

The Committee on the Prevention of Insanity reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it is well recognized by alienists and neurologists the world over that certain major factors are the chief causes of physical conditions accompanied by mental derangement and deficiency, and

Whereas, these major causes are largely, if not wholly, controlable and eradicable, and

Whereas, these major causes are alcoholism, habit-producing drugs, venereal diseases, work in unsanitary and unhygienic surroundings, and hereditary influence, including the immigration of the physical and mentally unfit;

Therefore, be it resolved:

First: That we recommend to the proper state authorities, the absolute control of the sale of alcohol until such time as actual prohibition be enacted.

Second: That the sale of all habit-inducing drugs be strictly regulated in all States of the Union.

Third: That municipal or state control of venereal diseases be established, with proper treatment for indigent patients, to the end that the spread of syphilis and gonorrhoea be prevented.

Fourth: That proper special hospitals for the care and treatment of alcoholism and drug addictions be established.

Fifth: That municipal, state and national inspection of labor conditions be regularly maintained and child labor abolished.

Sixth: That no known defective dangerous to himself and to others, should be permitted to have unrestricted liberty.

Seventh: That adequate teaching of the principles of hereditary and sex life be initiated and fostered in the home, with the view to its introduction into the curricula of schools—above the grammar grades, this instruction to be given to the sexes separately.

Eighth: That the various States pass reasonable and universal marriage laws, that will be reciprocal, in preventing the marriage of the physical and mental unfit.

Ninth: That a psychopathic laboratory be connected with the criminal courts, common schools, railroads, transportation companies and public service utilities, responsible for the actual safety of the general public, should have their employees regularly examined as to their physical and mental fitness.

Tenth: That, inasmuch as state, country and city public health institutions should have as their superintendents men of highest qualifications, who may devote their best efforts to their tasks, we recommend that all such positions be subject to civil service examinations.

Eleventh: That in addition to the above, we recommend a nationwide campaign of education conducted through the public press, university and medical schools, boards of health, state, county and city boards of education, women's clubs and all other proper educational mediums, upon the true significance of the development—physical, mental and moral—of the individuals and the rate, and finally, we recommend that a committee be appointed to promote the enactment of the above resolutions.