

At a meeting of the Protestant Committee held in November, 1926, a Sub-committee composed of Dr. Gammell, Dr. Kneeland, Dean Laird, with Professor Derick as convener, was appointed to consider the Education of Retarded and Mentally Defective Children of School Age.

This Sub-committee has held two meetings and has discussed information obtained from Dr. Silver, Secretary-Superintendent of the Protestant Schools of Montreal, and from Dr. Mitchell, Director, and Dr. Silverman, Vice-Director of the Mental Hygiene Committee of Montreal. It has also studied the reports of several Boards of Education and special reports of organizations, including the National Council of Women of Canada and the Montreal Local Council of Women (who were pioneers in the movement to obtain supervision and training of the mentally defective); the Social Service Council of Canada; the Canadian Council on Child Welfare; and the National Committees for Mental Hygiene of the United States and Canada. Your committee is especially indebted to Dr. Mitchell for placing at its disposal the report of the Royal Commission concerning Mentally Deficient Persons in Nova Scotia as well as unpublished reports of the Mental Hygiene Committee of Montreal and its correspondence with the County Council of London, England.

It is generally conceded that in every community there are mature persons who are mentally defective. Those whose intelligence is no higher than that of a normal child two years of age are termed "idiots", those equal in intelligence to normal children from three to seven years old are called "imbeciles", and