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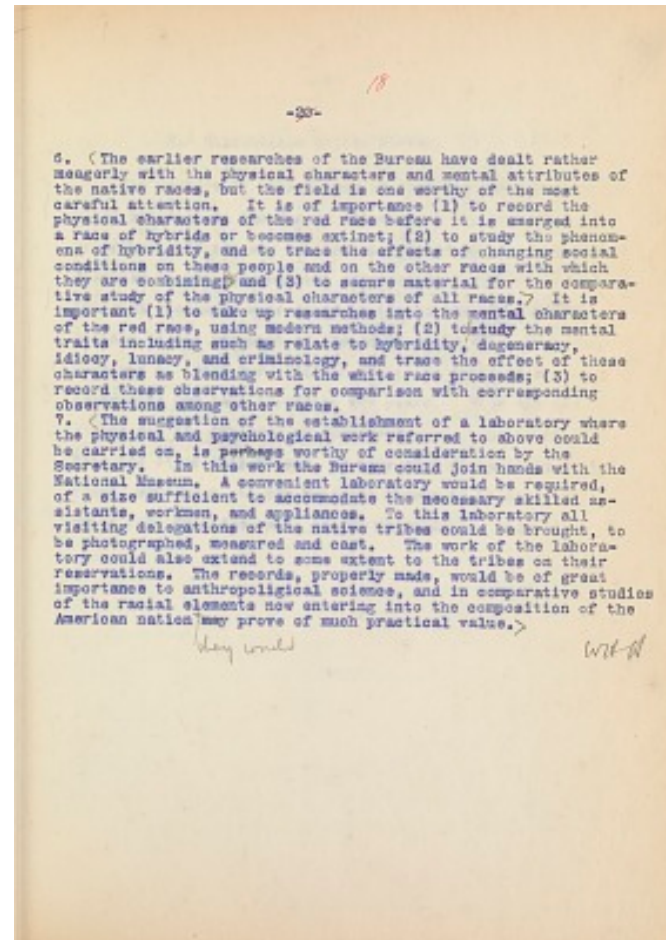
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6. [^]~~^~~ The earlier researches of the Bureau have dealt rather meagerly with the physical characters and mental attributes of the native races, but the field is one worthy of the most careful attention. It is of importance (1) to record the physical characters of the red race before it is emerged into a race of hybrids or becomes extinct; (2) to study the phenomena of hybridity, and to trace the effects of changing social conditions on these people and on the other races with which they are combining; ~~^~~ and (3) to secure material for the comparative study of the physical characters of all races. [^]~~^~~ It is important (1) to take up researches into the mental characters of the red race, using modern methods; (2) to [^]~~^~~ study the mental traits including such as relate to hybridity, degeneracy, idiocy, lunacy, and criminology, and trace the effect of these characters as blending with the white race proceeds; (3) to record these observations for comparison with corresponding observations among other races.

7. [^]~~^~~ The suggestion of the establishment of a laboratory where the physical and psychological work referred to above could be carried on, is ~~perhaps~~ [^]~~^~~ worthy of consideration by the Secretary. In this work the Bureau could join hands with the National Museum. A convenient laboratory would be required, of a size sufficient to accommodate the necessary skilled assistants, workmen, and appliances. To this laboratory all visiting delegations of the native tribes could be brought, to be photographed, measured and cast. The work of the laboratory could also extend to some extent to the tribes on their reservations. The records, properly made, would be of great importance to anthropological science, and in comparative studies of the racial elements now entering into the composition of the American nation [^]~~^~~ they would ~~may~~ prove of much practical value. [^]~~^~~

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