

Medical Director's Report.

June 19th, 1925.

Genuine progress has been made by the National Committee since the last meeting of the Board of Directors held in Montreal on November 14th, 1924. Outstanding accomplishments can be summarized as follows -

I. Organization of a Department of Mental Hygiene Research in Montreal.

This Division is conducting important studies relating to the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency and to the organization of a demonstration mental hygiene clinic. In the near future it will be possible for this Division to grant vital assistance to juvenile courts, reform schools, probation organizations and to cities that are contemplating the formation of mental clinics. The Executive Committee of the Montreal Research Division consists of Mr. E. W. Beatty, Chairman, Sir Arthur Currie, Dr. C. F. Martin, Dr. C. K. Russel, Dr. G. S. Mundie, Dr. A. B. Chandler and Dr. C. M. Hincks. The Research Directors are Professor J. W. Bridges and Dr. W. T. B. Mitchell.

II. Organization of a Department of Mental Hygiene Research in Toronto.

This Department has been organized in affiliation with the University of Toronto for the conduct of studies in the application of mental hygiene principles to children in school attendance. It is hoped that ways and means will be discovered of preventing a considerable percentage of mental and nervous disorders. Preliminary investigations indicate that mental maladjustments have been created in schools and in homes through our failure to understand child nature and the necessary requirements for healthy development. The work in Toronto may lead to the adoption throughout Canada of better school methods. The Executive Committee in charge of the work consists of Dr. J. G. Fitzgerald, Chairman, Sir Robert Falconer, Hon. Dr. H. J. Cody, Mr. C. B. McNaught, Mr. Vincent Massey, Professor P. Sandiford, Professor G. S. Brett, Dr. E. A. Bott, Mr. Hugh Kerr and Dr. C. M. Hincks. The Research Directors are Dr. E. A. Bott, Dr. W. E. Blatz and Professor E. MacPhee.

The Research projects in Toronto and Montreal have at their disposal a combined annual budget of \$30,000. The money has been made available by the Rockefeller Foundation and by the Lady Byng of Vimy Fund for Mental Hygiene.

III. Establishment of Nursery Schools (laboratory type) in Montreal and Toronto.

Successful negotiations have been conducted by McGill University, the University of Toronto and the National Committee for Mental Hygiene in securing more than \$100,000. from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial for the