

the institutions is being carried out. At the present time there are about 2,100 patients out on parole from the State hospitals, still under medical and social supervision, but living and being supported in their own homes.—*S. C. A. A. Bulletin*.

To Name Director of Prevention and After-Care.

At a meeting of the Hospital Development Commission it was recommended to the Legislature that there be created the position of Director of Prevention and After-care to be filled by a physician at a salary of \$4,500 per annum, whose duties shall be to direct, supervise and stimulate the out-patient activities of the State hospitals and the State institutions for mental defectives. Also, that the number of field agents, or after-care agents in the State hospitals be increased to the ratio of one agent for each 100 patients on parole, and the number of field agents in the institutions for mental defectives to be fixed for the present at the ratio of one to each institution.—*S. C. A. A. Bulletin*.

CARE FOR MENTAL CASES URGED IN MISSISSIPPI.—The Mississippi Society for Mental Hygiene in a recent bulletin urges the need of an institution for the feeble-minded, as an economic proposition to save lives and property destroyed by feeble-minded persons when allowed to be at large. The hospital mental deficiency bill to be considered by the next legislature establishes a Mississippi school and colony for feeble-minded individuals. The bill carries an appropriation of \$2,000,000.—*Social Hygiene Bulletin*, Jan., 1920.

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“With all our vaunted support of higher educational institutions, it is interesting, perhaps surprising, to find that there are more persons in the insane asylums in this country than in all the colleges and universities. It is also estimated that the former cost more to maintain than do the latter.”

A recent issue of the *New York Times* quotes Dr. W. S. Rankin, president of the American Public Health Association, to the above effect.

Statistics of the National Commission for Mental Hygiene show that 15% of all first admissions to the New York State Hospitals