

PLAN NATION-WIDE EUGENICS SOCIETY

**Movement Follows Address by
Mrs. John Hays Hammond
on Infant Mortality.**

RACE PURITY IS THE AIM

**Dr. H. E. Jordan Would Forbid the
Reproduction of the Obviously Un-
fit—Want Parents Educated.**

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The study of eugenics was vigorously urged by speakers before the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality to-day.

"More than half the processions of little white coffins in Washington," said Mrs. John Hays Hammond, "are assured before the birth or at the hour of birth of their little occupants. So appalling are these figures that I believe it behooves every mother to inquire, 'Why did my baby die?' and every girl to ask, 'Why cannot all women have rosy, plump, dimpled, healthy babies?' The answer will be found in the science of eugenics and more efficiently trained obstetricians.

"I believe there should be a great national organization for the promotion of practical eugenics. When young women are made to realize that the defects, as well as the excellencies, of their husbands will be reproduced in their children, that men of intemperate and immoral habits are likely to produce defective children, they will refrain from marriage with such men. The old adage, 'Marry a man to reform him,' will lose its force.

"Woman, rather than man, has always been the conserver of race purity. In eugenics she will find an intelligent guide to the selection of a father for her children, to the reduction of three-fourths of all diseases, to the elimination of one-half of the morbidity of children, and to the practical elimination of degeneracy and the useless waste of infant life."

As a result of Mrs. Hammond's suggestion of a national society for the promotion of practical eugenics, a committee was appointed to meet the eugenics committee of the American Breeders' Association and discuss the question.

"Every child born into the world," said Dr. H. E. Jordan of the University of Virginia, "must be saved if possible, but if socially very unfit it should be denied the right of progeny. Two steps first seem clear: (1) Universal infant salvage, with realization of the fact that the possibility is thus afforded for some unfit stock to perpetuate its inferior type. (2) Negative eugenics

or prevention of reproduction on the part of the grossly and obviously unfit. Positive eugenics rests, perhaps, as yet upon too small a basis of scientific fact."

The education of parents in practical eugenics was discussed by Dr. Evangeline W. Young, of the School of Eugenics, Boston.

"Education in practical eugenics," she said, "should teach boys a new sex code. The boy must be taught quite as explicitly as the girl the spiritual significance of marriage and the sacredness of the family as an institution of society. He must be taught the falseness of the double standard of morals."

Dr. D. J. Whitridge-Williams, of Baltimore, will be President of the Association for the next year. Homer Folks, of New York, to-day was chosen President-elect, and as such will succeed Dr. Williams at the conclusion of next year's session.