

prepared. It included details as to birthplace, race, religion, education, health, habits, tendencies, hereditary factors and the characteristics of all members of the family who could be found.

The results of the work was presented to the Local Council by the Convener of its Committee on Mental Deficiency, at a public meeting on May 6th, 1919. A full report is about to be issued as a pamphlet by the Local Council.

Immediately after this meeting, the Local Council again petitioned the Provincial Government to establish training schools and farm-colonies for the permanent care of the feeble-minded and asked the Protestant Board of School Commissioners to open a special school of classes for backward and subnormal children in September, 1919. At the request of the Chairman of the Board, the Council submitted a plan for establishing such classes. It is now under consideration.

The ends which the Local Council has striven to attain may be thus summed up:

- 1.—A good "School Attendance Act" which will ensure that every child is brought into contact with the educational authorities.
 - 2.—Mental tests of every child when it enters school, of every retarded school child, and of all criminals, delinquents and dependents.
 - 3.—The registration in a government department of all who are pronounced to be feeble-minded.
 - 4.—The study of the family characteristics, of the home environment, and all developmental factors by trained social workers, who would be able to give expert advice and supervision.
 - 5.—Psychiatric clinics in connection with all hospitals.
 - 6.—Auxiliary or special classes for backward children.
 - 7.—Special training schools for the feeble-minded.
 - 8.—Farm colonies for the feeble-minded distinct from those intended for delinquents.
 - 9.—Legislation providing for the permanent care of the feeble-minded with the segregation of the sexes.
 - 10.—Improved hygienic and economic conditions, including vocational training for boys and girls so that the normal may find fulfilment and the defective learn to be useful under supervision.
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