

"One cannot help wondering," said Major Williams, "what would have happened to the fifty-six thousand if they had got to the front. Doubtless their exclusion bettered the morale and made the units better fighting machines."

Major Williams stated that he considered the time not far distant when a neuro-psychiatrist would be attached to schools, universities and such institutions to look after mental hygiene. He will be an adviser to those just beginning to slip from the normal walks of life, he said.

The speaker concluded by saying that bad mental habits learnt in the homes, schools and universities unfitted the individual for readily adjusting himself to the conditions he would meet in everyday life. From these misfits juvenile delinquency, crime and all social problems add to their ranks. Uplift and prayer does not strike at the root of the problem. This can only be reached by dealing with each case as an individual, not as a class.

Dr. Clarke and Dr. Hastings also spoke, thanking the speaker and expressing admiration of the wonderful work the States had done in preventive neuro-psychiatry, and deploring the fact that Ontario had not been the first to take up seriously the work of mental hygiene.

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#### FLU KILLED SIX MILLION.

The Times medical correspondent says that it seems reasonable to believe that about six million persons perished from influenza-pneumonia during the past twelve weeks. It has been estimated that the war caused the death of twenty million persons in four and a half years. Thus, the correspondent points out, influenza has proved itself five times deadlier than war, because, in the same period, at its epidemic rate, influenza would have killed 100,000,000.

Never since the black death has such a plague swept over the world. The need of a new survey of public health measures has never been more forcibly illustrated.

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#### GRANTS TO CHARITIES.

At the last meeting of the Toronto Civic Council for the year the following grants were made: \$16,000 to the Home for Incurables to cover its deficit until the end of the financial year, and \$4,800 to Grace Hospital for similar purposes. Owing to the strong opposition of Finance Commissioner Bradshaw and Dr. Hastings, Medical Officer of Health, the request of the management of the Toronto General Hospital for a grant of \$41,000 towards the deficit incurred by that institution was not entertained. It will, however, come up again next year.