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THE clear distinctiveness of this social heritage from organic heredity (and correspondingly of social burdens from organic ones) is of course here essential; since too often "Heritage" and "Heredity" have been confused, and still sometimes are.

This main problem of sociology thus becomes seen as of the fullest evolutionary range; and its treatment has thus to be more comprehensive and thoroughgoing than have been as yet those of contemporary economics; or even of politics, great though its activities have been, both as regards heritages and burdens. The still customary discussions and treatments of all these, too independently of their historic filiations and their mutual interactions, &c., are thus necessarily inadequate; indeed too often futile or misleading, when not positively disastrous.

HERE, however, we must pause for the present, since the needed fuller sociological approaches to our problem would too much exceed present limits. If and when a further meeting may be arranged, a further paper will be offered: but towards the present discussion the preceding theses may be already too numerous.*

^{*}Fuller presentments of some of these theses, and of others not yet here mentioned, will be found in past issues of the SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW and in its preceding SOCIOLOGICAL PAPERS; and others in THE MAKING OF THE FUTURE series; in the writer's CITIES IN EVOLUTION, &c., and in PAPERS FOR THE PRESENT (all obtainable at Leplay House).