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CATS AND DOGS
BEFORE BABIES
IN BIRTH CONTROL

Dr. Gray of Montreal, Speaks
Strongly on Subject —
Jesuit Sees Return to Paganism in the Idea.

Cats and dogs come before babies in the valuation of some women, according to one authority cited by Dr. H. R. Dunstan Gray, dealing with birth control, in the course of his address yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. hall before the social science department of the Montreal Women's Club.

The speaker commenced by emphasizing the importance of his subject, which he gave a short historical sketch commencing with Malthus' work on population; but Malthus, he said, advocated the limitation of population by self-restraint, not by contraception.

This latter idea was first preached by James Mill, the father of the philosopher, and later by Francis Place, R. Dale Owen, Dr. Knowlton and the Drysdale brothers.

He placed it in the same category as the economic ideas of Lenin and Trotsky, and deplored that it is now being universally taught, referring to its exponents and organizations in every country in Europe, remarking, however, that it had received no support from the German Socialist party.

He recognized the arguments adduced in its defence, such as the difficulty and expense attached to large families, the general association of a high death rate with a high birth rate, but insisted that the right way to attack the problem presented in these arguments is not to limit birth by artificial means, but rather to remove the cause.

He considered the Eugenic Conference which sat in London in 1912, and described its conclusions as leading to the application of veterinary science to human beings, asking if man is to become less than an animal—a parrot.

He did not agree with those who argued from natural selection that, therefore, man is warranted in assisting in the process, and said that the family which is the unit of society, does not consist of just a man and a woman living together.

Ease-Loving Habits.

The real cause of the propaganda in favor of birth control he found to lie in the ease-loving habits of the upper classes, including the men as well as the women in his indictment, though it was of the women he then cited the phrase already mentioned. He charged that the morality implied by this doctrine as being comparable to the historic "scrap of paper"—anything is right so long as it is useful.

He concluded by asking if the women who are entertaining this propaganda are not reverting to type, instead of mounting still higher from the position which they had reached in civilization, that of being man's goal and guide, and he expressed the strongest disapproval of the fact that the propaganda for birth control is obtainable in every book store, whereas it should be available only to the medical profession.

Rev. Father Hingston, S. J., who followed Dr. Dunstan Gray, supported him on the fundamental principle that the parents of a child are co-operators with God in the creation of a living soul destined to immortality, and that parents had, therefore, no right to interfere with the workings of the Deity. He insisted on the religious aspect, and said that if there were no immortality people would be fools not to study their own convenience on this earth. He saw in its extremes of luxury and poverty, and he deplored the lessening of womanly modesty.

Dr. M. Lauterman briefly presented the other side of the case, and while making it clear that he had no use for the new Malthusianism as a cloak for mere self-gratification, he found the present economic system of society, which he condemned strongly, inextricably bound up with the subject under discussion; he found that under the present system it is not possible to be natural.

A lively discussion followed, from which it was apparent that many of those present did not agree with the lecturer.

Mrs. A. Douglas Angus occupied the chair, and Mrs. Homer Vipond, soprano, and Teresa del Riego's "Homings" for the customary musical introduction to the afternoon's proceedings.

CRUSADE AGAINST
THE JAZZ DANCES

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