

Malthus Anniversary

Kyôto Hôgakkai (The Kyôto Society of Jurisprudence and Political Science) celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birth of the Rev. T. R. Malthus, on February 13th, 1916, by lectures and a memorial exhibition.

As the author of "The Principle of Population" and as one of three founders of the science of economics in England, his name will live as long as the science endures. In Japan also, it has long been known in learned society, and nowadays no one acquainted with even the rudiments of political economy fails to know who he is. So we intend by this commemoration ceremony, not to recall a dead forgotten name, but to show our deep respect for a living authority and an honoured scholar.

The lectures were held in the Law College of the Kyôto Imperial University, Professor Dr. Tajima presiding. Professor Dr. Atohe, Director of the College, opened the meeting at one P. M.; and the chairman read congratulatory addresses and telegrams from

Baron Hodzumi, Chief Counsellor of the Society of Political Science;

Baron Sakatani, President of the Tôkyô Statistical Association;

Dr. Hanabusa, Director of the Statistical Bureau of the Cabinet;

The Department of Economic Investigation of The South Manchurian Railway Company;

The Laboratory of Economics and Statistics of the Tôkyô Imperial University;

The Society of Social Politics;

The Japanese Institute of Social Science; and

The Society for the Study of Economics.

The following programme of lectures was then presented.

The Rev. T. R. Malthus : A Biographical Sketch. Prof. Dr. Uchida.

Summary of "The Principle of Population" Prof. Dr. Kawakami.

Opponents of Malthus at the time of the publication of his "Principle of Population", especially the "Right-to-Exist" Theorists.

Prof. Dr. Fukuda.

The Artificial Fertilization of the Horse and the Man, in Relation to the Malthusian Theory of Population. Prof. Dr. Ishikawa.

Theories of Population in Japan and China. Prof. Takimoto

Neo-Malthusianism. Prof. Dr. Kambe.

The Question of Population after the Great War

Prof. Dr. Ogawa.

The formal exercises were closed by an address by Prof. Dr. Tajima at 7 P. M., after which dinner was served to about forty speakers and members.

The Memorial Exhibition, opened at 8 A. M. in rooms over the main office of the University, displayed many rare and valuable books, in Oriental and Western languages, loaned for the occasion.

The display was classified as follows :

- I. Books, Articles and Letters of Malthus, including their reprints and translations.
- II. Works cited or mentioned in "The Principle of Population."
- III. Chief Works reviewing the Malthusian Theory of Population.
- IV. Miscellaneous Books on Malthus.
 1. Biography and Biographical Material.
 2. Works and Biographies of Malthus' Friends and Acquaintances.
 3. Prominent Works quoting "The Principle of Population."

4. Copies of the Edinburgh Review and the Quarterly Review.
5. Leading Works on Neo-Malthusianism.
6. Japanese and Chinese Works on Population.
7. Leading Western Works on the Population of Japan and China.

The large attendance at the lectures and the interest shown by individuals and learned societies marked the occasion as one in no mere formal recognition of a man little known among us, but rather in cordial acknowledgement of recognized obligations due to a great and sincere thinker, influential among us since the early years of Meiji.

Grateful acknowledgement is due to many for the sympathy and co-operation which made the observance possible; to the individuals and societies who sent greetings; to those who loaned valuable works, in particular Prof. Dr. Fukuda, Tôkyô Imperial University, Keiô University, Tôkyô Higher Commercial School, and the Statistical Bureau of the Cabinet; to the public press, especially the Ôsaka Asahi, the Ôsaka Mai'nichi and the Hinode for much space sympathetically given to the celebration.

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