

smaller number, but still more than 3,000 in Massachusetts in 1919) the sum of these seemingly negligible amounts becomes by no means inconsiderable.

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What one clinic can do, many clinics can multiply. The services they can render to social welfare agencies, schools, courts, industrial plants, and individuals themselves make it inevitable that in the course of time every considerable community will have one or more. The time will come when the State will regard the mental out-patient clinic as one of its essential agents in promoting, protecting and preserving the mental health of its citizens.

As the mental examination of recruits kept inefficients out of the Army, and thereby not only promoted the Army's efficiency but greatly lessened the expected amount of delinquency, so in peace times and in civilian life, the mental clinic, rightly constituted and rightly used, may become in time one of the great and powerful forces that operate for the betterment of the mental health and social adjustments of the citizen, and hence the betterment of the community, the State and the nation.
