

REPORT ON MENTAL SURVEY CONDUCTED AT PAYNEVILLE AT THE REQUEST OF
 MENTAL HYGIENE COUNCIL
 JOHANNESBURG.

The preliminary investigation from house to house was done by students in Social Welfare from the Jan Hofmeyr school of Social Work under supervision of one of our local Social Welfare workers.

On going through the case histories submitted, it was decided that only a certain proportion required to be seen.

A total of 52 cases were carefully examined and these could be roughly divided into six groups:

1. Miscellaneous	5
2. Physical handicaps	9
3. Backward	7
4. Mental	12
5. Epileptic	10
6. Defective	9

These groups are fairly clear-cut.

- Miscellaneous: The miscellaneous group consisted largely of children who are mentally normal but have behaviour problems and one old woman who proved to be perfectly normal except for slight loss of memory.
- Physical handicaps, etc. On examination the physically handicapped group showed no signs of mental defectiveness.
- Backward: The backward or retarded group is actually much bigger, but as these children are all capable of simple employment and not cases for admission to an institution the investigation was not proceeded with and therefore not completed.
- Mental: Mental group consisted largely of cases suffering from dementia praecox. Some are dangerous but due to lack of accommodation all efforts to get them admitted to an institution were unsuccessful.
- Epileptic.

Sex	Age	Mental Deterioration.
Fem.	19	Not present.
Male	22	Present.
"	26	Not present.
"	40	" "
"	60	Present.
"	16	Not present.
Fem.	15	" "
Male	16	Present.
"	12	Not present.
"	10	Present.

- Defectives (Mins): Of the 9 Defectives 6 can be classed as imbeciles and idiots and should be in an institution. Three can be classed as feeble-minded and although they are capable of simple employment under supervision they would also be better in an institution. Nine cases out of a total population of 17,000 - .53 per 1,000 (England and Wales - .75 per 1,000).

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Committee expressing thanks for the grant of £100 from the Trust and asking that the Committee be allowed to meet the Trustees to explain their attitude to the negotiations with the Transvaal Law Society and with the Department of Social Welfare.

IT WAS AGREED: to inform the Legal Aid Committee that, in view of the fact that the whole question of Legal Aid would now be considered by the Penal Reform Commission, no useful purpose would be served by such a meeting.

This concluded the business.

Date.

Confirmed.. . . .

Chairman.....

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