

strike a responsive chord in his mind. The United States Public Health hospitals receive former service men who have been discharged from the army hospital apparently in good health, but who suffer a relapse or reversion after they have doffed the uniform but are no longer entitled to care in a military hospital.

In regard to the plan which has apparently been adopted to turn over to the U. S. Public Health hospitals all mental and nervous cases under the charge of the War Risk Insurance Bureau, we shall probably have some comments in a future issue.—*The American Journal of Insanity*, January, 1920.

A nation wide campaign is being launched as one of the first activities of the newly-created Federal Department of Health. The Dominion authorities, in granting \$200,000 to assist in combating venereal diseases, make the condition that the same amount be raised by the provinces. Each province will frame its own statute and evolve its own plans, but unity from coast to coast will, in educational matters, be given by a voluntary agency, the Canadian National Council for Combating Venereal Diseases, representing all the provinces. This organization will endeavor to enroll members in every community in Canada and impress on the public mind the gravity of the problem. It is probable that definite surveys will be made by trained investigators in police courts, reformatories and jails, to ascertain what can be done in a preventive way. Conferences have been called by the chairman of the Provincial Board of Health of Ontario, to consider means of strengthening the Act. Greater clinical facilities are required, and it should be less easy for victims of the disease to evade the compulsory provisions of the law, and become a public menace.—*Canadian Medical Association Journal*, March, 1920.

NEW YORK STATE.

More Accommodation for Insane and Defectives.

New York State is embarking upon a large programme for the care of the insane and mental defectives. Building projects involving expenditure of over \$10,000,000, have been entered upon, and of this amount over \$4,000,000 has already been appropriated.

In view of the difficulties in the way of extensive building at this time, the extension of the preventive and parole activities of