

control being in charge of the Superintendent at Essondale—and the product of the labours of the feeble-minded utilized to a degree for the upkeep of the nearby Mental Hospital. The institution would enter largely into agricultural pursuits, carpentering, the making and mending of clothes, etc., and there would be a surplus of production over and above the training school's needs.

The Committee believes that there would be no serious public objection to the erection of the institution on the Essondale property because of the proximity of the Mental Hospital, when it is known how extensive the Government property really is. The training school could occupy large grounds at such a distance from the Mental Hospital that the two organizations could be kept entirely distinct.

The type of training school suggested should be constructed along the lines of the institution at Waverley, Massachusetts. At Waverley, provision is made for the segregation of defectives according to sex, intellectual development and behaviour. An attempt is made to train all cases to the limit of their capacity. The higher grades are educated in public school subjects, and boys are given industrial training in agriculture, carpentering, boot-making, weaving, while the girls receive special instruction in the household arts.

While a considerable number of the feeble-minded to be cared for in such a training school as is suggested will be permanent institutional cases, still it will be possible to discharge some who have passed early adolescence. In this connection a statement by Dr. Fernald is significant. He says: "It has been fairly well demonstrated that the average male moron, without natural vicious tendencies, who has been properly trained in habits of obedience and industry, and who is protected from temptation and evil associations during the formative years, can be safely returned to the community when he has passed early adolescence, if his family are able to look after him and give him proper supervision. The after-care of the female morons who have received training in the institution were not so favourable, but many of these too led moral and harmless lives after their return to the community. The study of discharged female cases at Waverley showed a surprisingly small number who became mothers or who married."

Attached to Waverley and the institutions for the feeble-minded at Rome and Vineland are farm colonies where selected cases are sent to clear the land and develop it. These colonies form an outlet for the growing institutional populations and are practically self-supporting. It is recommended that this colony system be adopted in connection with the training school at Essondale.

Mention has been made in an earlier part of the report of the need of providing segregation for male and female defective delinquents.