

greater than among those in more comfortable circumstances, a fact due not only to the lack of proper medical attention in early childhood, but also because of the greater prevalence of illness. The cost of equipping and maintaining a clinic of this kind would not be great and any event would be justified. There would, indeed, be a call for two central clinics, one for the English and the other for the French.

LEAGUE FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

There is in Montreal an association, composed almost entirely of deafened people, known as the Montreal League for the Hard of Hearing. It was formed in the spring of 1926. In 1928 the League affiliated itself with the American Federation of Organizations for the Hard of Hearing, whose headquarters are in Washington, D. C., and in June 1929 it was accepted as a constituent member of the Montreal Social Agencies, Health Division. Miss Margaret Worcester, a gifted teacher of lip-reading, was the founder of the League and has acted as its President during the past three years. Miss Worcester has given many class lessons in lip-reading, free of charge, and a number of the members have made excellent progress in the art.

In addition to lip-reading classes, evenings have been set apart for social intercourse and these have been greatly enjoyed by the members, who, meeting others similarly situated, have thrown off all restraint and reserve in a way that is not usually the case when the deafened come in contact with those whose hearing is perfect.

There have also been some concerts and lectures, but in these the lack of an electrically equipped hall has been a serious handicap, the results being disappointing alike to the speakers and musicians on the one hand and to those who tried to hear on the other.

The membership of the League is growing and can be increased materially