

The cost of maintenance of the insane in institutions, as given in the Report of the Bureau of Census of 1904, numbering at that time 150,151, is \$21,329,228, which does not include the cost of maintenance of the feeble-minded under institutional care. Assuming that the cost of maintenance in 1910 was in the same proportion as in 1904, the amount expended must have amounted to more than \$30,000,000, but since the cost of living has been rising higher and higher during these years the cost of maintenance would be proportionately higher. In the State of Indiana, according to the report of the State Board of Charities ending Sept. 30, 1913, there were enrolled under institutional care 5,503 insane and 1,490 feeble-minded and epileptic. The amount drawn from the state treasury in 1913 for the regular maintenance is given as \$1,257,359. This in a state, the population of which is approximately 2,750,000. Assuming that the same relative proportions exist throughout the United States and there is no reason why Indiana should be more unfavorably situated than other states as regards these conditions, it may be estimated that there are at least 300,000 under institutional enrollment, with a relative cost of maintenance of nearly \$100,000,000. The great majority of these are fundamentally and constitutionally defective and one is comparatively safe in saying also that the majority of these, had they been properly reared, trained and educated during the earlier years of their development, could have been made self-supporting and useful citizens or if proper control and management were exercised during the years of maturity could at least