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GAVE ADDRESS ON EUGENICS BEFORE DEBATING SOCIET

PRESIDENT TALKED VERY ENTERTAININGLY ON THE MOST vanced theorists, yet he felt that MODERN TOPIC OF SOCIETY - MUCH LIGHT THROWN ON SUBJECT-GAVE FAVORABLE IMPRESSION

Mr. J. Roberts, president of came to regard the future of the nite action to be taken to conthe society, gave a very able ad- empire.

older countries of Europe. The speaker quoted the statement of Dr. Hillis, an eminent United United States authority, to the effect that every time the population of New York City doubled the number of insane multiplied by three, and the number of feeble-minded children by four. At the present rate of degeneracy there would be more crazy people in the United States than years. According to the report issued under the auspices of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, out of 1500 children attending three city schools only 105 were normal as regards eyesight, hearing, good limbs, etc. while 1395 were handicapped from the start. Turning to the problem as

presented in England, the speak. er said that in the large manufacturing centres it had been found impossible to find men of the necessary physique required for police work, and that as a consequence the force had to be largely recruited from the country districts; while though the standard of height required for years of age, which seemed to recruits enlisting in the imperial point to a deplorable ignorance, defence force had been reduced from five feet six inches in 1845 to five feet three inches in 1883 and finally to five feet in 1900. at the present day there was rejection of 60 per cent of the men presenting themselves for enlistment.

The speaker went on to show that the decrease in vitality and health was in direct ration with the increase of immorality and Both in England and America the number of suicides during the past twenty years had doubled in proportion to the population.

The chief medical officer of the English board of education reports that out of six million children registered at the elementary schools of England and Wales, more than half show pronounced evidences of constitutional weakness, which was

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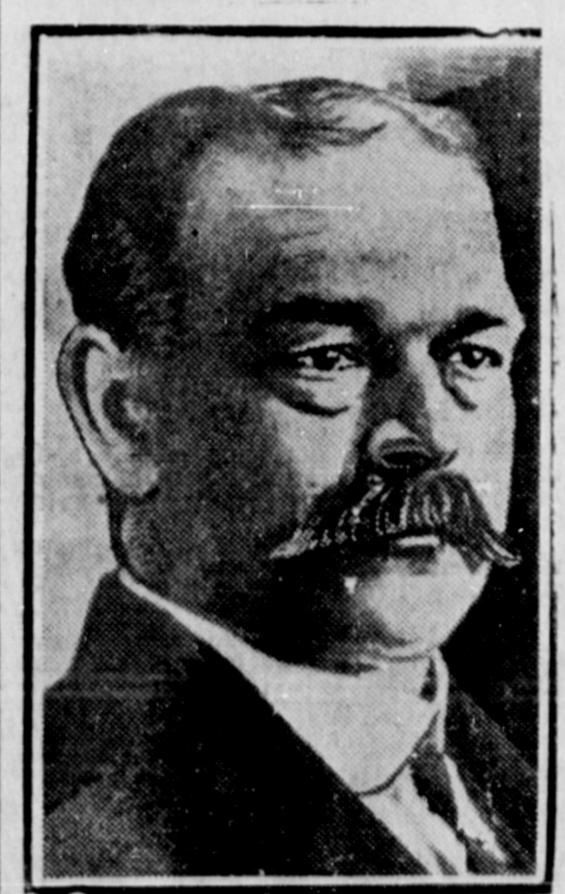
community.

The population of France at the present time is stationary, while in both England and Germany the birth rate is falling so rapidly that it is calculated that if the rate of decline of the past sane in less than three hundred thirty years is continued, in one hundred years time these nafions will have ceased to reproduce. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the birth rate of Japan was on the increase. The average family in America today was a family of two, and only one family in seventy-five had more than six children. All this, the speaker pointed out meant racial suicide, a gradual weakening of the European and American people in contradistinction to the increasing numbers of the Oriental nations.

Speaking of infantile mortality, it was stated that 27 per deaths were children under five on the part of mothers concerning the rudimentary principles

After having devoted some considerable time to the elaboration of these features of the problem, Mr. Roberts turned his attention to remedial measures. Science had shown that in plant and animal life by careful selection, by rigid exclusion, and a close observance of the fundamental laws of nature it was possible to bring forth the perfect specimen. He instanced the evolution of the apple and the potato under man's guidance, and hte marvellous advances which had been made in increas. ing the productiveness of wheat. In the animal kingdom the science was so commonly understood as to hardly call for specific reference, but he would

mention the case of the trotting



SELAH B. HOWELL

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purpose to advocate the wholesale adoption of the eugenic principle as laid down by adin view of the facts which he had brought before the meeting that the time had come for some defiserve the health and vitality of dress on the subject of "Eu- Another feature, which in it- the nation. In this connection genics" before the Young Men's self is both a case and effect of he was entirely of the opinion racial decline, is the increasing that a certificate of health Progressive Debating society at number of paupers. This, de-should be obtained before martheir meeting last Thursday spite the enormous relief work riage was permitted, and comevening, during the course of being carried on by governments mended the action of Dean Sumwhich he gave some startling and philanthropic institutions. ner of Chicago for his stand on statistics concerning the preva- This class of citizen obviously this question. Pursuing this lence of insanity and physical cannot reproduce strong, normal point, the speaker gave some apchildren, yet is a well known fact palling facts relative to the nethat as a class the very poor glect of this precaution as witcontribute more to the birth rate nessed in the physical and moral Education, tendencies of children. It was obviously madness to

effect of reducing the size of allow the physical, mental and families in all classes of the moral abnormalities in the human family to perpetuate their diseases, but the present condition not only permitted it. but the vilest social evil, which was largely contributory to this state of affairs openly flourished under the implied sanction of the authorities.

Napoleon had said over one hundred years "France needs mothers," and without doubt France's need of yesterday is our need of today. The question largely hinged on the economic conditions also, which did not permit of young men marrying in the early years of manhood. The speaker also advocated stricter attention to hygiene and general physical fitness in our schools, as well as greater frankness toward chil-Idren as regards the origin of life. Ignorance and prejudice were the worst enemies of progress, cent of the annual number of but in face of this increasingly difficult problem there could be room for neither.

Some exceedingly interesting theories were advanced during the discussion which followed the address. Evidently the gravity of the situation was fully realized by the members, which is a hopeful indication. The consensus of opinion seemed to har monize with Mr. Roberts' views. although it was difficult to dispose of the sentimental side of the marriage question. marriage law was criticized as open to abuse, and the steady decline in the birth rate to the modern craze for social entertainments.

At the close of the meeting th chairman announced that on the following Thursday Mr. A. Davis and Mr. Kidwell will lead a debate on the "Abolition of Capital Punishment."

From the South

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