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Programme of the Neo-Malthusian Conference

to be held at THE HAGUE (Holland) 28th and 29th July 1910.

Honorary President: Dr. juris S. VAN HOUTEN, formerly Prime Minister of the Netherlands.

President: Dr. ALICE DRYSDALE—VICKERY,

Pres. of the "Fédération Universelle de la Régénération Humaine".

Thursday 28th July.

The Bureau will be open at 9 a.m.

Morning 10 to 12.30 PUBLIC CONFERENCE.

The President of the Dutch League Mdme RUTGERS—HOITSEMA will receive the members. Dr. ALICE DRYSDALE—VICKERY will occupy the chair.

Reports will be read by members: on the progress of Neo-Malthusianism in the different countries; on the opposition from clericalism, from governments and from employers; on the obstacles arising from poverty, ignorance, superstition, the influence of religion sometimes fatalistic, sometimes salutary; and on the various methods of propaganda which have been most successful in bringing home the principles of parental prudence to the public conscience.

The central bureau of the Dutch League has deputed Mdme RUTGERS - HOITSEMA to give the report relating to Holland.

Afternoon 2 to 5 PRIVATE CONFERENCE.

President: Mr. GIROUD from Paris.

Private discussion on the necessity for, and the various opportunities of organising an internationa propaganda: a complete series of addresses, and sources of information concerning the whole world; free exchange of all publications; the translation of the most useful publications in foreign or in universal languages (Esperanto, Ido etc.).

Friday 29th July.

Morning 10 to 121/2 PRIVATE CONFERENCE.

President: Phil. Dr. HELENE STÖCKER from Berlin.

Confidential discussion on various scientific questions such as:

What will be the future of Neo-Malthusianism?

How is Neo-Malthusianism received in the various sections political, economic, ethical and religious? Is it important or desirable to change the name Neo-Malthusianism?

Has the fear of having children increased or decreased as a consequence of Neo-Malthusianism? Is population limited more as a consequence of poverty or of wealth?

Should public assistance supply for all children born in poverty, or would it be preferable to inflict a small fine on the birth of the 4th or 5th infant, or should we insist on a system of insurance for confinements?

Discussions on various operations: vasectomy etc.

What particulars or information would be the most suitable in sending leaflets for propaganda to young mothers?

Are pamphlets, giving full description of the preventive methods, useful or harmful for adults who are not married?

Did Malthus recommend some self-restraint in marriage?

Is overpopulation in the system of Malthus **the** cause of poverty? Or **the** cause of the struggle for existance in the system of Darwin — or is it **one** of the causes?

Afternoon 2 to 5 PUBLIC MEETING.

President: Dr. juris S. VAN HOUTEN.

Lectures or speeches by Prof. Dr. A. FOREL, Switzerland on: Eugenik, bewusste Zeugung oder menschliche Zuchtwahl, Dr. HELÈNE STÖCKER, Berlin, Mr. G. GIROUD, Paris, Prof. KNUT WICKSELL, Lund, Sweden, Dr. C. V. DRYSDALE and Mdme B. DRYSDALE, London and others.

6 p.m. It is proposed to arrange a **dinner** for the members of the conference to which members only can be admitted.

The evenings are reserved for recreation on the seashore at Scheveningen.

Saturday 30th July.

If the weather be favorable it is desired to arrange a **steamboat excursion** in order to visit the picturesque lakes of Holland.

Practical arrangements.

The conference is to be held on 28 and 29 July 1910 Café Hollandais, Groenmarkt 29, the Hague (Holland). Until that date the address of the Bureau is: Verhulststraat 9, the Hague.

All persons who have been invited by the printed circular and who have not yet received a card of membership, can have such a card by sendig post-order of fl. 2,50 to the Bureau. At the commencement of the conference on 28 and 29 July invited persons only can have cards for membership, if and in so far as there will be room in the hall.

As to the public sessions and meeting the entrance fee for the public is fl. 1,— (reserved places) or fl. 0,50. The public sessions and meeting only are open to the press.

The ticket for the dinner on Friday evening will be fl. 2,— and for the boat-tour on Saturday will be fl. 1,60; both only being admissible for members of the conference. For both it is strictly necessary for the members to give their names early, in order to ensure that there will be places for them.

Please send to the Bureau the addresses of persons who you should wish to be invited for the conference.

On all subjects concerning Neo-Malthusianism discussion will be free for all the members of the conference, as much as time will permit; everyone being responsible for his own remarks.

For reading the reports and the discussions and speeches we have invited the principal persons who have contributed to the scientific and practical propaganda. Already we have the honour of a favorable answer from:

Dr. ALICE DRYSDALE-VICKERY, London.

Dr. juris S. VAN HOUTEN, the Hague.

Prof. Dr. A. FOREL, Switzerland.

Dr. and Mdme C. V. DRYSDALE, London.

Prof. KNUT WICKSELL, Lund, Sweden.

Phil. Dr. HELENE STÖCKER, Berlin.

Mr. G. GIROUD, Paris.

Mr. LOUIS GRANDIDIER, Paris.

Dr. ALETTA H. JACOBS, Amsterdam.

Mr. E. HUMBERT, Paris.

Mr. SILVA JUNIOR, Lissabon.

Mr. PAUL VAN DEN HAUTE, Ghent.

Mr. L. VAN BRUSSEL, Louvain.

Mr. P. FRAIGNEUX, Bruxelles.

Mdme RUTGERS - HOITSEMA, the Hague.

Mdme DE BEER-MEYERS, Amsterdam.

Mdme W. DRUCKER, Amsterdam.

MARTINA G. KRAMERS, Rotterdam.

Dr. J. DE VRIJ, the Hague.

Dr. J. RUTGERS, the Hague.

and many others.

The members of the conference are urgently invited to select their subject and to inform us what reports, discussions and speeches they intend to give on one of the subjects above mentioned or any other, in order to make a satisfactory organisation possible.

The only languages admitted will be French, English, German and Esperanto; the latter only if necessary.

In a special room (the library) will be exhibited scientific books and propaganda-pamphlets, illustrations, photo's, historical curiosities etc. Please send to the Bureau all that can be of interest for our members.

To facilitate acquintanceship we beg the members to send in their photo's with their name. The Bureau is ready to give all kinds of further information about the conference.

Dr. ALICE DRYSDALE-VICKERY,

Pres. of the "Fédération Universelle de la Régénération Humaine".

Please publish this programme as much as possible. The Bureau will be glad to send you more copies either in English or in French or German.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The hall of the conference, Café Hollandais 1st floor, Groenmarkt 29, is situated in the very centre of the Hague in the immediate proximity of Post- and Telegraph-office, townhall and cathedral, café's and hôtels. The electric Trams 3 and 4 (to the State-Railway station) stop before the door; Trams 1 and 2 (to the Holland-Railway station) stop at 2 minutes distance; Trams 8, 9 and 10 (to Scheveningen) stop at 3 minutes distance.

For information about the curiosities of the Hague and Scheveningen the bureau of information for foreigners (gratis) is quite near to the conference-hall and is situated: Plaats 1, open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day except on Sunday. Informations about travelling are to be had gratis: Buitenhof 50, open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except on Sunday, and Plaats 10, open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day except on Sunday.

The prices of hôtels in the Hague vary considerably:

Hôtel-Restaurant De Dageraad, Assendelftstraat 18 (near West-Einde) is a people's anti-alcoholic hôtel: room without breakfast from fl. 0,40 up to fl. 1,—. Hôtel De Zalm, Molenstraat 49, modest hôtel: room with breakfast from fl. 2,— up to fl. 2,50. Hôtel des Deux Villes (de Twee Steden), Buitenhof 24—26, very comfortable: room with breakfast fl. 3,80. Vegetarian Hôtel and Restaurant Pomona, Nieuwstraat 24 near Groenmarkt: room with breakfast from fl. 1,80 up to fl. 2,25; rooms have to be ordered in time.

Return-tickets Brussels—the Hague: I cl. fl. 11,80, II cl. fl. 8,45 and III cl. 5,35.

Return-tickets London—the Hague: Harwich-steamer I cl. fl 29,50, II cl. fl 20.10.

Batavier-steamer " fl 19.20, " fl 12.00.

Flushing-steamer " fl 29.50, " fl 20.10.

1 Shilling = fl. 0,60; 1 Franc = fl. 0,47 5 ; 1 Mark = fl. 0,60.

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