

That the Prisons Department should be responsible for the children falling under the Reformatory Act, 1911, and the Union Education Department for the children falling under the Children's Protection Act, 1913, and the Provincial Authorities for the rest of the children of School Age. (The Provincial Authorities are responsible for primary education in South Africa.)

That all children in reformatory and industrial schools should be regularly inspected by a mental specialist with a view to determine what children are mentally defective and require special care, treatment and control.

That the children in such Institutions should be classified as (a) normal, (b) backward and borderline, (c) feeble-minded, (d) moral imbecile and feeble-minded, with unpleasant traits of character or conduct, and (e) idiots and imbeciles.

That idiots, imbeciles and moral imbeciles and feeble-minded with unpleasant traits of character or conduct should be certified under the Mental Disorders Act, 1916, and sent to Union Government Institutions or placed under suitable care elsewhere as soon as the diagnosis be made.

That the backward, borderline and well-conducted feeble-minded children should at first be dealt with together in a special part of the Institution to be provided for them. In course of time the backward would make good and return to the normal classes, the defective remaining in the special part of the Institution provided for them until diagnosis is established, when they would be certified under the Act and either removed to a Union Mental Institution or placed under suitable care elsewhere.

To make the procedure uniform and co-ordinate the work in the various departments, the Commissioner for Mental Disorders should himself, or by deputy, carry out inspections of reformatory and industrial schools, and render such assistance as may be asked for in respect of schools in the Provinces.

These recommendations have all been approved by the Government and inspections have been carried out for the past three years.

By no means all of the Institutions have been inspected but I am able to give you a few figures which indicate the extent of the problem. They are, unfortunately, for the year 1918, as I have not brought with me the figures for the last two years. It may be possible, before this paper goes into print, to bring them up to date, but I can tell you more or less what the results were found to be.

In one Industrial School 12% of the girls were feeble-minded, and there were 17% who were in the border area. At another Industrial School for girls 12% were found to be defective, and including the border area 14%. In one Reformatory, 25% of the boys were found to be