

Sixty-eight males were re-admitted to the School. The time at home varied from less than 1 month to 18 years. Seven were idiots, 42 were imbeciles and 19 were morons. None of these cases had been arrested or in serious trouble, but they did not get on well, or were a burden at home, or were not easily controlled.

Fifty-four died after they were discharged.

To sum up, for 470 discharged male patients we have the following report:

Earning a living without supervision	28
Working for wages, supervised at home	86
Working at home, no wages	77
Living at home, not able to work	59
Arrested but not sentenced	23
Sentenced to penal institutions	32
Committed to other institutions	43
Re-admitted to Waverley	68
Died	54
Total	470

Apparently the cases represented in the first four groups in the above table a total of 250, constituted no serious menace to the community at the time of the investigation.

The results of this survey should be interpreted with great caution. As a rule, the most promising cases are allowed to go home. They have received careful training. The parents have been properly instructed. Still many unpromising cases did well. There was a surprisingly small amount of criminality and sex offense, and especially illegitimacy. We may hope for a much better record when we have extra-institutional visitation and supervision of all discharged cases. Those with definite character defects, especially those with bad homes, should be discharged with great caution. The survey shows that there are bad defectives and good defectives. It also shows that even some apparently bad do "settle down." And it shows much justice in the plea of the well-behaved adult defective to be given a "trial outside" for apparently a few defectives do not need or deserve life-long segregation. It is most important that the limited facilities for segregation should be used for the many who can be protected in no other way.