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Psychiatry (University of London) in 1950 and was appointed Professor in 1955. During these years he wrote *The Structure of Human Personality* and *Psychology of Politics*. He has published some eighty articles in the technical literature, and two popular books in the Pelican series: *Uses and Abuses of Psychology* (1953) and *Sense and Nonsense in Psychology* (1956). He held a visiting professorship at the Philadelphia University in 1949 and one in the University of California in 1954.

OBITUARY

Sir Frederic Hamilton, Kt.

WE RECORD with regret the death on January 29th 1956 of Sir Frederic Hamilton at the age of 90.

His interests were indeed varied. Having been educated at Mill Hill School and Caius College, Cambridge, he went to South Africa

in 1889 and was attracted by the possibility of the discovery of further gold reefs in the Northern Transvaal. Though his interest in mining remained with him throughout his life, he at this time turned to journalism and became editor of the *Johannesburg Star* and later edited the *African Review*. As a member of the Reform Committee he was sent from Johannesburg to see Cecil Rhodes in an effort to stop the Jameson Raid. Later he was taken prisoner by the Boers.

Returning to England at the turn of the century he devoted himself to mining and financial interests.

He joined the Eugenics Society in 1948, but his interest in eugenics was, he said, aroused some forty years earlier. His generosity to the *Society* was outstanding, but he declared himself, at the age of 84, to be unqualified for the honour of Fellowship which was offered to him, and preferred to remain a Life Member.

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many. Our studies have shown this to be true all over the world. On such a base it is surely possible to build a system of voluntary unconscious selection. But the reasons advanced must be generally acceptable reasons. Let's stop telling anyone that they have a generally inferior genetic quality, for they will never agree. Let's base our proposals on the desirability of having children

born in homes where they will get affectionate and responsible care, and perhaps our proposals will be accepted.

It seems to me that if it is to progress as it should, eugenics must follow new policies and state its case anew, and that from this rebirth we may, even in our own lifetime, see it moving at last towards the high goals which Galton set for it.

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Immigration of Coloured Peoples

To the Editor, *Eugenics Review*

SIR,—In your Notes of the Quarter, published last October, you say "the record of North American Negro-White hybrids in the Olympic Games and boxing ring is outstanding in proportion to their numbers." It seems to me, however, that muscular strength and agility can hardly be counted as indicating evolutionary excellence; for the brute strength of the gorilla and the agility of many tree-climbers excel those attributes of the boxer, while for speed the prize-winner at the Olympic Games lags still far behind the horse and the greyhound. In considering the eugenic value or inferiorities of different races of man, intelligence and moral worth are more to be considered than physical strength, while beauty, too, should not be despised as a physical asset. The proportion of Negro blood among the winners at beauty contests must be small indeed.

As to intelligence, the number of front-rank scientists and artists among Negroes and Negroids bears no comparison with those of other races, and, it should not be forgotten that, so far as we know, all races started from scratch.

As to morals, it is the universal experience of housewives in the country from which I write that most mulatto servants are unreliable in the extreme, and few of them are honest. Although the Negro population of the capital is but a small percentage, the number of criminals is a much higher percentage among Negroes and hybrids than among Whites. Murders average more than one a day, due largely to the fact that there is no capital punishment. These are facts which anyone can verify from the daily papers. It is a great pity that scientific methods for ascertaining the truth have never yet been used in countries where, as in Brazil, there is no colour bar, so as to show up the evil effects of Negro-White cross-breeding and lead to the checking of Negroid immigration in Britain before it is too late to avert a serious deterioration of our national characteristics.*

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