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## Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Irving Fisher, February 21, 1918

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February 21, 1918.

Professor Irving Fisher,  
Yale University,  
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Professor Fisher:

Dr. Davenport kindly promised me to write down in a thousand words what he would regard as the practical essentials of eugenics which it would be most to the national advantage that American men and women should know. I have written Major Snow at Washington begging him to put in shape the corresponding thousand words on sex hygiene. I called upon Professor E. L. Thorndyke, of Columbia University, whom I had heard was a great authority upon the psychology of education and a follower of Professor William James, but found him so overwhelmed with war work plus professional work that he could not undertake to draft that section. Can you suggest anyone whom I might get to do that work? I should think a thousand words condensing the essentials and largely following the writings of James and others would not be a great task for someone familiar with the subject.

As to children's welfare, Dr. Davenport mentioned a Dr. Mary Putnam of Providence who I think is connected with the National Society for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, and I have written to ask her whether she could not draft the thousand words upon that topic.

It has seemed to me that the first requisite was to get the pamphlet into presentable outline shape. After that, it could be mulled over by various authorities and organizations until a sufficiently authoritative list of them could lend their names in approval. Thereupon, an effort to gain the formal approval of government officers, whom I shall previously try to interest somewhat, should be made. Thereupon, also, would arise the question of finance and the question of the best obtainable channel of distribution.

Any suggestions that may occur to you at any time will be invaluable to me.

Please present my compliments to Mrs. Fisher and the young ladies and accept my renewed and most ap-

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Professor Irving Fisher, (2)

preciative thanks for your kindness and helpfulness  
in this matter, as well as for the great pleasure  
I had in being at your house the other evening.  
Meanwhile I remain, with kind regards,

Very sincerely yours,