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There is social unrest stirring throughout the country to-day. Social and economic conditions have changed. But shall tradition and custom remain unchanged, or adapt themselves to their new environment, their new conditions? Biology teaches us to adapt ourselves to our environment, while at the same time endeavoring to change and shape it to suit our needs. So with eugenics and its objects. There are new economic, political and social problems. New methods of dealing with these questions are necessary. We must adapt ourselves to these new conditions and try to shape or correct them to more perfectly fit our needs, longings and desires. The evils which have accompanied the changed conditions are not self-corrective, but cumulative. What shall be our attitude? Shall we, in typical *laissez faire* manner, helplessly view the spectacle and shake our heads sorrowfully? Or shall we rather lift up our heads, stare the problems full in the face, and meet them as man to man? They are there before our very eyes. We cannot and must not be blind to them, except at our own peril. Let us, like men, meet these new social conditions. Let us be up and doing, as it was intended that we should be.

—Meyer Solomon.