

AIMS AND OBJECTS:

1. To combat Venereal Diseases by whatever means seem desirable.
2. To encourage and assist in the dissemination of the sound knowledge of the physiological and moral laws of life in order to raise the standard both of health and conduct.
3. To co-operate with existing Associations, to seek their approval, and to give advice when desired in order to provide the constituent social measures which are basic in the solution of this problem.
4. To promote such legislative, social and administrative reforms as are relevant to the foregoing aims and objects.
5. To provide accurate and enlightened information as to the prevalence of these diseases, and as to the necessity for early treatment.
6. To promote the provision of greater facilities for their treatment.
7. To increase the opportunities of medical students, practitioners and trained nurses for the study of these diseases.
8. In addition, to assist the Departments of Health by every means possible in carrying on this campaign.

SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL

GENERAL METHOD OF EDUCATION:

It should be pointed out that Venereal Diseases are not peculiar to any one class of society, though in certain groups the percentage is higher than in others; and it should be borne in mind that the innocently infected form a large percentage of the sum total. It is believed that a carefully worked out scheme for general education, from the medical, social, moral and economic aspects will be welcomed. It is intended to organize throughout Canada lectures of various kinds at which specially selected literature will be distributed. Posters and moving picture films, etc., will be used when suitable. As far as possible, group lectures will be given to nurses, to teachers and parents, to various organizations, and to employees in factories, etc., by specially selected speakers.

SOCIAL INVESTIGATION:

To the social aspects of the problem of Venereal Diseases, speaking generally, little thought has been given in Canada up to the present time. Contributory causes from this point of view have either been not recognized or have been ignored. The Council proposes to undertake social investigation work among sex offenders with a view of obtaining information which will be useful in devising many types of preventive work. Resultant activities which may well suggest themselves are work for the rehabilitation of the prostitute, suggestions as to organized recreation, laws for the supervision of boarding houses, police court reforms leading to fairer treatment for women, the co-ordination of various agencies in obtaining results, etc.

Other surveys will be undertaken by the Social Aspects Committee in their study of local conditions. Laws regarding sex offenders and the application of them will also be studied. Such information may be used by the Council not only to initiate new legislation or amendments, but also to initiate improved methods of administering such laws.

ORGANIZATION:

The organization of the Council covers the whole of the Dominion. Provincial Councils have been formed in every province except Prince Edward Island. Municipal Branches are already active in Toronto, Hamilton, London, Brantford, Vancouver Island and Vancouver City. Other centres will be organized as soon as possible. It is hoped that in a short time every community will be reached and that each will play its part in the educational campaign which is being waged against the cause of so many ills and so much unnecessary suffering.