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# THE EUGENICS REVIEW

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THE Eugenics Education Society, like most other Societies, requires a publication of its own; it has, therefore, been determined by its Council to issue a quarterly publication called THE EUGENICS REVIEW, of which this is the first number.

The REVIEW has both a business and a general purpose. Its business purpose is to acquaint members with the past transactions and prospective arrangements of the Society, and especially with the memoirs read at meetings and the discussions that followed them. Its general purpose is, as stated in the Prospectus, to give expression to the Eugenic movement and to place Eugenic thought, where possible, on a strictly scientific basis. It is hoped that a periodical conducted on these lines will reach a wider circle than that of the present members of the Society, and will be welcomed by many outsiders who take an interest in such social problems as may be capable, at least to some extent, of being solved by the help of Eugenic principles.

THE EUGENICS REVIEW emphatically disclaims rivalry in any form with the more technical publications issued from time to time from the Eugenics Laboratory of the University of London now located at University College. On the contrary, it proposes to supplement them. There are two sorts of workers in every department of knowledge—those who establish a firm foundation, and those who build upon the foundation so

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established. The foundation of Eugenics is, in some measure, laid by applying a mathematico-statistical treatment to large collections of facts, and this, like engineering deep down in boggy soil, affords little outward evidence of its bulk and importance. The superstructure requires for its success the co-operation of many minds of a somewhat different order, filled with imagination and enthusiasm ; it does not require technical knowledge as to the nature of the foundation work. So a navigator, in order to find his position at sea, is dependent on the Tables calculated for him, and printed in the Nautical Almanack or elsewhere. But he may safely use these Tables without having the slightest acquaintance with the methods by which they were constructed.

It will be the aim of the Managers of the REVIEW to invite the co-operation of independent observers, and to demonstrate the bearing of Eugenics on legislation and practical conduct. The field is very wide and varied. To those who carefully explore it the direct conflict of Eugenics with some of the social customs of the day will be unexpectedly revealed, whilst its complete harmony with other social customs will be as unexpectedly made clear.

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