

In the general discussion which followed it was pointed out that here was a great need of a psychiatric hospital in Toronto. It was admitted it was the duty of the Provincial Government to look after the mental defectives and to arrange for their custodial care, but it was thought that if the Government would not do its duty the work should be undertaken by the city. A deputation will wait upon the Government at an early date to urge that prompt action be taken to provide proper accommodation for the care of feeble-minded persons. Should the Government be either unable or unwilling to comply with the desires of the association, the City Council will be asked to take action.

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### THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION ON CHARITIES AND CORRECTION.

The Canadian Conference on Charities and Correction dealt with the question of education and the problem of immigration after war at its recent session. A round table conference was held on "How to Deal With the Wastage in Our Public Schools Resulting From 'Backwardness' and 'Dropping Out.'"

Dr. Horace L. Brittain, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, led in discussion in a vigorous speech. Some startling revelations were made by Inspectors Chapman, Ward and Elliott, of Toronto, regarding the drag that feeble-mindedness is on our Public school system. To it is traceable so many of the evils existing, such as chronic truancy and immorality.

Prof. Sandiford gave a very excellent address on the "Curve of Chance," in which he illustrated how, while the great majority of people were normal, there was a hump in the curve at the point where the mentally defective came in.

After discussion it was concluded that training in special schools was more desirable for defectives than special classes in present schools. Also that there should be more elasticity in promotions in schools, so as to develop initiative and originality. As Miss Clarke, of the Central Neighborhood House, put it: "We must adapt the system of education to the child rather than the child to the system."

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in Ottawa, and in September rather than in the Spring. One of the subjects to be considered then will treat with the rights of the unmarried mother.

The following are the new officers: Patron, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.C.M.G.; President, Dr. Peter Bryce; Vice-Presidents, Dr. J. H. Riddell, Edmonton; Dr. E. H. Lachapelle, Montreal; Mrs. A. M.