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**BUREAU OF PUBLIC WELFARE OF COOK COUNTY**

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CHICAGO, Sept. 10, 1914.

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Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Foerster,

Below I am giving answers to the questions in your communication of the 28th ultimo.

- (1) Bureau of Public Welfare of Cook County. Rm. 1121  
County Building, Chicago, Illinois.  
Date of establishment - April 8, 1914.
- (2) The Bureau of Public Welfare of Cook County has three departments: The Jail, Subsidized Children's Institutions and Oak Forest. It practically conducts social service work in these three departments looking after the interest of the boys and children in the first two and all the population of the latter.
- (3) Miss Amelia Sears.
- (4) Investigations are being made to a certain extent into the resources of the residents of Oak Forest - population, 2700; and also into the children admitted to the institutions, 2800. However, these investigations are in a way incidental to the social service work and the primary function of the Cook County charity service is caring for the sick, the dependent children and the destitute of the county. The annual expenditure in this service is about one and one-half million.

It is getting to be recognized that this entire service should be on a family basis and the inauguration of a Central Social Service Department as the Bureau of Public Welfare might be designated is to a limited extent, accomplishing that.

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