

unduly burdened by the care of a mentally deficient member of the family, who is practically absorbing the full time of at least one normal person.

Fourth, that there are a number of feeble-minded children in the province who are growing up without proper training, many of whom in a few years' time will unquestionably go to swell our criminal classes and become public charges in our penal institutions.

It is the earnest wish of the members of the League to arouse public opinion as to the need of training and caring for feeble-minded boys and girls. Clergymen and all public-spirited persons should further the movement to protect those of their fellow beings who from no fault of their own are destined to be life-long children. The members of the Government and Legislature of Nova Scotia should seriously consider the whole question of dealing with these poor, unfortunate boys and girls. Through the neglect of this class in Great Britain up to a comparatively recent period the proportion of degenerates to the total population has steadily increased, and to-day they form no small portion of the army of unemployed in that country. For the sake of our own generation and the generation yet to come it behooves us as Nova Scotians to take active measures with respect to the care and training of this class. It is hoped that our Government and Legislators will at once take steps to ascertain what is now being done for feeble-minded children in Great Britain and the United States, and be prepared to begin even in a small way to do something for the betterment of such children in this province.

The Nova Scotia League would respectfully suggest to the public-spirited men and women of the cities, towns and villages of Nova Scotia, that immediate steps should be taken for the formation of local branch leagues in each community, confidently believing that by the joint action of these leagues and by the co-operation of other public organizations the Government and Legislature of the Province will be awakened to their responsibility as to the care and protection of feeble-minded persons.

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Feeble-mindedness may be defined as a state of mental