

EXTENDS WORK IN EUGENICS.

Harriman Philanthropy to Have a Board of Scientific Directors.

The Eugenics Record Office, which was established at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., in October, 1910, by Mrs. E. H. Harriman, and which ever since has been active in this field, with the additional assistance of John D. Rockefeller and others, has recently entered upon a new stage of its development. A Board of Scientific Directors has been organized, comprising Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, Chairman; Dr. William H. Welch, professor of pathology, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Vice Chairman; Prof. Irving Fisher, Yale University; Prof. Lewellys Barker of Johns Hopkins Hospital; Prof. E. E. Southard of Harvard University and Director of the Psychopathic Hospital, Boston, and Dr. C. B. Davenport, who will be Secretary of the board and resident director. The board met at Cold Spring Harbor on March 28 and arranged for its work.

The aim of the Eugenics Record Office was defined to be as follows:

First, to promote researches in eugenics that shall be of utility to the human race. This part of the programme will include the study of America's most effective blood lines and the methods of obtaining the preponderance and relative increase of the best strains; the study of the origin of and the best methods of restricting the strains that produce the defective and delinquent classes of the community; the study of the method of inheritance of particular traits; the study of the consequences of marriages of close kin; the study both in this country and

abroad of the family histories of permanent immigrants.

Second, to publish the results of these researches.

Third, to provide a fireproof building for the preservation of eugenical records, including genealogical works and town histories.

Fourth, to provide an administrative office and staff to carry on the work.

The fireproof building provided by Mrs. Harriman, which is to be the new home of the office, is being rapidly pushed to completion. The Board of Scientific Directors of the Eugenics Record Office will meet each Spring at Cold Spring Harbor to consider the projects most worthy of support during the ensuing year, which will begin on Oct. 1, and it will meet again in November to receive a report of the work of the office in the preceding fiscal year. The resident director has general charge of the plant and its operations, and is authorized to ask for and receive in the name of the board funds to carry on the work. The board voted in favor of the organization of a Eugenics Research Association, of which a meeting will be called early in June.

TO EXTEND CORONA LINE.

Dwellers in Amity Street, Flushing, Oppose Elevated Structure.

To study the question of an extension of the rapid transit lines from Corona to Flushing, Controller Prendergast and Borough Presidents McAneny and Connolly took an automobile trip yesterday afternoon through the district. A strong movement has been on foot in Flushing to induce the city to continue the Corona line through Amity Street by an elevated structure. An equally determined resistance is being made by the property holders in Amity Street, who want to keep the elevated structure off that thoroughfare.

They assert that this street is the oldest

settled part of the community; that it contains many good homes and fine trees, and that it should not be spoiled. It has been suggested that the nature of the ground in this vicinity is such that a subway could be built over a large part of the route at a very small increase over the expense of an elevated line. The ground rises toward Flushing so that to keep the grade on the level the elevated line should become a subway, and as the soil is sandy, it is argued, it could easily be excavated.

Chairman McCall of the Public Service Commission visited the district recently and expressed the opinion that Amity Street was the natural outlet for the Corona road, and since his visit the fight for and against the elevated plan has raged around the members of the Board of Estimate.

FIRST AVE. NOW UP-TO-DATE.

Last of the Horse Cars Drawn to the Barns Yesterday Afternoon.

First Avenue has seen the last of its horse cars. The Third Avenue Railway Company, which runs the belt line from East Fifty-ninth Street around the Battery and up West Street, began the operation of its new storage battery cars yesterday. At present they will be used only on First Avenue from Fifty-ninth Street to Grand Street, but later it is planned to have them make the entire trip.

The storage battery cars generate their own power, and are similar in type to those which have been used for some time on the Twenty-eighth Street line. Residents of First Avenue were much elated yesterday. For twenty-five years the horse cars have been used on that avenue, and all their efforts to have the more modern cars substituted were unavailing.

John Schmidt, who has urged on a pair of spirited horses for nearly fifteen years, drove the last horse car to the barns at Fifty-fourth Street and Tenth Avenue at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.