

## Progress of Eugenics

Thus it came about that, five years after that memorable meeting of the Sociological Society, and following upon three lectures at the Royal Institution, in 1907 and 1908, I essayed the writing of an outline of eugenics, under the title of "Parenthood and Race Culture." It need hardly be said that every line of that book was read before publication by the critical eye of my master, to whom it was incalculably indebted, and without whose help and approval it could have had no authority whatever.

**The last lustrum.**—Five more years have passed, and the time seems ripe for an attempt to record the progress of eugenics, less in the past decade as a whole than in the latter half of that period. We have learnt much, and have had to unlearn scarcely less. Events, scientific, academic, legislative, have crowded upon one another, not merely in this country but notably in the United States, where my presentation of Mr. Galton's ideas, as I understood them, was much more widely considered than in his own country.

A few notes will suffice to show how much needs to be added, or re-stated, thanks to the remarkable lustrum which has passed. After receiving the meagre honour of a knighthood, some forty years overdue—an honour entirely