

MRS. SANGER ADDRESSES SOCIAL PROBLEMS CLUB

Earl Hall was filled to its capacity, and many people were turned away on Thursday afternoon, December 3, when Margaret Sanger addressed the audience on the Necessity of Birth Control. Before introducing the speaker, Professor William Peperell Montague, who presided, remarked that Birth Control is essential to make parenthood voluntary, not accidental; and to regulate the population—one of the greatest causes of war.

Mrs. Sanger defined birth control as the conscious control of birth rate by scientific means. According to the Malthusian theory, the natural increase of population must be checked, and it is only logical to decrease the birth rate—rather than increase the death rate—the only other alternative.

No census has been taken on the subject, but it is quite obvious that poverty, disease, high percentage of infant and maternal mortality, slums, and various other evils are most usually the outcome of large families; and the small families bear the burdens of taxation and charity of the large ones.

In the United States last year, 200,000 infants died before one year old. Milk stations, visiting nurses, clinics—everything conceivable to reduce the mortality of infants is being done to-day, and they do succeed—but at a terrible cost, for the basic reason is one of ignorance. Year after year, these 200,000 mothers and fathers are kept ignorant—with the result of an additional 200,000 infants dying the following year.

Over-population is at the root of the problem of Child Labor; for in families where the children come too fast, they are necessarily forced to feed and clothe themselves. Until the population is regulated, there will never be peace between nations. Over-population seems to be the root of all evil.

In answer to the argument that birth control would bring about race suicide, Mrs. Sanger stated seven

rules:

(1) No people who have transmissible diseases should have children.

(2) No women suffering from temporary disease should bear children.

(3) If normal parents produce subnormal children, they should have no more.

(4) There should be a space of at least three years between children.

(5) Maturity should be reached before motherhood.

(6) Parents should not have children they will not be able to support.

(7) Women should have no children until two years after marriage.

Birth Control is not a question to be generally decided upon, but one of individual application. The only solution to the problem is the establishment of scientific clinics where parents may come for advice (in existence in Holland and England). Mrs. Sanger concluded with the statement that women must be freed from the bondage of maternity before we can go forward to the emancipation of human races.

There will be a discussion on "Imperialism in the Orient" in Earl Hall on Thursday, December 17 at 4:10 P.M. The speakers will be Syud Hossain of India, editor of the "New Orient," Dr. Shatara of Syria, Dr. Herbert Adams Gibbons of Princeton University, and a Chinese speaker to be announced later. All Barnard students are invited to attend.

ZIMMERN DISCUSSES LEAGUE

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Corresponding changes took place in the affairs of the dominions. In their pre-war status they were given practical independence in domestic matters but none in foreign. Mr. Zimmern believes that we have recently learned that the latter are vastly more important than the former. Since Great Britain's policy has been to grant her colonies anything they asked for, provided they asked hard enough, today her dominions have a certain amount of in-

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