

for the Insane are traceable to syphilis. In Michigan a commission to investigate the extent of feeble-mindedness, epilepsy, and insanity reported (1915) "more than one-eighth of the cases of insanity admitted for treatment to the Michigan State Hospitals for the Insane are *directly* caused by syphilis." The figures given by other authorities range from 10% to 18%.

Adequate preventive measures would eliminate, to a great extent, this loss to the nation's mental and financial resources.—*Social Hygiene Bulletin*, Feb., 1920.

"The work of the Canadian National Committee for Mental Hygiene grows apace, and before long practically every province in Canada will avail itself of the services of their experts. Alberta, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have all asked for surveys of their provinces with the idea of bettering conditions in connection with the insane and mental defectives. Quebec and Ontario should fall in line in due course, as recent developments have shown that a great deal of constructive work should be done in these provinces. British Columbia and Manitoba have not only had surveys made, but have adopted the suggestions of the committee very extensively."—*Extract from The Globe, Toronto, March 15, 1920.*

ABSTRACTS.

When is a Moron Not a Moron? C. T. Jones, *The Journal of Delinquency*, January, 1920. From analysis of the results of the tests applied to the men in the United States Army, Jones takes up the question of how to decide whether a person belongs to the feeble-minded group designated as a moron. As a result of this analysis he concludes that mental age rating taken alone is not sufficient for making a diagnosis of feeble-mindedness or normality in persons who test between 8 and 11 years mentally. There must be something which is the determiner for normality or feeble-mindedness which cannot be expressed in terms of intelligence level. The fact that the diagnosis of mental defect depends upon factors other than those of mental age, forces us to emphasize very much more strongly the social criterion as a part of our definition of feeble-mindedness. The Bureau of Juvenile Research, of which Dr. Jones is a member, has worked out a plan of differential diagnosis for the cases who have a mental age rating on the Binet scale of be-