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New Zealand  
(Birth-rate)

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Dear Miss Stracher. First of all I  
have asked Bernard Shaw about the  
address in W. S. & he has written  
to say that every ounce of money he  
has to give this winter is already  
mapped out & spent in advance.

I knew that to be true. He  
is lecturing once or twice a week  
all over England without a penny.

I had no hope but I asked him  
to make sure. Now for the

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birthrate question. The facts are: —

The birthrate in N. Z. which was very high before 1880 began in that year to decline & it went on rapidly until about the year 1895 when the decline lessened & about 1900 the rate was stationary & since 1900 the rate has gone up again slowly till it now is about where it was when woman suffrage was granted in 1903. So you see that the rapid decline began in 1880 or 13 years before woman suffrage was passed. It ceased two years after the suffrage was passed & has now

recovered itself to the extent of being  
where it was when W.S. was passed.  
It is now almost exactly the same as  
the rate for England & Wales which  
rate I would like to point out is  
rapidly & steadily declining.

The death rate in N.Z. has been lower  
in N.Z. since woman suffrage was  
passed. The cause being the  
Public Health Department which  
has certainly been more the cause  
for women's taking a part in politics.  
It is about 9 in the thousand & very  
low.

I hope this is clear. It is  
very important  
from among  
many others.