

We realise the claims of economy at the present moment, but, for reasons we have given, we believe that all necessary expenditure will be recouped by the results which can be obtained.

Lastly, we wish to lay stress upon the needs of the future. The diminution of the best manhood of the nation, due to the losses of the war, must tell heavily upon the birth-rate—already declining—and upon the numbers of efficient workers. The reasons for combating, by every possible means, diseases which in normal times operate with disastrous effects alike upon the birth-rate and upon working efficiency are therefore far more urgent than ever before. Now and in the years to come the question of public health must be a matter of paramount national importance, and no short-sighted parsimony should be permitted to stand in the way of all means that science can suggest and organisation can supply for guarding the present and future generations, upon which the restoration of national prosperity must depend.

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RETIREMENT OF DR. ROBERT ARMSTRONG-JONES.

THE resignation of Dr. Armstrong-Jones and his retirement from the position of Medical Superintendent of Claybury Asylum cannot be allowed to be passed without notice in these pages. For the past thirty-six years he has been devotedly engaged in asylum work. After some years of service at Colney Hatch he was