening to a young couple playing a duet in the flat above his (he reaches the sublime always through the homely affairs of existence) and writes (page 212)

"Dear presences out of the past are in the air, wafted on by the waves of that melody, and their soft wings once again touch me tenderly with long echoes through the inner chambers of my heart. I feel that it is worth while to have lived since I carry within these lovely presences, loving and beloved, out of the past separated by Life or by Death, yet always within, ready to drop once again the soft petals of their kisses on my lips while my unknown friends upstairs exert the magic of their strings and wires."

Two passages, which I like to put side by side indicate his attitude to the church and to religion.

"The pious devotees of Faith have clung to the conception of inspiration and they made it meaningless or even ridiculous. Yet the most fantastic vagaries of Religion, when we can penetrate to the roots of them, are based firmly on the solid foundations of Nature. The breath of God may help us to realize the intoxicating breath of the sea" (page 163).

"... the Church is now the plaything of antiquaries, and our Archbishop of Canterbury was the inventor of that formula so religiously, morally, even casuistically unsound, of 'regrettable necessities'" (page 108).

Hear now how mighty popular illusions fare at his hands. "Patriotism" and "War" are not human facts. They are merely abstractions, they belong to the sphere of metaphysics, just as much as those ancient theological conceptions of Godhead and the Trinity, with their minute variations, for the sake of which once Catholics and Arians so gladly slew and tor

tured each other. But as soon as the sunshine of real humanity makes itself felt the metaphysics of Patriotism and War are dissipated as surely as those of theology. When you have reckoned that your enemy is not an abstraction but a human being, as real a human being as you are yourself, why want to kill him any more than you want to kill yourself? Patriotism and War are seen for what they are, insubstantial figments of fancy which it is absurd to materialise and seriously accept."

ONE LONGS TO follow with quotation upon quotation from the store of beauty in this lovely book

"As the mystic vision pierces deeper into the mystery of the world, it is seen that the Divine is more truly manifested in the falsely so called humble human things, the winds and the waters of the world are all passed through the human form and cannot be less admirable for their association with that exquisite mechanism. So it is, we see, that to the Mystic the Human becomes Divine, and the voice of winds and streams, here as elsewhere, is the Voice of God."

"One day, by no conscious effort of my own . . . I saw that empty and ugly Universe as Beauty, and was joined to it in an embrace of spirit. The joy of that Beauty has been with me ever since and will remain with me till I die. All my life has been the successive quiet realizations in the small things of the world of that primary realization in the greatest thing of the world."

And finally let me give this beautiful comment which should put new heart and strength into every worker in the great movement, raising the standard on which is written Birth Control

"It sometimes seems to me that one may regard a man's attitude towards the movement of the birth rate as a test of his relationship to Nature, and a criterion of his right to live in the world. There is nothing so natural as natality, nothing that is so intimately connected with the physical and the psychic mystery of life. The man who places himself in opposition to its manifestations is a disturbing cog in the mechanism of

the world's wheels. At the present moment all the great live communities of men all over the world are concerned in regulating and ordering more reasonably, if not more eugenically, the output of babies which once was left, not to Nature, which is Order, but to the fate of Chance which is Disorder. Civilization is bound up with the success of that movement. The man who rejoices in it and strives to further it is alive, the man who shudders and raises impotent hands against it is merely dead, even though the grave yet yawns for him in vain. He may make dead laws and preach dead sermons and his sermons may be great and his laws may be rigid. But as the wisest of men saw twenty five centuries ago, the things that are great and strong and rigid are the things that stay below in the grave. It is the things that are delicate and tender and supple that stay above. At no point is life so tender and delicate and supple as at the point of sex. There is the Triumph of Life."

LET US THEN close, with the description of the world of which this great man dreams and which his work is helping to create. It is written on reading of a nurse who stripped and dived into the sea to save drowning soldiers

"That woman belongs to my world. Now and then I have come across the like, sweet and feminine and daring women who have done things as brave as that, and even much braver because more completely difficult, and always I feel my heart swinging like a censor before them, going up in a perpetual fragrance of love and adoration.

"I dream of a world in which the spirits of women are flames stronger than fire, a world in which modesty has become courage and yet remains modesty, a world in which women are as unlike men as ever they were in the world. I sought to destroy, a world in which women shine with a loveliness of self revelation as enchanting as ever the old legends told, and yet a world which would immeasurably transcend the old world in the self sacrificing passion of human service. I have dreamed of that world ever since I began to dream at all."

One of the Thousands of Letters

DEAR MRS SANGER

Am writing you to see if you will please try to do something for me. I have been in the family way for 3 months now and I don't want any more children if possible as I have 3 small children 1, 2½, 4 years and I am only 23 years, kind of young to carry children every year. I always said I was not going to have more than 1 child, but I have to take them when they come. I was the oldest one of 14 children. I had to do the heavy work until I was 17 years as my mother wasn't very strong but then I had to go to America as they could not afford to have me home any longer as we were very poor, but it seems as if I am going just as far as my mother if I don't know how to prevent them from coming. I have been to different doctors but they say they have no right to fix anybody. An other one told me if he could charge 200 or 300 dollars every time, he would soon ride around in a big automobile, but I said I could not possibly pay that money and he said he would

not do anything for me. I think that a woman should know how to prevent children from coming when they possibly can't afford to have them. Please Mrs Sanger try and see if you can do something for me as I am very much run down from worrying. I am getting so I don't care about anything. I am very much in favor of your work. I am telling it to every woman that comes to my house and they too think it is wonderful that it is a place where you can find out how to prevent children from coming. Please let me know what to do, it is kind of a bloody discharge running 3 or 4 times a day, and every time that runs, my stomach aches as if I had my sickness. Mrs Sanger, if you think it is impossible for me to get help, please let me know any way as I don't want any more after this it certainly must be the last one or else I don't want to live if I am made to carry children all the time and not get any fun out of life. Hope to hear from you as soon as possible.

Truly yours,

Eugenics and Birth Control

A Review by Havelock Ellis

The Law of Births and Deaths By C E Pell (Fisher Unwin, 12/6 net)

The Eugenic Prospect National and Racial By C W Saleeby, M D (Fisher Unwin, 12/6 net)

WHAT CONTROLS THE birth rate? In ancient days the solemn reply was God. But in course of time it began to be felt that, as Johnny Dunn put the matter, "it is a hard thing for a man that has a house full of children to be left to the mercy of Almighty God." It was realized that God could act through Man, and so was established that voluntary and deliberate control which in recent times has been accepted (and notably by the National Birth Rate Commission) as the supreme factor in the birth rate. But now Mr Pell comes along and declares that the supreme factor is neither God nor Man but Nature: the birth rate, he believes, is regulated by a natural law which is associated with the death rate, both being alike dependent on the environment, and he seeks to trace this law throughout life generally. The result is a discussion so fresh and so challenging, though not at every point convincing, that it cannot fail to help in elucidating the most fundamental of all problems affecting the welfare of the race.

Mr Pell does not claim that his view is entirely novel, he finds a suggestion of it in the old writer Doubleday, and he might have added that more recent authorities (like Sir Shirley Murphy and Mr Sidney Yule) believe that the variations in the birth rate are largely natural rather than deliberate. But no one has put forth so systematic an explanation as Mr Pell. Nervous energy, he argues, under the influence of a favorable environment, is the moving force, it leads to intelligence, to education, to social well being and prosperity, to all the things which cause a low death rate, and to this the degree of fertility bears an inverse ratio. This is seen throughout nature, and within single species, notably in the horse, which tends to become sterile with high breeding.

MR PELL BELIEVES that his arguments render Malthus's conclusions "futile." That is scarcely so. They qualify, they do not overthrow, Malthus, and Mr Pell would have carried more weight if he had not claimed quite so much for his theory. We find, even here, the common confusion between a low birth rate and a low rate of increase in the population. Mr Pell realizes the evils of a rapid rate of increase, but deplores the present low birth rate. He fails to realize that, as more careful investigators have pointed out, even at the present rate of increase the white races must in less than a century enter on a struggle for existence which imagination cannot conceive. But in the end he calls in that factor which he had thrown aside as an agent in the past, and insists on deliberate and selective birth regulation.

Dr Saleeby, as he often reminds us, was Chairman of the Commission on which Mr Pell cast contempt as formed of totally incompetent people, and "fifty indifferent cooks will

not make one good cook." It is an unkind remark, especially as Dr Saleeby rightly attaches much importance to dietetics. Here indeed it is as health reformer that he appears rather than as eugenicist, and he never once refers to the value of Birth Control, though, as even Mr Pell sees, without it we cannot improve the race. He is an accomplished lecturer and journalist, and in these miscellaneous papers, slight in substance and popular in form, he touches on many questions which bear on the public health: war, alcoholism, venereal disease, consumption, coal smoke, dietary, care of the teeth, health centres, etc. Over the surface of all these topics he glides in an easy and vivacious way, not always correct in details, but always insisting on practical points of general concern.

DR SALEEBY HAS lately visited America, and, like many other visitors, he has been carried away by the generosity and enthusiasm of his hosts, and inspired by much that he has seen. They do these things, he feels, better in America. So they often do, but Dr Saleeby is sometimes uncritical. Thus he is impressed by the great superiority of American to English teeth. But Americans themselves find that among their

(Continued on page 10)



Quality vs. Quantity

By Walter Merchant

WOMEN AT LAST have an opportunity to express themselves in matters of government, the while the human race continues suffering because of poorly cooked and badly chosen food. Many babies are yet to be born with starvation as a recompense and reared without proper care. Yes, the placing of strips of paper in a box is a wonderful diversion for those who have nothing else to do.

I am downcast when I think of the mass of mankind, the major portion so inane, no good for themselves, not even good slaves. Few seem to think of a race of people where this wreckage may be eliminated, the present slogan of quantity reversed to that of quality, fewer people and better people is my prayer.

In theory, I do not know if matter and energy are indestructible, from a practical viewpoint, I know they can be destroyed. The world's resources are limited, let us conserve them and regard those as the greatest enemies of mankind who wantonly destroy or unnecessarily use up Nature's store house of coal, oil, iron, timber, land, food and clothing, not to mention the many other conveniences that tend to make us comfortable.

Woman lives for home, children, love, convention, humanity, God, no time to devote to herself.

The word wife comes with bad grace, a low connotation supplanting the highest emotions of the human family, the unfortunate and vulgar console themselves by soiling man's noblest relationships.

Children must be hushed, reprimanded and flogged, a daily sequence for many years before they learn there are many things that will not bear the mentioning.

IGNORANT OF THINGS, we are afraid of them. A coarse Puritan mind eschews the highest and noblest aspects of life.

Woman in politics will sometimes—seldom however—look after the welfare of the child. She will help the capitalist in his wrangling with labor. The politician and clergyman have an ardent votary in foisting nefarious legislation on an unsuspecting public. One with an insidious device will do well to veneer his wares for their specious inspection. Oh, fair damsels not yet learned in caring for babies, ye masters of destiny! The flies are more numerous.

The more intelligent people refrain from matrimonial alliances and the intelligent married folk are not raising large families. The care of the children is left in the hands of the people who are the least fitted for this responsible task. Our future generation has some very serious obstacles in the way. Church, state, school are quite representative of these world replenishers not of the discerning fruitless vagabonds in this quantitative society that cares nothing for quality.

The population of the world is increasing out of proportion to the amount of land and available food. We must have wars and pestilences or starvation. Oh, you say that with the improvement of machinery and a better knowledge of the cul-

tivation of the soil a much larger population is not only possible but highly desirable, perhaps you are right in theory but not in reality and the world will have no more resources than it has now.

May we have a Plentitude of —

Subjects for the State—Members for Society—Citizens for Democracy—Communicants for the Church—Soldiers for the Army—Cattle for the Butcher—Rabbits for the Dogs—Rats for the Cats—Slaves for the Factory—Tenants for the Landlord—Sheep for the Parasites and Crafters—Proletarians for the Socialists—Hang the Traitor who would surmise that quality is needed when there is such a scramble for the Rubbish!

IF THERE IS any awakening in this Twentieth Century, it must be the sly domesticated cat of a woman who dares to open her eyes.

Young man get married! Any kind of a marriage is better than no marriage at all. You will have the law and the myrmidon on your side. Cease this constant courtship and love making, settle down and live with your woman of chance whom you can keep in your home awaiting your return. You can take your joys instead of being forced to compete with other men for the possession of those who are left free to choose for themselves.

When the social life of any people will not bear an intelligent introspection, the ratio of intelligence is in the ebbing. Ye conservators of our morals, beloved jackals adieu!

Despite our walk—backwardness, woman is gradually throwing off some of her shackles.

More and more do I conclude there are too many people in the world, too much rubbish. We must put stress on quality, without which quantity is superfluous.

There are so many avenues of sex expression, it is with difficulty that two people can travel through each of these stages in mutual appreciation, the acceleration concomitant with the desires of each.

Radicals and revolutionaries are continually declaiming against evils they cannot correct and forget to do the things within their powers. Instead of looking after certain alleged social injustices they could confine their criticisms and their attention to the welfare of their own selves and take care of their æsthetics and the health of their bodies and brains with much profit.

EUGENICS AND BIRTH CONTROL

(Concluded from page 9)

school children considerably less than a quarter of one per cent have good teeth, and that for the population generally the average is five bad teeth, not less than 500,000,000 altogether in the United States. Dr. Saleeby, in the fervour of his reforming mission, would beat us with any old stick. But the reforms he desires are, mostly, vital to the public health, and we can but wish success to his propaganda.

Scattered Memories

By Kitty Marion

Kitty Marion has been selling the BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW on the streets and her experiences make very interesting reading We plan to publish experiences of others who sell the REVIEW in forthcoming issues

I LEARNED THE art of "paper selling" in the dim and distant days of suffrage militancy in England, when every good suffragette whether woman of title, wealth, position, leisure, professional or working woman, gave as much time as she could by selling "Votes for Women" and later "The Suffragette" at the busiest time of day in the busiest parts of the streets

Every evening and many an afternoon, weather permitting, finds me outdoors doing "my bit" for Birth Control and enjoying the most interesting, thrilling, tragic and comic living movie at the same time There is a stream of constant variation of surprise, disgust, approval, scorn, amusement, contempt and sympathy from the passers by

I have met all the old "suffrage friends" "You ought to be ashamed of yourself", "You ought to be in jail", "You ought to be arrested", "You ought to be hanged", "You ought to be shot", "It's disgraceful, disgusting, scandalous, etc , etc " But there are others

"Good for you", "I admire your pluck", "Doesn't it take some courage to do this?", "If you have the courage to stand here and sell the paper I'll have the courage to buy it", "Some good work you are doing", "Bravo, I quite approve of it", "Well, of all the sensible things"

ALL SORTS OF people buy the paper There are the old friends of the Birth Control movement, radicals and otherwise, who know, or know of Margaret Sanger and are delighted to see and hear that the movement is progressing Then there are the curious who have read about it in the press and want to know what we have to say Some buy it on the principal of trying everything once Some are highly amused and buy it as a great joke Others buy it with much seriousness, in fact, some look quite desperate, as if they had reached the most important crisis in their lives, and it was a case of death or glory, kill or cure Some look and look and look again as if fascinated, and pass on without a twitch of an eyelid Some pass by and return with the money ready, take the papers and walk on trying to look unconcerned, while others appear as proud as if they had just done the bravest deed ever heard of The majority buy it as if they had bought it all their lives

Many social workers and nurses buy it and tell me of the misery, poverty and overcrowding in the districts where they work Physicians buy and express their approval One told me that he had always given the information to his patients who needed it He had had no idea that it was illegal until he heard of Mrs Sanger being arrested Another said quite vehemently that if he had his way there would not be another child born into this world until it had been made fit for all children to live in The conditions on the East Side made him

perfectly sick And it makes me perfectly sick to listen to the pitiful tales of ill health and poverty of some people, all on account of too many children

I wish no harm to any legislators but I do wish they were obliged to listen to the stories I hear, they would hang their heads in shame and pass a law legalizing Birth Control in sheer self defense as quickly as possible

WELL, IF I AM choking with tears or thinking deeply and seriously one moment I am left speechless with laughter, the next One moment some one will fairly hiss, or snort their disapproval while the next someone will buy a paper and hand me a large verbal bouquet, and the next someone will say "Birth Control" in a surprised tone of voice and explode in the heartiest peal of infectious laughter imaginable, while to others Birth Control seems as ancient as Queen Anne's death and appear quite bored and supercilious about it and still others welcome it as a weary traveller would an oasis in the wilderness

One evening I noticed a young girl in company of an elderly lady coming out of the Theatre She looked as pretty as a picture and innocent as a saint in her white fur coat and hat Suddenly she saw me and the REVIEW and promptly turned into an infuriated spit fire, amusing the passing crowd and me with her exhibition of angry disapproval How different to the man who came up and most earnestly said, "Madame, allow me to present to you my compliments and wish you success and good luck Some of us understand and appreciate the good work you are doing"

Another time a group of women were glaring at and talking about me, and I heard one say, "A woman like that ought to be taken off the street," and I thought of the thousands, nay millions of women who ought to be taken off the street and who ought never to have been driven into the street Another group of women passed, and one came back and said in an indignant tone, "She wants a paper but is ashamed to be seen buying one, a woman with two grown up daughters, too Give me two, please"

TWO CLERGYMEN BOUGHT the paper without any remark, while a theosophist believed in people controlling birth in the material and wrong way until they had learned to control it the spiritual and right way For some time I had noticed two men, who impressed me as being religious, passing nightly with shocked and disapproving glances At last one came to me and sneered "Birth Control—the devil controls everything now a days" I smiled and said, "Why do you let him, why don't you let God control, let science and christianity

(Continued on page 14)

Opinions of the Conference by Members

NOTE—Table prepared by H H from answers to questionnaire sent to members of various Boards of Health and other officials In forthcoming issues we will publish further compilations from universities, various institutions, and people in the public eye The answers to this questionnaire have been most gratifying The reader is asked to note the practical unanimity of the answer "yes" to the question "Would you like any literature on this subject (Birth Control)?" whereas the replies vary to the question "Do you believe in a controlled Birth rate?" These two questions have shown that whether or not a given individual believes in Birth Control, he is open minded and glad of an opportunity to examine material bearing on the subject *

NAMES OF CITIES AND BOARDS OF HEALTH INDIVIDUALS OF WHICH ANSWERED THE QUESTIONNAIRE	THREE QUESTIONS ASKED ON QUESTIONNAIRE		
	WILL YOU ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE?	WOULD YOU LIKE ANY LITERA- TURE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DO YOU BELIEVE IN A CON- TROLLED BIRTH RATE?
Indianapolis Ind Dept of Health and Charities	Quite probably	Yes	Yes
Ontario Canada Provincial Board of Health	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buffalo N Y, Dept of Health	Yes	Yes	Yes
Montreal, Canada Conseil Supérieur D Hygiene de la Province de Quebec	I do not expect to be able to attend	Yes	No
East Lansing Mich Bacteriological Laboratory	Impossible	Yes	Yes
Madison Wis State Laboratory of Hygiene	I cannot count on plans	Yes	Opinion reserved
West New York N J, Board of Health	Expect to attend	Yes	Yes
Vicksburg, Miss, Sanitarium and Crawford Street Hospital	If possible—cannot say now	Yes	Under certain conditions
Cristobal, Canal Zone	No	Yes	Yes
Ithaca N Y a Doctor	I will try	Yes	Yes
Harvard University Medical School Dept of Preventive Medicine and Hygiene	Duties at school prevent me from attending	Would appreciate your kind offer to send me any available literature	Greatly interested however in the thorough discussion of the subject
Freeport N Y H O	Probably	Yes	Yes
New York City—A Director of a pathological and X ray laboratory, M D Ph D	Thank you for the invita- tion It is accepted and wish you success	Yes	Will tell you later on
Washington, D C, U S P H S	No	Yes	Yes—most decidedly
New York City—member	Yes	Yes—any you publish and if possible all that you have been distributing	
Dover Del State Board of Health	Not likely	Yes	Open to conviction
Aberdeen S D—member	No—too distant and busy	Yes	No
Milwaukee, Wis, Health Dept	Vitaly interested in the subject	Inasmuch as I have a paper to read before the American Public Health Convention who meet in New York City about the same time I expect that I shall be able to arrange also for this conference If in the meantime you will send me such literature as you have on the subject I shall greatly appreciate it I am of course, familiar with the work that has been done in Holland	
Ames, Iowa State College, Dept of Bac- teriology and Hygiene	Probably	Yes	Yes
Detroit Mich Justices Courts	Will not be able to do so	Yes	Yes
Victoria B C Canada Health Office	No	Yes	Yes
Columbia, Mo, School of Eng Univ of Mo	I shall hope to do so	Yes	Yes
Detroit, Mich Society of American Bac- teriologists Research Council	Can't intelligently answer your questionnaire because I don't know what your campaign aims at its ultimate goal nor how you are going about it The matter has of course great potential importance and much scientific interest You might try and make me a convert I shall be glad to be informed as to the campaign at any rate		
Vancouver Canada University of British Columbia	Not able	Yes	Would wish to consider data re same
Carroll, Iowa—member	I do not expect to	Yes	
Laurel Mont a doctor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reading Pa member	Probably not	Yes	Yes
Harrisburg Pa Dept of Health	Impossible	Yes	Yes
New Haven Conn, Visiting Nurse Assn	Some of it	Yes	We are ready to hear the arguments
New York City, a Consulting Engineer	I shall try to	All you have	Assuredly
London Canada, Institute of Public Health	Impossible on these dates	Yes	Feeble minded should not be permitted any birth rate
State College Pa Dept of Dairy Husbandry	Will if I can arrange it	Yes I would	Yes, I do
Austin, Tex, State Board of Health	Yes	Yes	
Ann Arbor, Mich, Univ of Michigan Civil Eng	No	No	No
Pittsburg Pa a doctor	No	No	No
Minneapolis, Minn Filtrations	Cannot	No	Yes
Devils Lake, N D a doctor	No	No	Absolutely no
Edmonton Alberta, Canada Dept of Public Health	No	Yes	Yes
Delaware Ohio Wesleyan University	I cannot do so	Yes	Yes
Bon Air Va Virginia Industrial School	Will be unable to do so	Yes	Emphatically yes
Gainesville, Fla Univ of Florida Dept of Hygiene	If possible	Yes	Under certain conditions of control
St Louis, Mo, a laboratory of pathology and bacteriology	Cannot say now	Yes	Yes
East Lansing, Mich Michigan Agricultural College	No	Yes	Yes

of the American Public Health Association

NAMES OF CITIES AND BOARDS OF HEALTH INDIVIDUALS OF WHICH ANSWERED THE QUESTIONNAIRE	THREE QUESTIONS ASKED ON QUESTIONNAIRE		
	WILL YOU ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE?	WOULD YOU LIKE ANY LITERA TURE ON THIS SUBJECT?	DO YOU BELIEVE IN A CON TROLLED BIRTH RATE?
Geneseo, Ill, a doctor Washington, N J a doctor	No—cannot afford it I hope I can—I will try to be present No If possible	Yes Yes	Yes I do not understand this sub ject from your point of view Yes Am firmly convinced of the urgent necessity for a con trolled birth rate Yes
Columbus Ohio, State Dept of Health Hamilton Ont Canada Health Dept	Am no sure at the present time No No I shall not be present	Yes Yes Always open to reason Yes	Yes—by educational methods There ain't no such animal" Under certain conditions and proper methods and upon cer tain classes of people
Seattle Wash King County Health Dept		Yes	Yes
Salt Lake City Utah State Board of Health Madison Wis U S Public Health Service Norwalk Ohio, Board of Health		Yes Yes	Yes
Stillwater Okla Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College Boulder, Colo Health Dept San Francisco Cal U S Public Health Service Springfield Ill, member Montreal, Canada, member	Yes No No (?) Will attend A P H Ass'n Cannot promise attendance— though would like to be there	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes (?) Yes depending on methods used
Pittsburgh Pa, a surgeon		Any literature will be ap preciated	Am a strong advocate of Birth Control and help it along as much as possible Of course, within the law
Charleston, W Va, Health Dept Chicago, Ill member doctor Los Angeles Cal Health Office Hall of Records Portland Me Board of Health Winston Salem N C, City Health Dept Jacksonville Fla, State Board of Health Columbus Ohio Water Works Plant City Fla, State Board of Health	No No No No Think it will not be possible No No I don't think I will be able to get away I expect to No	In ninety days Yes Very much Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes No Yes (?) Have not formed an opinion I should like to give the mat ter some study Yes Have insufficient information to base opinion Yes I do not No—on the basis of present information Yes No—but will do my best hon estly and honorably to defeat you
Charleston W Va State Dept of Health Memphis, Tenn, Health Dept.		Yes Yes	Yes
St Augustine Fla Health Office Worcester Mass, Board of Health New York City a chemical company	Yes No Yes	Yes Yes Yes	Yes I do not No—on the basis of present information Yes No—but will do my best hon estly and honorably to defeat you
Richmond Va, State Board of Health Des Moines Iowa Dept of Public Safety Div of Public Health	I may be there for the 13th No	Yes No	Yes No—but will do my best hon estly and honorably to defeat you
Adams, N Y research laboratory of a dry milk company Philadelphia Pa, a manufacturing and bio logical chemists concern Fairfield, Iowa Parsons College Harrisburg, Pa, Dept of Health	If possible Hope to I believe that a conference for the discussion of Birth Control in its relation to health, economy and the quality of the coming race is desirable	Please send literature on this subject Yes Yes Yes	Only under extreme conditions of unfitness Yes
Nova Scotia Dept of Public Health St Paul Minn, State Dairy and Food Comm New Rochelle N Y, Dept of Health Seattle Wash State Board of Health	Regret this will be impossible Unable to attend Canont say at this time No—as Department has in sufficient funds for travel I am sorry I cannot No	Yes Yes I would Yes Yes No	No Yes I do Undecided Yes No
Ponce Porto Rico doctor Pachogue N Y State Dept of Health Ottawa Canada Dept of Health	I shall attend this conference in November if I can arrange to do so I should like any litera ture available on this subject which you can furnish I certainly believe in a controlled birth rate just as I hold that the comfort and well being of the world would be conserved by control of any important factor which affects the whole for example agricultural production If possible	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Grand Rapids Mich, Dept of Public Welfare		Yes	Yes

*Further Notes (a) Needless to say, all requests for literature have been complied with promptly

(b) The originals of the answers and letters quoted above are held in the Birth Control Review Office

(c) Whereas the names of those who answered the questionnaire have been of a necessity left out it in no sense implies that their answers are official They are only the expressed opinions of individuals connected with the boards and institutions given above

(d) This questionnaire was sent out by the Conference Committee

(e) These answers emphasize the interest taken in Birth Control by important members of the American Public Health Associations

SCATTERED MEMORIES

(Continued from page 11)

control?" His next remark, all of which I did not catch, ended with, "You know Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt?" "Yes," I said, "she got that through looking backwards—we are looking forward"

Since then his friend has bought the paper, and passes me with a friendly smile instead of a scowl

Once a young woman bought the paper and told me she was a Catholic and that her church was against Birth Control, but when she got married she didn't intend to have as many children as her mother, who had had seven and died giving birth to the seventh. Her father could not earn enough to bring up a large family and they had had a hard, poverty stricken existence until the older ones could go to work

A man came along and said "BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW, that sounds like a nasty publication" I replied there is nothing nasty in birth nor in control and before he had gone, another came and said, "Birth Control, good, that's what the people need"

A WOMAN BOUGHT a paper saying, "My husband would not let me buy one the other night. He said it was none of my business, but I think it's every woman's business"

Another one said, "Have you no better employment than this?" I said, "not for the moment" She walked on with a threat to fetch a policeman

If there were any justification in the argument of young girls getting hold of Birth Control information and becoming immoral, the majority of my purchasers would be young girls of a thoughtless, careless, frivolous, irresponsible sort, but that is far from the truth. Most of the young girls who do buy it are exceedingly level headed, mostly suffragists who take a keen interest in the topics of the day, and if an occasional flighty Miss does buy it she gets food for thought, CLEAN thought. One evening the "young girl" did appear, two of them in fact, the youngest who have ever bought it. They could not have been more than sixteen. One of a group of men nearby called out, "They are too young to read that" I called back, "No they are not, that will do them more good than anything you can tell them"

A few nights later their male prototypes appeared. Two boys, who in England would be called "young gentlemen" One wanted to come toward me but the smaller and apparently younger held him back and led him past me. However, they returned with their money ready, and the smaller being spokesman said, "Do you think we are too young to read that?" I replied, "No, you could not read anything better" With a "p'rhaps, p'rhaps not" and a REVIEW they departed

It is mostly men who express their fear of young girls becoming immoral and I always tell them to leave the young girls alone and they would be perfectly safe. The young girl does not bother about Birth Control, she dreams of her ideal, her hero, who would rather die than hurt a hair on her head and who unfortunately often proves unworthy of her love and trust. If after that she should resort to Birth Control who dares to throw the first stone at her

DURING THE THIRD Liberty Bond Drive a man came up and said, "You ought to be selling Liberty Bonds" I replied, "I am, these are Liberty Bonds for woman's personal freedom," whereupon one of two men who had been watching me for sometime came and asked what that paper was all about. I explained to him that it was Birth Control propaganda and told him all about Margaret Sanger and her fight and that Birth Control was legal in Europe but not in America. He was deeply interested and insisted that anything that was legal in England should be legal here. To him the Revolution was forgotten. America and Great Britain were one nation again, fighting side by side to kill Kaiserism and Prussianism, to win democracy and eventually universal brotherhood for the world. He was of Scotch descent. His home was in North Carolina. He was here on business and pleasure combined and last night had been to see Harry Lauder at the Metropolitan. Had I seen Harry Lauder? I had, many a time. I saw him on his opening night at the Metropolitan and enjoyed his performance a great deal more than I ever had in the old country when as a member of the same profession I had performed at the same theatre with him. We discussed all sorts of topics including the Liberty Loan and although he had bought I forget how many thousand dollars worth of bonds, he could not resist the lady who pleaded so eloquently for help for Uncle Sam at the Metropolitan, and so had bought more. Though just past middle age, he was as happy as a sand boy and promised to do all he could to help Birth Control when he got home

MANY SOLDIERS AND SAILORS buy it. One night two lieutenants, a soldier and a sailor came along. The sailor suddenly saw me and made a dash toward me. His chum tried to hold him back, but the sailor man won. I asked him if his friend was shy or anti. "Oh, he is an unbeliever," he replied. "Personally, I prefer Birth Control to a lot of weaklings" A good many of the boys in uniform have heard Mrs. Sanger speak in different parts of the country and wish her and the movement every success

Recently, two chubby baby faced sailor boys stopped, and one said, "How much?" "25 cents," I replied. With an "Oh, that's easy, I bet there's something hot in it," he walked off with the paper leaving me chuckling at the thought of the "hot" he would find in it

I have found the police exceedingly kind and courteous. The first night the officer on duty wanted to know if the paper was "legal, no information in it" I reassured him on those points and gave him a copy to read. A few nights later he told me he had read it through. It was fine and he guessed he would have to "watch his step" The second night I was very busy with people coming from the theatres when two men came up and wanted to know what the paper was all about, at the same time taking one and looking through it while I went on selling. They were anxious to know if there was any "information" in it. I told them there was not. It was merely propaganda to get the law altered making it legal to give information. Just as it dawned on me that they might be detectives, one of them said, "You know we are police

officers" I told them I was glad to hear that and hoped they would accept the paper and read it. However, they "knew all about it" and needed no propaganda.

SOME OF THEM are evidently doing their bit for Birth Control with people who complain to them. An indignant lady came up one afternoon and said it was a disgrace my standing there publicly advocating immorality. I asked her if she had ever read the paper. She replied, "No, but I am going to. I have just complained to the policeman and he advised me to buy one and read it." So she bought one and threatened to send it to Mayor Hylan.

Crowds went to Fifth Avenue to see the parade given to aid underfed babies. Mrs Morgan, Miss Dastre and myself sold the REVIEW and told the people that it was time to instruct the poor mothers of underfed babies how not have any more to be underfed. To this even the police lining the route cheerfully and sympathetically agreed, though two jovial sergeants feared that we should not have any parades like this one then and were told that we could have parades for something more cheerful than the tragedy of collecting money to buy milk for underfed babies in the richest city in the world, upon which their faces registered sudden deep and serious thought. With

exception of a few jeers from the ignorant and prejudiced all went well until I had mingled with the crowds outside the Library and was questioned by a man accompanied by a police man as to my right to sell that paper on the streets. While explaining that the BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW had second class mailing rights and had been sold on the streets for the last five years, several people bought the REVIEW with an air of defiance toward the man who had questioned. After which I was hustled by a typical "crucify him" mob, led and incited by one of the charitable collectors down Fifth Avenue jeered at as a 'socialist' and "English."

When suddenly a young man came to my rescue with an offer to help me sell the REVIEW after which the mob turned their attention toward him while I continued down Fifth Avenue unmolested.

A Police Lieutenant came along looked at the paper and smilingly said, "Anarchist?" I replied, "No 100 per cent American! "

This is but a one per cent very imperfect account of all I could tell but I am limited to time and space.

A Connecticut Physician's Letter

Every person who shall use any drug, medicine, article or instrument for the purpose of preventing conception shall be fined not less than \$50 or imprisoned from 60 days to one year or both—Gen Stat 1902, Connecticut, Section 1327, being act of 1879, revision of 1888, §1539

December 20, 1920

DEAR MRS SANGER

I have read your book, "Woman and the New Race," and it was indeed very interesting. You brought forth facts which I see every day in my practice. During the past year I can recall of bringing but two or three babies into the world that were really wanted. The rest received their babies in a matter of fact way and as the majority of these babies were born, the common expression of mothers was heard, "Never again."

I knew that, "never again," in reality meant soon again but I knew of no way to help them out. I know of families with several children who cannot scrape together enough money to buy the vital necessities of life. Is there not some way that you can tell me of your contraceptives? Some of my patients who are at the present time physically unfit to bear children would be greatly benefited if you could tell me something about contraceptives.

Medical schools will not tell their students of these methods

at least they did not, when I attended them.

I can recall a case that I delivered almost a year ago. It was the first baby and at the time she said she would not have any more for some time. A few months ago she came to me in tears begging that I should do something for her for she said she would rather die than have another baby so soon. You can believe me when I tell you that it was with sincere regret that I told her it was a criminal act to do such a thing and also told her of the danger which she would go thru. And in a few days I learned that she had travelled miles to see another doctor who granted her earnest request. She returned home and in a few days I was called to see her. The diagnosis was incomplete abortion with septicaemia. I sent her to the hospital and when she came back with her child, not a year old, was motherless. I need not tell you of any more cases for you see them every day just the same as I do.

I realize how many more happy homes there would be if there were less children so if you can give me any information, you can be sure that it will be greatly appreciated.

I believe the time is coming when you will be able to give your views to the entire world unmolested by any legal action. Trusting to hear from you soon, I am,

Respectfully,

A Physician Practicing in Connecticut

A Financial Statement

For the year ending December 31, 1920

Mrs. Frances B. Ackerman, *Treas.*,
New York Women's Publishing Co., Inc.
New York City

June 25, 1921 *Expense—Publication*

Printing and Paper ---- \$4,770 50
Folding and Mailing --- 108 74 \$4,879 24

Dear Madam

We have made a detailed cash audit of the books and records of the New York Women's Publishing Co., Inc., for the year ended December 31, 1920, and submit the results in the accompanying statements

It is our opinion that the statements presented herewith reflect the true financial condition at December 31, 1920, and the results of operations for the year ended at that date

Respectfully submitted,
HURDMAN & CRANSTOUN,

Certified Public Accountants

NEW YORK WOMEN'S PUBLISHING CO., INC.
EXHIBIT "A"

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

December 31, 1920

ASSETS

Cash	\$176 47
Due from Subscribers to Capital Stock	14 00
Furniture and Fixtures	61 50
Goodwill	182 37

TOTAL ASSETS \$434 34

LIABILITIES

Kitty Marion Fund	25 00
-------------------------	-------

Capital

Capital Stock Outstanding (Authorized \$10,000) ---	\$7,260 00
Capital Stock Subscriptions	20 00

7,280 00

Less Deficit

Deficit, January 1, 1920 ---	\$3,417 10
Add Net Loss, Year Ended December 31, 1920	
(Exhibit "B")	3,453 56 6,870 66

Equity, Dec 31, 1920 --	409 34
-------------------------	--------

\$434 34

NEW YORK WOMEN'S PUBLISHING CO., INC.
EXHIBIT "B"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

Year Ended December 31, 1920

Income

Subscriptions and Office Sales	\$3,502 76
Street Sales	1,737 03
Sales of Literature	27 25
Advertising	301 75

Total Income ----- \$5,568 79

General

Office Salaries	\$4,771 00
Rent	334 96
Printing and Stationery--	177 75
Advertising	283 28
Delivery Service	151 64
Cost of Literature Sold--	45 20
Taxes	10 00
Office and General Exp --	737 27 \$6,511 10

Total Expense ----- \$11,590 34

NET LOSS ON OPERATIONS \$ 5,821 55

Other Income

Donations	\$478 15
Pledges	843 00
Profit on Colony Club Luncheon	161 50
Profit—Provincetown Players	222 50
Profit Commodore Luncheon	565 00
Miscellaneous Income ---	97 84 \$2,367 99

NET LOSS, Year Ended December 31, 1920

(Exhibit "A") ---- \$3,453 56

TWO CONFERENCE LETTERS

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, Zumbrota, Minn., July 30, 1921
104 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Friend

Yours received and contents noted

Am sending the requested contribution and am heartily in accord with the movement. As situated cannot do much in League work, but am hoping to see it a success for the betterment of humanity

Yours respectfully,

My dear Mrs. Sanger

Your letter asking for a contribution, in order to make your Conference in New York City, November 11th, 12th and 13th, a success, has been received

I shall gladly contribute and you will find my check enclosed. Also wish you the best of success in your efforts to form an American Birth Control League that will take in all the states

With my best wishes and hoping I may be in a position to attend the Conference in November, I am

Respectfully yours,

A JAPANESE VIEW OF BIRTH CONTROL

(Concluded from page 6)

THERE IS A positive side to Birth Control as well. For by this method, women can gain time for education and can thus secure her independence. Through Birth Control, women are removed from the position of being a slave to men, in these times of Capitalism. Birth Control is of course necessary for the perfection of man as well as woman, because it will give men no less than women a surplus of time and money for education and development.

Statistics show that Japan with its very high birth rate has the highest infant mortality rate in the world. The Japanese mother is thus sacrificing her health, time and money in vain. If, in practising Birth Control, she bears only children who may survive it will increase the riches of her home and enhance the whole nation. From the spiritual point of view we may say that heretofore Japanese parents have brought forth the new generation without perfecting their individuality. In other words, for generation after generation, they are giving and being given in marriage without consciousness, without progressive perfection of civilization. How can we hope to have a man who understands real life and who is strong in action and belief, as the product of such procreation? If the object of human life is to perfect the Self, even at times not considering the next generation—isn't the practice of Birth Control a wise step in this direction?

THE RESULT OF BIRTH CONTROL

By Birth Control, men and women awaken spiritually to their independence. They improve physically by themselves, have those robust children described by Dr Knopf, born in Holland under the regime of Birth Control. Common sense alone shows us that Birth Control produces good results spiritually and physically both for parents and children. Spiritually men and women will certainly progress by Birth Control, for it will give them time and money for self development. Physically the mother will no longer exhaust her body by frequent pregnancies. The children will obtain more care and protection. It is a fact that first children are generally stronger in body than the youngest. A strong boy can only be born of a strong mother. It is therefore evident that children born by choice are superior to those born by chance.

TO IMPROVE SPIRIT and body is to improve mankind. This is the only way to solve the population problem of Japan. The population problem is the cornerstone of Japanese policy at home and abroad. Again I say Birth Control can be effectively carried out by women, not by men. All the various questions concerning Birth Control can be solved only by the earnest initiative of women. It is no wonder such difficult questions—emigration, labor, famines and food—can be met successfully only with the conscious co operation of women. For the human race is made half of men and half of women, and we can never neglect one half of any problem.

It is not difficult to answer the conservative and reactionaries who consider Birth Control immoral. Human morality is always changing. At the present time, it does more harm

to society to have too many underdeveloped children and too few well developed. Morality demands that we act with less harm to the next generation. Moreover, Birth Control is a check before conception, and such a practice existed widely even in times of older moralities.

THE MEANS OF BIRTH CONTROL

Birth Control preceeds conception. We have no freedom to explain it in detail, by law. Roughly speaking there are two methods, physical and chemical. Doctors today claim that neither method is harmful, but on the contrary beneficial to the health of women.

THE LIGHT DAWNS

By Ruth Anna Fisher

POVERTY HAD THEM in its grip. Merely to exist was a struggle. Try as they would they could not keep up with the demands made upon them simply to live. With four children to feed life had no pleasant places for them.

Then the fifth child came, and they found themselves more discouraged than ever in their lame attempt to provide for another mouth.

In spite of their efforts, his working in the mill daily and doing overtime whenever he could, and her labor as a janitress with its meagre pay, wearing herself out as she vainly tried to please the grumbling tenants, they were still in debt.

Then the sixth child came. God, how they hated it! Was it not enough for seven of them to suffer? But they had no choice save to go on living.

One day the mother went around the corner to buy a head of cabbage for their dinner, leaving the children at home. The eldest was only ten.

On returning, from the distance, she saw a fire engine with its ever present crowd gathered in her street. It seemed as if it might be in front of her house. Yes, it was. Hurrying up she heard children's terrified cries and saw a little cloud of smoke. In the direct fashion of simple folk a friendly neighbor who was waiting to see the last of the fire told her that the sleeping baby had fallen out of his carriage which had been too near the fire and had been burned to death. An ambulance had just taken the dead child away.

She rushed to her five frightened children who flung themselves upon her. She gathered them in her arms. And even in her stupefied agony she thanked God!

NOTICE

The Birth Control Conference to be held November 11th, 12th and 13th, needs every kind of helper. It is a good opportunity for those who have long been interested in the movement. Write at once to

MRS ANNE KENNEDY

117 West 46th Street

New York City

SEXUAL PROBLEMS OF \$2 TO-DAY

Every **married** man or woman or those intending to be married must read this remarkable new book on the sex problem

"SEXUAL PROBLEMS OF TODAY" is written by Dr William J Robinson of New York, a scientist of worldwide reputation and the **foremost authority on sex problems** in all its phases. In this book, "Sexual Problems of Today," he **answers** the intimate sex questions that at one time or another confront every man or woman. This book by Dr Robinson will give you information that has never been **publicly** printed before.

One person writes *"If I had this book before I was married it would have saved me a lifetime of misery"*

PART OF CONTENTS

The Relations Between the Sexes and Man's Inhumanity to Woman	The Wife
The Double Standard of Morality and the Effects of Continnence on Each Sex	No Danger of Race Suicide
The Psychology of Sex	Four Absolutely Infalible Means for the Prevention of Conception
The Woman at Forty and After	Women Defending Their Honor
The Limitation of Offspring	A Wife and Her Husband
What to Do with the Prostitute and How to Abolish Venereal Disease	The Dangerous Age
The Woman Pays	My Sex Propaganda
The Question of Abortion	Barrie Unfaithfulness and Forgiveness
The Wrecking of Human Life and Happiness	Contraception and Abortion
For Young Men	The Gospel of Happiness
The Price of a Kiss	The Duration of Our Passions
Torturing the Wife When the Husband Is At Fault	To Lighten the Burden of the Illegitimate Mother
Any one chapter is alone worth the price of the book	Separate Beds

"Sexual Problems of Today"

contains 350 pages consisting of 75 chapters of vital interest and is printed on fine paper in clear type and beautifully cloth bound

The price is only \$2.00 sent postpaid

Secure your copy now while we still have the privilege of sending it to you. Order at once. Don't delay.

COUPON

TRUTH PUB CO, Dept 19S P, 1400 B'way, New York

GENTLEMEN—Enclosed find \$2 for which please send me "SEXUAL PROBLEMS OF TODAY" by Dr Wm J Robinson by return mail, postpaid

Name _____

Address _____

City or State _____

To Polish Mirrors

Add just a *very few* drops of 3 in One Oil to the water. Don't put the oil on the cloth. Wash the mirror with the oil and water—then polish with a soft, dry cloth. A beautiful, lasting brilliance will be your reward. Also try the same

3-in-One Oil

treatment to make your cut glass sparkle. Make windows clean and bright

3 in One Oil is sold at all good stores in 1 oz, 3 oz and 8 oz bottles and 3 oz Handy Oil Cans

FREE

Sample of 3 in One and Dictionary of Uses

THREE-IN-ONE OIL COMPANY

165 CP Broadway, N Y



Our Special Offer Gives

A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION

TO THE

"BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW"

AND

Woman and the New Race

By Margaret Sanger

For \$3.50

Regular Rate \$4.00 Special Rate \$3.50

Please check the one you prefer

Name -----

Address -----

City -----

State -----

THE
GRAPHIC PRESS
39 W. 8th STREET, NEW YORK

STUYVESANT 8086

**BOOKS
CATALOGS
PERIODICALS**

Read Locom

Marriage, Divorce, Love, Eugenics, Birth Control, Sex Hygiene, etc., are exclusively dealt with in every issue of the Locom—America's big high class magazine, devoted only to such personal subjects. For adults. In its third year. Interesting, Instructing, Inspiring

20c a Copy—\$1.50 a Year

SPECIAL OFFER —1 Year for 75 Cents

Money Back If Not Pleased

14 B C Building

Farmington, Mich

Rational Living

61 Hamilton Pl., Dept. B, New York, Editor, B. Liber, M.D., D.P.H., 40 cents a copy. Trial subscription, 3 copies, \$1.10. No free sample copies. Sold in important book stores in United States and Canada. In New York at Brentano's, Rand School and Maisel's.

CURRENT ISSUE (richly illustrated) Dust, Dirt, Darkness, Dampness in Shops and Factories and how to prevent them, Camping, Summer Heat, SUMMER COMPLAINT, STERILITY IN WOMEN, SEX INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN, Fasting, The Truth About the Life Extension Institute, etc.

Good and Bad Exercise, The Worker's Vacation, etc., in January issue

What Are Vitamines? and other articles in February issue

SEX AND VENEREAL DISEASES, in February, April and May issues

What are Chiropractic and Osteopathy? in March and May issues

WOMAN AND HER TROUBLES, in March, April and current issues

The Truth About the Life Extension Institute, in March, May and current issues

PROSTITUTION

Its History, Cause and Cure, by Dr. J. H. Greer, 25c. Marriage, As It Was, Is and Should Be, by Annie Besant, 25c. No. 1, Scarlet Review, 25c. Diana, a psycho-physiological sex Essay, 25c. The Crucible, 4 different samples, 10c. Free list suspended.

RAYMER'S OLD BOOK STORE

1330 First Avenue

Seattle, Wash

SEX BOOKS

Only for Professional and Advanced Adult Readers. Descriptive lists sent in sealed envelope. The most authoritative works including Forel, Kisch, Krafft-Ebing, Robie, Malchow and Ellis.

THE MODERN BOOK SOCIETY
228 230 W. 52nd St. New York City
(Desk 23)

Books for Intelligent People

BOOKS ON SEX FEMINISM, BIRTH CONTROL AND KINDERED SUBJECTS

Woman and the New Race

By Margaret Sanger, a keen analysis of all social problems. Physical, moral and mental freedom is championed in this book.---\$2 00

Race Regeneration Thru Woman

By Dr James Heggessy—a book to guide women to health and happiness.----- 1 50

Rachel

By Angelina W Grimke. A powerful drama of the omnipresent tragedy of the Black people.----- 1 65

Man and Woman

By Havelock Ellis. The book which reveals to each other Women and Men as they are.----- 2 50

Birth Control

In Its Medical, Social, Economic and Moral Aspects, by Dr S Adolphus Knopf. .25

The Century of the Child

By Ellen Key. An illumination of the Child's Place in Society.----- 2 00

Population and Birth Control

A Symposium by William J Robinson, Achille Loria, Charles V Drysdale, Ludwig Quessell, Eden Paul, Edward Bernstein, D Dunlop R Manschke, S H Halford and F W Stella Browne, edited by Eden and Cedar Paul.----- 3 00

What Every Mother Should Know

By Margaret Sanger. A book that teaches the Mother how to tell the truth of sex to the child. Paper, 30c, cloth.----- 60

Limitation of Offspring

By William J Robinson. Answers all arguments against birth control.----- 1 50

Radiant Motherhood

By Dr Marie Stopes. A book for those who are creating the future.----- 2 50

The Objects of Marriage

By Havelock Ellis.----- 25

Sanity in Sex

By William J Fielding. A popular presentation of the problems of sex.----- 1 75

The Awakening of Woman

By Florence Guertin Tuttle. The Psychic Side of Feminism.----- 1 00

Women and World Federation

By Florence Guertin Tuttle. A book to be read and studied by all women.----- 1 60

The Small Family System

By Dr C V Drysdale.----- 1 50

The Love Rights of Women

By Havelock Ellis. A book that every man should read.----- 25

The Trial of William Sanger

By James Waldo Fawcett.----- 10

Uncontrolled Breeding

By Adelyne More. A startling scientific treatise on overpopulation as the cause of war.----- 1 00

Small or Large Families?

By Dr C V Drysdale and Havelock Ellis. 1 50

What Every Girl Should Know

By Margaret Sanger. Sex instruction for Adolescent girls, in plain, simple language. Paper, 30c, cloth.----- 60

The Law of Population

Its consequences and its bearing upon human conduct and morals. By Annie Besant. .25

In ordering any of the above books add 10 cents extra for each volume

NEW YORK WOMEN'S PUBLISHING CO., Inc.

104 Fifth Ave., New York