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A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY ON THE TECHNIQUE
OF CONTRACEPTION AND ON THE SOCIAL
ASPECTS OF BIRTH CONTROL

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INTRODUCTION

IN view of the increasing interest in recent years in birth control, there would seem to be a place for a bibliography on technique. The present attempt makes no pretence to being exhaustive, particularly as regards the literature dealing with the social aspects of birth control. But, so far as is known, it is the first considerable bibliography on the technique of contraception to be published. It contains, with critical and evaluating comment, the works available in English that are likely to be most useful to the busy physician, psychiatrist, and sociologist. It ought to assist the layman also in separating the chaff from the wheat.

Except for the American and English titles, the bibliography is not as complete, nor as up to date, nor are the citations as full as one might wish. But the difficulties are considerable. The great libraries in America, where this has been prepared, do not possess the majority of the titles here listed.

While a number of German titles, and a few

in Dutch, Danish and Russian have been included, these go over much the same ground as the American and English. They mainly discuss technique, but not a few include a discussion of the social aspects of birth control.

Only recently have we begun to develop a literature on contraception worthy of scientific approval—a literature long on facts and short on guesses; a literature increasingly rational and objective, and decreasingly spectacular, emotional, ethical and subjective. This, of course, does not mean that many early works have not filled in their time a great need. One may cite, for instance, Charles Knowlton's *Fruits of Philosophy* (New York, 1832 and later; also English editions), and Annie Besant's *The Law of Population* (1879 and later). But the greatest advance in the publication of treatises on technique has come within the decade of 1920-1930. Marie C. Stopes' *Contraception* appeared in 1923. This was followed in America by James F. Cooper's *Technique of Contraception* (1928) and by A. F. Konikow's *Physicians' Manual of Birth Control* (1931). Special mention should here be made of two forthcoming books of the National Committee on Maternal Health (Academy of Medicine Building, 2 East 103 St., New York City): *The Control of Conception: An Illustrated Manual*, and *The Medical Control of Fertility*. The first, a brief, highly authoritative handbook on technique (see listings under Dickinson, Robert L.)

will soon be published in America. *The Medical Control of Fertility* will be the most exhaustive source book of its kind which has yet appeared in any language.

Inasmuch as this bibliography is not intended for the use of research workers, controversial literature on the merits of new methods has been intentionally omitted. No attempt has been made to list foreign materials on the social aspects of contraception; the quantity is too vast.

For the convenience of readers, the titles of articles or small pamphlets are enclosed in quotation marks. The titles of more substantial treatises are in italics. But this distinction has not been made in the case of the German titles owing to my inability, in America, to secure certain pamphlets in order to check the pagination and other details. Even the largest American libraries do not possess a number of these works. Private collection is the sole resource; and this requires time. Should this bibliography prove useful, I expect to correct these omissions (as well as some errors, no doubt) in future editions.

Those treatises on technique most likely to be useful have been starred thus (*). Especially valuable ones have been doubly starred (**). No literature on the social aspects of birth has been starred.

Journal articles are relatively absent owing to the fact that the most informative discussions of the subject have usually appeared, until very

recently, at least, in pamphlet or book form. This is true not only of English and American works, but of the Continental as well.

In order to make the bibliography most useful, it has been thought best not to make it too extensive, in fact, to make it brief. A few readers will doubtless wonder why particular titles have been omitted. Such readers should note that it has been my aim, especially in Part II., to restrict citations to recent and informative titles. With very few exceptions literature obviously propagandistic has not been included. But this is not to deny its serviceability in the past in educating public opinion. Rarely, however, is this literature informative to the serious student of the subject.

There are no Spanish, Italian or French citations. Most of the Italian literature on birth control is of an extremely low quality. At present I know of no Italian treatise on technique worth reading; and the discussion by Italian writers of the economic, social and eugenic aspects of birth regulation is subjective, half-informed as to the facts, and excessively nationalistic. It is verbose in the extreme, quite uninformative and unreliable. The Spanish and French literature with which I am familiar comes hardly nearer to meeting the requirements. One English handbook has been translated into at least one of these languages; but there is little of high quality that has originated in these languages.

Some of the German literature cited is old; but a few items—those, for instance, by the pioneer, Dr. Mensinga—have been included for their historical interest. Almost all the German titles are by physicians. I had not proceeded far in collecting German treatises on contraceptive technique when I became impressed with the great number of pamphlets written by physicians and published with the evident intent that they should be distributed through the regular book trade at a low price. I shall not venture upon an adjudication of the desirability or undesirability of this procedure, for there is much to be said on both sides. I simply record the fact, and observe that in publishing such treatises they have been more daring than either their English or American colleagues.

It should be clear that inclusion of a title does not presuppose agreement on the part of the compiler with the opinions or conclusions expressed therein; nor even approval of the manner of presentation which, especially in the instance of some German titles, differs from the compiler's preferences. Rather usefulness to others has been the chief criterion of selection.

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PART I.—TECHNIQUE

AMERICAN AND ENGLISH LITERATURE

BOCKER, DOROTHY. "Birth Control Methods."
New York: American Birth Control
League, 1924. Pp. 31.

BRYANT, LOUISE STEVENS. See Dickinson,
Robert L.

*BUTTERFIELD, OLIVER M. *Marriage. Some
Practical Suggestions for Happy Mar-
ried Living*. Pp. 48. With a special
medical supplement: *Some Sugges-
tions Concerning Contraception*. Pp.
12. Obtainable from the author,
Monterey Park, California. Price
\$1.00 for two copies; \$3.00 per
dozen; \$12.00 per hundred.

An excellent, inexpensive pamphlet.
Written by a liberal clergyman with
medical advice.

*COOPER, JAMES F. *Technique of Contraception*.
New York: Day-Nichols, 1928. Pp.
xvi., 1-271. \$7.50.

"An Outline of Contraceptive Methods."
New York: American Birth Control
League, 152 Madison Avenue. 1930.
Pp. 23.

“An Effective Contraceptive Method.”
Indianapolis Medical Journal, xxxii.
(1929), 123-126. Reprint also.

The late Dr. Cooper, who had very considerable clinical experience at the New York Birth Control Clinical Research Bureau, lectured widely before medical societies in the United States on contraceptive technique.

CUTNER, HERBERT (translator). See HARDY, PROF. (pseudonym).

*DICKINSON, ROBERT L. “Contraception: A Medical Review of the Situation.”
Amer. Jour. Obst. & Gyn., viii., 583-604 (November, 1924). (Obtainable in reprint form from the National Committee on Maternal Health, 2, East 103 St., New York City). Reprint also.

By an eminent American gynecologist. The article is authoritative, but now a little out of date.

“The ‘Safe Period’ as a Birth Control Measure. A Study and Evaluation of Available Data.” *Amer. Jour. Obst. & Gyn.*, xiv., 718-730 (December, 1927). Reprint also. Pp. 12.

**DICKINSON, ROBERT L., and BRYANT, LOUISE STEVENS. *The Control of Conception: An Illustrated Manual.*

A terse handbook designed to give the physician the most recent and authoritative information on technique. Probable

publisher and date: Williams & Wilkins, 1932. Will be undoubtedly the best short treatise yet published.

- **DICKINSON, ROBERT L., and BRYANT, LOUISE STEVENS**; in collaboration with **SAMUEL R. MEAKER, CECIL VOGEL, FREDERICK J. TAUSSIG and NORMAN E. HIMES. *The Medical Control of Fertility.***

A complete source book to be published as a monograph during 1932, for the National Committee on Maternal Health. Will have sections on abortion, sterilization, involuntary sterility, as well as on conception control and its history.

- *FIELDING, MICHAEL** (Pseudonym for a prominent English physician). *Parent-hood: Design or Accident?* (Preface by H. G. Wells.) London: Noel Douglas, 1930. Pp. 168. Revised and enlarged edition. Three shillings and sixpence. Paper, two shillings.

One of the best, inexpensive treatises in English; but contains a few inaccuracies on detailed points.

- FULLER, EVELYN.** "On the Management of a Birth Control Centre." London: Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics, 1931. Pp. 40. One shilling and sixpence.

This pamphlet is published by Noel Douglas, 38 Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1. By the Hon. Supt. of one of the largest London birth control clinics.

GIROUD, G. See HARDY, PROF.

HAIRE, NORMAN. "Contraceptive Technique :
A Consideration of 1,400 Cases."
Practitioner, cxi. (1923), 74-90.

"Hygienic Methods of Family Limitation."
London : New Generation League,
[1922]. Pp. 19. Free.

"The Comparative Value of Current Con-
traceptive Methods." (Obtainable
from author, 127 Harley St., London.)

Reprint of paper read before the Inter-
nationalen Kongress für Sexualforschung
at Berlin, October 10-16, 1926. Berlin
u. Köln : A. Marcus & E. Weber, 1928.
Pp. 117-127.

"How I Run My Birth Control Clinic."
London : Cromer Welfare Centre, 59
Cromer St., W.C. 1. [1929]. Pp. 11.
Sixpence.

"Vorläufiger Bericht über das Haire-
Pessar und den intrauterinen Silber-
ring." Wien : Elbemühl. Reprint
1931 from *Sexualnot u. Sexualreform*.
Verhandlungen des IV Kongressus der
Weltliga für Sexualreform. Wien,
1930.

Dr. Haire is one of the chief medical
writers on contraception in England.

HARDY, PROF. (Pseudonym for G. GIROUD).
How to Prevent Pregnancy. Paris :
By the Author (29 Rue Pixérécourt)

n.d. Pp. 95. 39 illus. Translated [by H. Cutner] from the 120th French edition.

Probably the most complete account by a French writer. The author is a prominent Neo-Malthusian. Pamphlet now somewhat out of date. German as well as French editions. French title is *Moyens d'éviter la Grossesse*. Hardy is the author of many Neo-Malthusian pamphlets discussing the economic and social phases of birth control.

HIMES, NORMAN E. See Dickinson, Robert L.

HOLLAND-RANTOS Co., Inc., Research Department of: "Report on Physicians' Replies to Questionnaire Concerning their Experience with the Vaginal Diaphragm and Jelly." New York, 1930. Pp. 27.

"Suggestions for Contraceptive Practice." New York, 1930. Pp. 12.

"Improved Guide for the Fitting and Use of Holland - Rantos Diaphragms." New York, 1931. Pp. 23.

These pamphlets may be secured free of charge by physicians from the Holland-Rantos Company, Inc., 37, East 18th Street, New York City.

KONIKOW, ANTOINETTE F. "Advice to Mothers." Boston: By the author, ca. 1927. Pp. 4. Available also in Hebrew and Italian editions.

[WOMAN PHYSICIAN (Pseudonym)].
“Voluntary Motherhood: A Study of
the Physiology and Hygiene of Pre-
vention of Conception.” [Boston :
Published by the author, 857, Beacon
St.] 1927. Pp. 32. \$0.50.

- * *Physicians' Manual of Birth Control.* New
York : Buchholz Publishing Co., 1931.
Pp. xiii., 1-245. \$4.00.

Gives the results obtained by a private
woman practitioner of many years' experi-
ence. Draws on the recent Russian
literature. Case data.

MEAKER, SAMUEL R. See Dickinson, Robert L.

ROBINSON, W. J. *Practical Prevenception.*
Hoboken, N.J. : American Biological
Society, 1929. Pp. v., 1-170. \$3.00.

SANGER, MARGARET H. “Family Limitation.”

There are numerous American and
foreign editions of this pamphlet.

STONE, HANNAH M. “Contraceptive Methods
of Choice.” New York, 1926. Pp. 13.

“Therapeutic Contraception.” *Med. Jour.*
& *Rec.*, March 21, 1928. Reprint also.

- * “Contraceptive Methods : A Clinical Sur-
vey.” New York : Birth Control
Clinical Research Bureau, 17, West
16th St. [1927]. Pp. 16.

*STONE, HANNAH M., and SANGER, MARGARET
[Eds.]. *The Practice of Contraception :
An International Symposium.* Balti-

more: Williams & Wilkins. To be published late in 1931.

Papers on contraceptive technique read before the Zurich Congress, summer, 1930. This was the first conference exclusively devoted to clinical reports.

- *STOPES, MARIE C. *Contraception: Its Theory, History and Practice*. London: Bale, 1923, etc. Pp. xxiii., 1-417. Fifteen shillings. New York: Putnam, 1931. \$5.00.

First published in 1923. Now in 4th edition.

Wise Parenthood. First published by Fifield, 1918. Now in 15th edition. London: Putnam. Pp. xii., 1-62. Three shillings and sixpence.

Translated into seven European languages. By founder of the Mothers' Clinic. *Wise Parenthood* is a more popular treatise than *Contraception*. The latter is intended to be a physician's manual. Favours the rubber cervical cup rather than the vaginal diaphragm (Mensinga pessary). This is not in accord with the weight of authority. The historical discussion in *Contraception* is seriously inaccurate.

- [TYRER, A. H.]. *Birth Control and Some of its Simplest Methods*. Toronto: Canadian Birth Control League, 305, Kendal Avenue. [1931]. Pp. 9.

A straightforward, useful pamphlet which may be obtained upon signing a

statement. Free, but a contribution to cover cost is requested.

VOGE, CECIL. See Dickinson, Robert L.

WOMAN PHYSICIAN WITH TWENTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE. See KONIKOW, A. F.

PART II.—THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL
BACKGROUND OF BIRTH CONTROL. (A)
GENERAL AND NON-MEDICAL

[Annual Reports of the British and American
Clinics.]

These are to be obtained free by writing directly to the secretaries of the respective clinics. For a tolerably complete list, see Robinson's book listed below. A list will be found in an American Governmental publication: *Hearings before a Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, Seventy-first Congress, Third Session, on S. 4582.* Washington: Government Printing Office, 1931. Pp. 84. Fielding's *Parenthood* contains a short list of the chief British clinics.

BAUM, FRITZ. *Ueber den praktischen Malthusianismus, Neo-Malthusianismus und Sozialdarwinismus.* Leipzig: Schmer-sow, [1928]. Pp. viii., 1-138. R.M. 6.50.

A disappointing doctoral thesis at Leipzig.

BLACKER, C. P. *Birth Control and the State.* London: Kegan Paul. Two shillings and sixpence. New York: Dutton, 1926. Pp. 95. \$1.00.

One of the eccentric but stimulating *To-day and To-morrow Series.* Temperate

and liberal in viewpoint. Interestingly written. By an authority, now Secretary of the Eugenics Education Society and of the International Medical Group for the Investigation of Contraception.

BONAR, JAMES. *Malthus and His Work*. London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd. New York: Macmillan, 1924. Pp. vi., 1-438. \$5.00.

First published in 1885, but still the standard biography of Malthus. Even to our day the best exposition of his thought. Very readable.

See Malthus.

CARR-SAUNDERS, ALEXANDER M. *Population*. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 1925. Pp. 111. \$1.00.

An excellent, brief treatise by an internationally known authority on population problems. Economic and sociological.

COX, HAROLD. *Population Problems*. New York and London: Putnam, 1923. Pp. ix., 1-244.

A sound economic treatise, general in nature.

DENNETT, MARY WARE. *Birth Control Laws. Shall We Keep Them, Change Them, or Abolish Them?* New York: Frederick H. Hitchcock, 1927. Pp. ix., 309.

Summarises American birth control laws; considers their origin, and the efforts to amend or repeal them. Advocates "clean repeal" rather than the

passage of physicians' enabling bills. An interesting and cogent book. By the former Director of the Voluntary Parenthood League.

DICKINSON, ROBERT L. "State Law, the Doctor and Conception Control," *Med. Jour. & Rec.*, cxxix., 592-593 (May 15, 1929).

"The Control of Conception, The Present and Future." New York: [National] Committee on Maternal Health, 1929. Pp. 29.

DUBLIN, LOUIS I. [Ed.] *Population Problems*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1926. Pp. xi., 318. \$4.00.

A series of able papers read before an annual meeting of the American Statistical Association, and edited by the chief statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Birth control not specifically treated.

DUNCAN, HANNIBAL GERALD. *Race and Population Problems*. New York: Longmans, 1929. Pp. xv., 1-424. \$2.50.

Contains the most complete discussion of birth control to be found in a sociological text-book. Temperate, solid treatment. Inaccurate on details.

EAST, EDWARD M. *Mankind at the Crossroads*. New York: Scribners, 1924. Pp. viii., 1-360.

An able volume by a Harvard geneticist. Deals mainly with the relation of population to food supply.

FIELD, JAMES A. [Edited by Helen Fisher Hohman.] *Essays on Population*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1931. Pp. xxix., 1-440. \$3.50.

A series of essays by a former professor at the University of Chicago, now deceased. Learned, original, readable, this book is by one of the greatest authorities on the history of birth control. One of the most significant volumes on population published in recent years.

FLORENCE, LELLA SECOR. *Birth Control on Trial*. With a Foreword by Sir Humphrey Rolleston, Bt., K.C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician in Ordinary to the King, Regius Professor of Physics in the University of Cambridge; and an Introductory Note by F. H. A. Marshall, F.R.S., Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge. London: Allen & Unwin, 1930. Pp. 160. Five shillings.

Although this volume probably overestimates "failures," it is worthy of special consideration, inasmuch as the author was for several years Secretary of the Cambridge (England) Women's Welfare Centre. Has a cautious, scientific viewpoint often lacking in discussions of this subject.

GINI, CORRADO; NASU, SHIROSHI; KUCZYNSKI, ROBERT R.; and BAKER, OLIVER E. *Population*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1930. Pp. ix., 3-311.

A series of lectures given on the Harris Foundation at the University of Chicago.

The two last papers are the most original in content and scientific in methodology.

- GROVES, ERNEST R. and GROVES, GLADYS HOAGLAND. *Sex in Marriage*. New York: Macaulay, 1931. Pp. 250. \$3.00.

Sensible but platitudinous. Does not tell the public frankly what it wants to know. The first author is a leading American sociologist, and has published many books, some uninforming, on the family.

- HAIRE, NORMAN. [Ed.] *Some More Medical Views on Birth Control*. London: Cecil Palmer, 1928. Pp. 239. Seven shillings and sixpence. New York: Dutton. Pp. 216. \$2.50.

An able symposium. Crew's paper is brilliant.

- HANKINS, FRANK H. See article on "birth control" in *Encyclopædia of the Social Sciences*, ii., 559-565.

Written by an American sociologist. Probably the ablest short account of the subject in print.

- HIMES, NORMAN E. "British Birth Control Clinics: Some Results and [Some] Eugenic Aspects of Their Work." *Eugenics Review*, xx. (1928), 157-165. Also reprint.

"Birth Control for the British Working Classes: A Study of the First Thou-

sand Cases to Visit an English Birth Control Clinic." *Hospital Social Service*, xix. (1929), 578-617. Also reprint.

"The Birth Control Handbills of 1823." *Lancet*, ii., 313-316 (August 6, 1927).

"Contraceptive Methods: The Types Recommended by Nine British Birth Control Clinics." *New England Journal of Medicine*, ccii., 866-873 (May 1, 1930). Also reprint.

"Charles Knowlton's Revolutionary Influence on the English Birth Rate." *New England Journal of Medicine*, clxxxix., 461-465 (September 6, 1928). Reprint also.

"Robert Dale Owen, the Pioneer of American Neo-Malthusianism." *American Journal of Sociology*, xxxv. (1930), 529-547. Reprint also.

[Ed.] Francis Place's *Illustrations and Proofs of the Principle of Population*. London: Allen & Unwin, 1930. Twelve shillings and sixpence. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1930. Pp. 62 (editor's introduction); xv., 271; (new appendices) 273-355. \$4.50.

A modern edition of the only substantial work by the founder, in 1823, of the modern birth control movement. Contains hitherto unpublished letters by Place on birth control.

- "Soranus on Birth Control (Second Century, A.D.)." *New England Journal of Medicine*, ccv., 490-491 (September 3,

First publication in English of the full text of Soranus's contraceptive methods. Soranus was the author of the most brilliant account of contraceptive methods in the history of medicine down to the middle of the nineteenth century.

- "The Truth About Birth Control." New York: John Day Co., 1931. Pp. 28. Twenty-five cents.

In a controversial series of pamphlets. Reviews the dilemma in which the American birth control movement finds itself, especially with regard to legal disabilities and the nullification of existing statutes. Racy and hard-hitting.

- "Birth Control in Historical and Clinical Perspective." To be published in the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. March, 1932.

A comprehensive general survey.

- "The Co-operation of Social Agencies and Physicians with Representative American Birth Control Clinics." To be published shortly in *Hospital Social Service Magazine*.

Recent statistics on the co-operation of physicians and social agencies. Shows the rapidity with which American clinics are becoming accredited health agencies.

Essays on Birth Control : Historical, Social, Clinical.

A collection of papers, some not previously published. To appear in 1932 or 1933.

John Stuart Mill and the Birth Control Controversy.

To be published in 1932 or 1933. Will make available for the first time J. S. Mill's articles on birth control together with the evidence of his authorship.

International Medical Group for the Investigation of Contraception. Three reports (sixpence each) have been issued to date. May be secured from the Hon. Mrs. Marjorie Farrer, 13, Lansdowne Crescent, London, W. 11.

JOHNSON, JULIA E. *Selected Articles on Birth Control.* New York: H. W. Wilson, 1925. Pp. lxxxiii., 1-369. \$2.40.

Besides an uncritical bibliography, this book reprints several popular articles.

KNIBBS, GEORGE HADLEY. *The Shadow of the World's Future or the Earth's Population Possibilities and the Consequences of the Present Rate of Increase of the Earth's Inhabitants.* London: Benn, 1928. Pp. 131. Ten shillings and sixpence.

By a brilliant Australian statistician and demographer, now deceased.

KUCZYNSKI, R. R. *The Balance of Births and Deaths.* Vol. I., Western and Northern

Europe. New York: Macmillan.
London: George Allen & Unwin
Ltd., 1928. Pp. xi., 1-140. \$2.00.

Shows that the rate of natural increase in Western and Northern Europe is not as great as has been commonly supposed: 100 mothers in the present generation produce only 93 in the next. By an able statistician. Vol. II., on *Eastern and Southern Europe*, has just (1931) been published.

MALTHUS, T. R. *Essay on Population.* Reprint of the first edition, edited by James Bonar. London and New York: Macmillan, 1926.

See Bonar, James.

MEYER, ADOLPH [Ed.]. *Birth Control Facts and Responsibilities.* Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins, 1925. Pp. xiv., 1-157. \$3.00.

General discussion in a series of papers by Adolph Meyer, Margaret Sanger, Raymond Pearl, E. A. Ross, E. M. East, Rabbi C. A. Rubenstein, H. A. Miller, R. M. Chapman, R. A. Spaeth, C. C. Little, L. J. Cole, and E. A. Wembridge. While generally sound, the papers are unoriginal. Not a distinguished book.

PEARL, RAYMOND. *Biology of Population Growth.* New York: Knopf, 1925. Pp. xiv., 1-260. \$3.50.

A brilliant and original contribution. Develops the "logistic law" theory of population growth. See bibliography.

There is an extensive critical literature on the subject.

Studies in Human Biology. Baltimore : Williams & Wilkins, 1924. Pp. 5-653.

An able treatise by a leading American biologist. Most of Pearl's contributions have only an indirect bearing on birth control.

PLACE, FRANCIS. See HIMES, NORMAN E. [Ed.]

REUTER, E. B. *Population Problems.* Philadelphia : Lippincott, 1923. Pp. xvii., 3-338.

A sociological text-book. Brief discussion of birth control. Detailed treatment of related topics.

ROBINSON, CAROLINE HADLEY. *Seventy Birth Control Clinics. A Survey and Analysis Including the General Effects of Control on Size and Quality of Population.* Foreword by Robert Latou Dickinson. Baltimore : Williams & Wilkins, 1930. Pp. xx., 1-351. \$4.00.

A monograph of the National Committee on Maternal Health. The most complete account of the clinics in print. An invaluable reference work. May be secured in paper of the author, Swathmore, Pennsylvania, at \$1.00.

ROSS, EDWARD ALSWORTH. *Standing Room Only.* New York : Century Co., 1927. Pp. xiv., 3-368. \$3.00.

The most breezily written volume on population problems to be found in

English. Sound in general. The author is one of the most outstanding American sociologists.

SANGER, MARGARET [Ed.]. *Proceedings of the World Population Conference . . . 1927.* London : Arnold, 1927. Pp. 383.

A collection of papers of widely varying value, but decidedly worth perusal.

The Pivot of Civilization. New York : Brentano, 1922. Pp. xviii., 1-284. \$2.00.

Woman and the New Race. New York : Brentano, 1920. Pp. xi., 1-234. \$2.00.

[Ed.] [*Proceedings of*] *Sixth International Neo-Malthusian and Birth Control Conference.* New York : American Birth Control League, Inc., 1925 and 1926. 4 Vols.

My Fight for Birth Control. New York : Farrar & Rhinehart, 1931. \$3.00.

Historical as well as auto-biographical.

STOPES, MARIE C. *Married Love.* London : Putnam. Pp. xxi., 1-169. Six shillings. First published in 1918. Now in 18th edition.

[Ed. ?] *Medical Help on Birth Control.* London : Putnam, 1928. Pp. xii., 2-225. Six shillings.

A symposium containing chapters of very unequal value.

Radiant Motherhood. London : Putnam, 1920 and later. Pp. ix., 1-136. Six shillings.

THOMPSON, WARREN S. *Danger Spots in World Population.* New York : Knopf, 1929. Pp. xi., 3-343 ; x. \$4.00.

A most provocative volume which argues that, if we are to avert war in the future, the world's material resources in now sparsely settled regions need to be redistributed on the basis of national need and the ability to use them. A stimulating and thoughtful book.

Population Problems. New York : McGraw-Hill, 1930. Pp. xi., 1-462. \$3.75.

A recent college text-book. General survey.

WRIGHT, HAROLD. *Population.* Preface by J. M. Keynes. New York : Harcourt Brace, 1923. Pp. xii., 1-180. \$1.25.

Contains invaluable background material for an understanding of the broader social implications of birth control. In *Cambridge Economic Handbook Series.*

WRIGHT, HELENA. *The Sex Factor in Marriage.* A book for those who are, or are about to be married. Introduction by Rev. A. Herbert Gray. London : Noel Douglas, 1930. Pp. 100. Three shillings and sixpence. New York : Vanguard Press. \$2.00.

A frank discussion of the physiology and psychology of sexual adjustment as

it relates to the promotion of conjugal happiness. D deservedly popular. A wholesome and decent book. Drawing on Van de Velde, it discusses positions during the sex act. Discusses not birth control but related subjects.

(B) BIRTH CONTROL IN RELATION TO
FAMILY ENDOWMENT PROPOSALS

DOUGLAS, PAUL. *Wages and the Family*.
Chicago: University of Chicago
Press, 1925. Pp. xiv., 1-290. \$3.00.

The leading treatise on the subject by an American author. Contains a thorough analysis of European plans, supplemented by penetrating observations by one of the ablest of America's younger economists.

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