

alcoholics, and he is co-operating with committees of citizens and other governmental departments interested in these same problems. A small psychiatric ward was recently opened at Kingston Penitentiary where special treatment is available for a limited number of patients.

It would be unwise to improve the program within the institutions, if efforts were not made to capitalize on this training at the time of the prisoner's release. Therefore, considerable attention has been devoted to the organization of a chain of prisoners' aid societies, most of them operating under the name, John Howard Society (after the famous English penal reformer of the 18th century).

For the first time in history, a federal grant-in-aid was made this year to assist in the work of these societies.

Employers from whom accurate information about the individual dischargee can be obtained, have shown a commendable zeal to assist. But unless society at large is willing to recognize that the ex-prisoner has "discharged his debt to society"—that he is now once more a free citizen and must be given some opportunity to re-establish himself in normal society—the individual ex-convict has little option but to return to a life of crime. It is only in proportion to the number of ex-prisoners reformed that society can ultimately be protected, and

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