

not coming under either of the first two classes. Dr. Boyle cited from her personal experience in treating many of these cases remedies and methods which had proved beneficial. She placed especial stress on the value of preventive measures. Boarding out in carefully selected homes was one remedy suggested for the treatment of those suffering from milder forms of disorders. Industrial and occupational education were recommended for other types.

The speaker remarked that it might not be possible to entirely eradicate mental abnormalities but by means of juvenile courts, observation homes, the Big Brothers and Big Sister movement, psychopathic hospitals, and other measures, the whole Dominion is taking progressive steps already in this matter.

Judge H. S. Mott, of the Juvenile Court, spoke briefly, outlining some of the forms of mental abnormality met with among the juvenile delinquents and the methods pursued in an effort to deal with this problem.

PUBLIC HEALTH

The whole subject of public health and child welfare was dealt with from a very practical standpoint at an informal conference attended by representatives of Provincially-organized societies in the offices of the Provincial Board of Health. Dr. J. W. S. McCullough, who presided, briefly drew attention the loss, during the first year, of 6,000 of the 60,000 babies born in Ontario. Up to the age of fourteen there are 10,865 deaths annually. It was proposed, he said, to send out nurses to each of the eight districts of the Province and in each to establish a community health centre. The object was to train people to realize the need of a nurse and of health work in every municipality.

Dr. G. Stewart Cameron of Peterborough who, with Dr. F. W. Marlow, represented the Ontario Medical Association, asked if, as was the case in Peterborough, there were already nurses working the department proposed to absorb that work. Dr. McCullough said that there would be no interference with such work, but that they would seek, rather, places where nothing was being done.

Mrs. Harris of Ottawa and Miss Hanson of London were present to pledge the assistance of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario, and Mrs. H. P. Plumptre, Miss Sarah Bickle and Dr. G. G. Nasmith that of the Red Cross.