

As may easily be understood from what has been said in other sections of this Bulletin immorality is rife in such centres. The explanation is not the one ordinarily offered, viz., that the low wages paid are the cause of the immorality, the truth being that the mental capacity of the wage earners precludes them from receiving more than they are paid. It is one of the economic problems not clearly understood by those not in possession of the facts. In a sense it is well that these weaklings can earn something, but it is also apparent that they should be under the most rigid and careful supervision, and that social service should recognize that here prevention has a true place. The facts supplied by the investigations in the clinic make it evident that intelligent effort in the line of prevention is desirable, and a careful survey of factories of the kind mentioned would reveal a state of affairs that will make plain certain truths already well known in the clinic.

What has been done in the past is simply to theorize, to criticize the employers who pay small wages for inefficient help, and to attribute immorality to causes which play but a little part in the failure of the mental weaklings. What social service must do is to accept the facts offered them to co-operate with the employers in bringing about the necessary changes and to aim at preventing the tragedies which may easily be forestalled by intelligent action. Incidentally it may be said that the spread of venereal diseases may be greatly curtailed by a proper supervision of these factories as the operators furnish a large proportion of the "joy riders" and "night hawks" who infest the country roads and streets after dark.

OCCUPATIONAL WANDERERS.

As was to be expected the Occupational Wanderers were many, but the statistics concerning these are by no means complete as it is only recently much attention has been paid to a phase of what will prove an interesting study. This group comprises of course the failures in industry who wander from pillar to post, failing everywhere through inefficiency, resulting either from low mentality or mental disease. No less than 30 "occupational wanderers" were found in the 188 cases studied recently.

This question of "occupational wanderers" will receive careful scrutiny in the future, and will prove of value to the student of industrial conditions etc.

WHAT THE FIGURES TEACH

From the statistics it is possible to arrive at some conclusions regarding the possibilities of prevention and to point out the duty of those workers who are endeavouring to grapple with the young problems re-