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TEN years have passed since the newly formed Sociological Society asked Mr. Galton, as he then was, to use it as a platform for the public launching of what he has taught mankind to call eugenics. He accepted our invitation, and addressed a small audience on "Eugenics, Its Definition, Scope and Aims," on May 16, 1904. Soon afterwards, thanks to a kind invitation from him, and his appreciation of an article on the subject, it was my privilege to serve that great man in his earliest efforts to obtain a hearing for eugenics, and a place for it among academic studies. At one time I very nearly persuaded him to write a book upon eugenics; but a survey of the literature which would require to be studied led him regretfully to abandon a task too heavy even for his superb old age.