

The State Hospital Commission has frequently called attention of local authorities to violations of the law in locking mentally sick people in jail. No one would think of treating a pneumonia patient or other physically ill person in such a manner! Every community should provide a suitable place—preferably in a hospital—for the temporary care and treatment of the mentally sick.

*S.C.A.A. News, September, 1919.*

*Letchworth Village, New York State.*—In his address at the dedication of the new building, the Governor said that there are at least 33,000 defectives in the State and only about 5,000 are properly provided for. Both the Governor and Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the Board of Managers of Letchworth Village, urged the speedy completion of this model institution which will eventually house 5,000 patients and be the largest of its kind in America.

"The care of the feeble-minded is of immense importance", said the Governor. He declared that the programme now being developed by the State Commission for Mental Defectives "will have an important bearing on the future well-being of the entire population of the State".

*S.C.A.A. News, July, 1919.*

*Push Plans for Housing Insane and Defectives.*—The Hospital Development Commission of the State of New York is making steady and substantial progress toward increasing the State's accommodations for the insane and feeble-minded. Dr. Pearce Bailey, Chairman of the State Commission for Mental Defectives, called attention to the very serious and immediate need of additional accommodations for mental defectives. He said that the examination of men for military service had strikingly confirmed previous estimates of the prevalence of mental defect in the community and that there are undoubtedly between 40,000 and 50,000 mental defectives in New York State, of whom only about 6,000 are in institutions. He discussed the extension of colony care for the feeble-minded and also suggested the State's leasing or buying available buildings in various communities for the temporary housing of feeble-minded while the State proceeds with its programme to enlarge existing institutions on a permanent basis.

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United States Senator William N. Calder has placed in the Federal Appropriation Bill an item of \$350,000 to cover the expense of deporting about 1,000 alien insane patients now in the New York State Hospitals whose deportation was impossible during the war.