

years 761 mentally deficient delinquents had appeared on theft charges. There had been 23 unmarried mothers, under 16 years of age, in the same period; 117 charged with bodily violence, ranging up to attempted murder. Adult cases needed examination as much as did the children who appeared before the juvenile court, Dr. Hincks declared.

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**W**E in the United States are deeply indebted to Canada and England and other countries which were in this war long before we were. If we have succeeded in doing anything particularly well in our medical department we are more than indebted to you. We have carried out some of the ideas that members of your own medical corps had. In fact it was after consultation with the officers in the medical corps in England, and after repeated conferences with medical officers in Canada, that the plan I shall outline was adopted in the American Army. Many suggestions came from Canada. At the same time the work is an outgrowth of some ten years of work on the part of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene in the States; one of whose objects is the improvement of the condition of the care of the insane throughout the country. An effort was made by this Association to get the asylums and other institutions caring for the insane to look after their patients as they are looked after in general hospitals—particularly the acute cases; and also to send the force organized in these hospitals out into the community, where, they had come to realize, there is no greater public health problem than the problem of mental disease. It is a tremendous problem in the States. In the single State of Massachusetts there are 3,000 new cases every year—not counting those which have been discharged and readmitted. That number is increasing every year. In New York State there are 34,000 people in hospitals for insane, with 6,000 new cases every year. In Ohio—a typical middle-western State—there are 3,000 new cases every year, which means that between now and this

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