

INSTITUTE FOR THE SCIENTIFIC TREATMENT OF DELINQUENCY

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For the year ended 31st December, 1939

(In presenting the Annual Report in this unusual form, the Council are confident that Members of the Institute will approve of their decision to reduce printing expenses during the war. Further copies will be sent only on request.)

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O B J E C T S

The Objects of the Institute  
are as specified on page 2  
of the 1938 Annual Report.



## A list of the Institute's

### VICE-PRESIDENTS, COUNCIL, DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, MEDICAL STAFF &c.

as at 30th April, 1939, will be found on pp. 3-5 of the 1938 Report, but we have now to record the following alterations:

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS

During the year we have sustained grievous loss through the deaths of DR. HAVELOCK ELLIS, PROFESSOR SIGMUND FREUD, and DR. OTTO RANK.

We are honoured that these famous men were associated with the Institute from its foundation, and we remember very gladly that their interest was more than nominal. It is both a consolation and an encouragement to realise that in maintaining this work amidst so many difficulties, we are perpetuating a part of their work also.

#### WAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On the outbreak of war, the War Emergency Sub-Committee, appointed in 1938, became the War Executive Committee, with full powers to act on behalf of the Council in emergencies, or whenever Council meetings were in abeyance. The Members of the Executive Committee are:-

Sir Edward T.F. Crowe, K.C.M.G.  
A Director of the Clinic  
Miss I.M. James (also Secretary)  
Dr. E.T. Jensen (Chairman)  
Dominick Spring-Rice, Esq.

#### MEDICAL STAFF

The following new appointments have been made:-

F.A. Hampton, Esq., M.C., M.A., M.B., B.Ch.  
J.D.W. Pearce, Esq., M.A., M.D., Ch.B.,  
F.R.C.P.E., D.P.M.  
P. Plaut, Esq., M.D., (Berlin).  
F.C. Roles, Esq., M.A., B.Chir., M.R.C.S.,  
M.R.C.P.,  
J. Burnett Rae, Esq., M.B., Ch.B.  
M. Schacherl, Esq., M.D. (Vienna).

We regret to report the resignation of Dr. D.F. Buckle, on account of his return to Australia.

#### ASSOCIATE PHYSICIANS

As a step towards the organisation of affiliated clinics, a new group of Associate Physicians has been formed in the provinces and the following elected:-

T.E. Hurley, Esq., M.B., B.S., D.P.M.  
(Southampton & Winchester)  
S.A. MacKeith, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
D.P.M. (Chichester).  
T.A. Ratcliffe, Esq., M.B., B.Chir.,  
D.P.M. (Nottingham).



MEDICAL REGISTRAR

Appointment suspended: see below.

LAY PSYCHOLOGISTS

The following new appointments have been made:

Mrs. S. Anthony, M.A.  
Miss M.B. Stott, B.A.

HON. SPEECH THERAPIST

The following appointment has been made:

Mrs. H. Hitschmann

SOCIAL WORKER

Miss G. M. Wilcox's appointment was extended in May from a half-time to a whole-time basis.

CLINIC SECRETARY

Appointment suspended: see below

R E P O R T

For the Period 1st January to 31st December, 1939.

Until the month of September the Institute's work in all departments had made further steady progress; plans were afoot for a large public meeting in the autumn (at which Sir Samuel Hoare had kindly consented to speak), also for extended educational work and for the affiliation of several provincial clinics.

The outbreak of war prevented all these developments, making doubtful for a time the possibility of continuing at all. The Register was closed to new cases for a month while the position was reviewed, the records being removed meanwhile to a safe place. In accordance with pre-arranged plans the paid staff was drastically reduced. The Medical Registrar, Dr. Edkins, the Social Worker, Miss Wilcox, and the Clinic Secretary, Miss Joyce received three months' notice with salary, with the assurance that their appointments would be open to them at the end of the war as far as the finances of the Institute allowed. The typists, Miss Henley and Miss Peaty, received a month's notice with salary. All those concerned agreed to these arrangements loyally and willingly, and we look forward to the time when work can be resumed with a full staff.

In October it was found that some of the medical staff could continue work; whereupon it was decided to re-open the Clinic with a reduced paid staff, consisting of the General Secretary, Miss I. M. James, the Social Worker, Miss G. M. Wilcox (who undertook the Clinic secretarial work in addition



to her own) and one typist, Miss J. H. Henley. The considerations which influenced this decision were the lessened amount of work, the reduction of financial support, and the fact that both Dr. Edkins and Miss Joyce had meanwhile undertaken duties elsewhere. Should further appointments to the senior paid staff become necessary during the war, such appointments will be temporary.

The Council since have resolved unanimously to maintain the Institute's work for as long as possible. The large audiences attending our lecture courses, the amount of correspondence dealt with and the number of cases referred to us have shown that this policy was amply justified.

#### EDUCATION (see also p. 17, 1938 Report):

The second week-end lecture course for doctors on "The Medical Aspects of Delinquency" which was announced in our last report, was held on June 3rd and 4th. Among those present were doctors from Cardiff, Edinburgh, Fareham, Leicester, Manchester, Norwich, Southampton and Warwick. Once again many of these attended in their official capacity as Medical Officers of Health on behalf of Borough Councils. The two representatives from Edinburgh were members of the Scottish Board of Control. Those present expressed the hope that annual courses for doctors would become an established part of the Institute's work. It is doubtful if this course can be repeated in 1940, however, though it is hoped to replace it by one on "Problems of Delinquency in War-time".

The University Extension Lectures on "Social Psychology" terminated on April 3rd. This completed the first year's work for the University of London's Diploma in Social Studies, and we report with much pleasure that the twenty-one students who sat for the examination all passed, four with Special Distinction, whilst seven obtained Certificates of Merit. The outbreak of war unhappily prevented the commencement of the course on "Social Structure" in September, but in December the University expressed the hope that work could be resumed in January, 1940. It was arranged, therefore, that Professor Hermann Mannheim, Ph.D. should begin the course with twelve lectures on "The Social Structure related to Penology & Criminology", to be followed by twelve general lectures on "Social Structure (Modern)" by Professor Karl Mannheim, Ph.D. We are glad to find that a large proportion of our old students will be able to resume their studies.

Sincerest thanks are due to the many organisations which have helped us (through their journals and in other ways) to make this Course more widely known.

Other lectures given, or papers read, during the year were as follows:-

Mar. 16th - Women's Co-operative Guild (Lea Bridge Branch) at Co-operative Hall, Lea Bridge Road: "The Work of the I.S.T.D".... .. Dr. O. H. Woodcock.



- Apr. 17th - The Lancashire & Cheshire Association of Prisoners' Aid Societies: at the Annual Meeting, Town Hall, Manchester: "The Scientific Treatment of Delinquency" Dr. Arthur Fitch
- June 23rd - The Magistrates' Association in Conference with the B.M.A. at B.M.A. House: "To consider how medical and psychological knowledge could be made available to magistrates in their duties both in courts and elsewhere". Miss M. Symons J.P. Dr. Denis Carroll, & Dr. J.D.W. Pearce.
- July 6th - Duncan House School, Clifton, Bristol: "The Work of the I.S.T.D." Dr. L. M. Millard.
- Oct. 30th - Youth House, Camden Road, N.W.1: "The Work of the I.S.T.D." Miss I.M. James.
- Nov. 25th - Association of London Suburban Editors, at The Craven Hotel Charing Cross: "The Scientific Treatment of Delinquency". Dr. Denis Carroll.

Several lectures arranged for the autumn term were cancelled.

#### REFERENCE LIBRARY:

Thanks are due to Dr. E. Hacker, Mr. H. J. Jacoby, Miss H. G. Nussey, Professor Hermann Mannheim, Dr. Paul Plaut and Mr. L. Radzinowicz for gifts of books and papers. On the outbreak of war, the large selection of books generously loaned by Mrs. R. H. Carew were returned to Ireland. As these volumes formed the basis of the Reference Library, it will be appreciated that further gifts of suitable technical books will be doubly valued.

#### RESEARCH:

Nowhere more than in this field are the results of inadequate financial support more apparent. Whole or part-time paid research workers are needed urgently. The preoccupation of our clinical staff with national emergency problems, as well as the problems of the Criminal Justice Bill during the earlier part of the year, left them very little time to continue their research interests. Nevertheless, work continues. In 1940 Dr. Emanuel Miller hopes to undertake on behalf of the Institute a research into problems arising from the evacuation of children (Note 30th May, 1940: this is nearing completion), and some of the material for a book entitled "Social Aspects of Crime in England between the Wars", by Professor Hermann Mannheim, was collected at the Institute. This volume will be published shortly by Messrs. Allen & Unwin, Ltd.

Dr. Denis Carroll read a paper on "The Psychiatric Treatment of Delinquents" at the Medico-Legal Society in June, and a resumé of his contribution to the joint discussion between the Royal Society of Medicine and the Medico-Legal Society in November 1938 ("The place of the Psychiatrist in relation to the administration



of Criminal Law"), appeared in the Medico-Legal Review of April, 1939 (p.153). Some appreciative comments on this latter contribution by Mr. Justice Humphreys, in his capacity of President of the Medico-Legal Society, are reported in the Medico-Legal Review, October, 1939 (p.402). These are especially gratifying to this Institute as they show the progress made by psychiatry in adapting this special knowledge to the particular requirements of the English Legal system.

Several applications have been received from accredited research workers to work at the Institute, or to use its records. On the whole the former are to be preferred since it is difficult to keep records sufficiently extensive to satisfy research purposes not envisaged at the time the records were made. On the sociological side the Institute's records should later prove of great value. Owing to the war a survey of the results of the Clinic's first five years' work is postponed.

#### FOREIGN CONTACTS:

In spite of the war, our contact with members and friends in the Dominions and neutral countries, is being maintained and even extended. This year we corresponded with most of the Universities in the British Empire, as well as with the American Universities mentioned in our last Report. The interest in delinquency problems in New Zealand and Australia, to which we have referred before, continues. A late member of our Medical Staff (Dr. Donald Buckle) has just returned to Australia and will strengthen our contacts there.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

There has been an inevitable decrease in the number of new members elected this year, while in addition certain subscribers have been compelled to suspend their membership (though not their interest) for the duration of the war. Every effort must be made to maintain, and if possible increase, our numbers. At a time when large appeal schemes are not possible, and all sources of income are shrinking, the continued support of Members is deeply appreciated by the Council. Delinquency work has always involved taking a long view of social effort - a view necessarily restricted in times of national crisis. We hope, however, that those of our Members who can will continue to make the Institute known to their friends, thus helping us to maintain work which is high tribute to the social sense of the community.

#### MEETINGS:

The Council met eight times, and the Finance Committee seven times during the year; the Scientific Committee met once, the Development Committee twice, and the Education Sub-Committee once. The War Executive Committee met three times.

The seventh Annual General Meeting was held at 8, Portman Street, W.1., on Monday 22nd May, 1939, when Dr. E.T. Jensen took the Chair. After the business meeting Dr. Denis Carroll gave an interesting account of the present position of the medical treatment of delinquents.



VOLUNTARY HELPERS:

We must record our indebtedness to the following voluntary helpers, whose generous assistance is so valued by the office staff:-

Miss L. M. Barrett	Miss Hart
Miss P. Beachcroft	Miss F.M. Henley
Mrs. C. Bromley	Mr. & Mrs. Hilton
Mrs. D. Carroll	Mrs. M. K. Keene
Mrs. G. Claridge	Mrs. O. Lowenfeld
Miss P. Coburn	Miss Markbreiter
Miss M. Cotterill	Mr. A. E. Packer
Miss F. Craig	Miss T. Rusden
Miss C. Daunt	Miss J. Temerlies
Mr. L. M. Drury	Mrs. S. H. Weiler
Mrs. H. Edmunds	Miss A. Whittall

Particular thanks are due to Miss P. Beachcroft and Mrs. M.K. Keene for many hours of regular voluntary work.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period 1st January to 31st December, 1939.

AUDITORS:

Our Honorary Auditors, Messrs. Binder, Hamlyn & Co. have carried out the audit for 1939, and have kindly offered themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

INCOME:

The audited accounts show an inevitable decline in income this year, since the outbreak of war prevented the carrying out of autumn appeal schemes. There is a satisfactory increase in revenue from Life Memberships, however, though Associate and Ordinary Members' subscriptions have decreased. As mentioned elsewhere, efforts to increase - or at least to maintain - membership totals will be made, though difficulties are likely to be encountered. One satisfactory aspect of the position is that many Members have asked us to consider their resignations merely as suspensions for the duration of the war, a gesture which is deeply appreciated by the Council.

It is gratifying also to report that, thanks to the John Lewis Partnership (see pp. 25 & 27, 1938 Report) and to the generous anonymous donor of £100, our general donations reached a higher level in 1939 than in any one year hitherto.

Police Court Poor Box Donations. Certain contributions from this source usually received in December were delayed on this occasion until January or February. This partly accounts for the lower figure under this heading, although amounts since received show that the decline is real. We are doubly grateful, therefore, to the Magistrates of the following Courts, who continued to help us in 1939:-



Becontree  
 Brentford  
 Bucks Probation Area  
 Clerkenwell  
 Croydon  
 Feltham  
 Gravesend  
 Grays (Essex)

Lambeth  
 Metropolitan  
 Juvenile Courts  
 Mortlake  
 South Western  
 West Ham  
 Westminster  
 Wolverhampton

(Note 30th May, 1940: Receipts to date from the following Courts should also be acknowledged with sincerest thanks:- Becontree, Bow Street, Bucks Probation Area, Clerkenwell, East Ham, Marylebone, Metropolitan Juvenile Courts, Southend, Surrey Combined Probation Area, Westminster and Wolverhampton.)

University of London Extension Lecture Course. The income from this source includes a Grant from the Board of Education in respect of the course on "Social Psychology" for the academic year 1938-9.

#### EXPENDITURE:

The total expenditure for the year (£2,097 13s 1d) was in accordance with the plans for expansion recommended by the Directors, and made possible by the successful Appeal Dinner in 1938. Comparison with last year's accounts shows very little (if any) increase in the general items of expenditure, the main increase being in salaries, due to the essential appointment of a paid Psychiatric Social Worker, and to the extension of the Medical Registrar's paid services (see p.16, 1938 Report). The increase in travelling expenses is actually a satisfactory item, indicating that more home visiting by the Psychiatric Social Worker has been effected.

In September there was, of course, immediate retrenchment of expenditure, to which we have referred elsewhere in this report, and the Council exercised an option to terminate the Lease of 8, Portman Street, at March 1940. (Note 30th May, 1940: We report with appreciation and thanks that short-term arrangements at a reduced rent have been agreed most generously by our landlords, Messrs. Cooper Bake & Co.)

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1939.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR THE SCIENTIFIC TREATMENT OF DELINQUENCY

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st DECEMBER. 1939.

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# REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

TO THE INSTITUTE FOR THE SCIENTIFIC TREATMENT OF DELINQUENCY

We report that we have examined the above Balance Sheet dated 31st December, 1939, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion, such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institute's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Institute.

River Plate House,  
12/13, South Place,  
London, E.C.2.

27th May, 1940.

BINDER, HAMLYN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants,  
Honorary Auditors.



## REPORT ON THE PSYCHOPATHIC CLINIC

1st January to 31st December 1939

For reasons of economy this report has been abbreviated considerably.

The year's work has been most satisfactory and only the dislocation caused by the war has prevented this showing more obviously in the statistics. The Council's policy has been to devote as much money as possible to the development of the Clinic and accordingly extended use has been made of trained psychiatric social work and paid psychotherapy.

This has resulted firstly in the more efficient handling of patients, secondly in a much closer contact with, and use of, other medical institutions. As an example of the latter, arrangements have been made on generous terms for special tests and examinations (e.g. X-ray investigations) with the West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System.

Again our grateful thanks are due to this Hospital for its assistance in many ways. We are indebted also to those medical and social bodies which have collaborated so closely with us in previous years (see p. 24, 1938 Report.).

### Q CAMPS:

The previous arrangements for examining cases referred for Q Camps treatment was continued. Since the war Q Camps have decided to confine their activities to juveniles. For this purpose they have opened a joint hostel with the Oxfordshire County Council to deal with difficult evacuee children in the five counties of the Southern Region under the Ministry of Health, and for other children suitable for Q Camps methods. Dr. Denis Carroll continues to act in an advisory capacity on behalf of the Institute.

### NUMBERS:

The Numbers for 1939 are gratifying both in regard to treatment, waiting lists and total number of cases. 137 cases were referred before September, so that normally the total for the whole year would have shown a considerable increase.

Nevertheless, the increase in the first half of the year was over 30%, due to the greater use of the Clinic made by the Courts. This in turn resulted partly from the greater possibility of evening treatment for employed patients, and partly also from greater confidence evinced by the Courts in the usefulness of the services offered by the Clinic.



## NUMBERS:

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
<u>No. of New Patients (including 6 old cases re-opened in 1939) . . . . .</u>	167	166	165
Comprising this year:			
No. of new patients examined but not treated (10 refused treatment)	79		
No. of new patients treated	48		
No. of new patients under observation	3		
Evening Waiting List suspended in September	21		
Waiting List 31st December	14		
	<u>165</u>		
<u>No. of patients where advice was given, but patient not seen . . . . .</u>	78	48	43
<u>No. of patients treated . . . . .</u>	109	106	107
Comprising this year:			
New patients	43		
Old cases re-opened as new	5	48	
Observation only	3		
Old patients still under treatment or observation at 31st December, 1938	45		
Old patients from 1938 waiting list since treated	11		
	<u>107</u>		
<u>No. of old patients seen occasionally but cases not re-opened . . . . .</u>	-	10	2
<u>No. of patients whose treatment was suspended on the outbreak of war . . . . .</u>	-	-	23
Comprising:			
New patients	16		
1938 Observation only	2		
1937 patients	2		
Pre-1937 patients	3		
	<u>23</u>		
<u>No. of patients still under treatment at 31st December . . . . .</u>	44	45	15
Comprising this year:			
New patients	12		
1938 patients	2		
Pre-1937 patients	1		
	<u>15</u>		
<u>No. of patients on Evening Waiting List suspended on the outbreak of war . . . . .</u>	-	-	26
<u>No. of patients on current Waiting List at 31st December . . . . .</u>	37	27	14
Comprising this year:			
Awaiting preliminary interviews	10		
Awaiting treatment	4		
	<u>14</u>		
<u>No. of attendances, including those for mental testing . . . . .</u>	1767	1891	1369
<u>No. of ints. for psychological treatment . . . . .</u>	1314	1443	963



DISCHARGES & DISPOSALS:

(Reference to the 1938 Report is essential for the understanding of these figures.)

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Patients discharged as cured... ..	7	7	15
Patients discharged as improved... ..	28	26	28
Patients discharged as unimproved... ..	2	0	5
Patients discharging themselves... ..	20	12	9
Patients discharged for other reasons... ..	2	8	8
Patients transferred elsewhere after some treatment... ..	3	1	0
Relapses (1939: 2 before t'ment.began) ...	9	8	3
Patients certified as insane (not at Clinic and not treated)... ..	1	1	1
Patients referred to other institutions...	24	23	12
Patients not suitable for psychological treatment... ..	23	24	31
Patients recommended for probationary care only... ..	-	11	5
Patients requiring organic treatment... ..	-	6	7
Patients requiring segregation... ..	-	3	0
Patients requiring environmental changes (home, school, employment social contact etc.)... ..	-	12	17
Patients refusing medical or psycho- logical treatment... ..	26	33	15
Patients still under t'mt. 31st Dec... ..	44	43	15
Patients under observation 31st Dec.	-	2	3
<u>SUSPENSIONS September, 1939:</u>			
Evening Waiting List... ..	-	-	26
Patients under Observation... ..	-	-	2
Patients under Treatment... ..	-	-	21
<u>WAITING LIST 31st December:</u> ... ..	37	27	14
1939: Awaiting Treatment	4		
Awaiting Prelim. Ints.	10		
Total comprising:-			
1939 cases	165		
Waiting List 31-12-'38	27		
Under Treatment ditto	43		
Under Observ. ditto	2	45	
	<u>237</u>		<u>237</u>

There is no special significance to be attached to the changes from 1938 except in regard to the waiting list. Here the reduction is largely genuine, since the average time elapsing between examination and commencement of treatment had been considerably reduced before September, but a further reduction was produced by the war.

When the Clinic closed in September all urgent cases were kept on as a spare time and very generous service of the medical staff, and these interviews have not been included in the statistics. When the Clinic re-opened some of these cases were finished and others were not available, either because they had undertaken some form of National Service or had evacuated to other parts of the country. Moreover, evening treatment was largely suspended owing to the black-out and the consequent undesirability of bringing certain types of offender to the West End of London after dark. The result of all these factors, together with fewer new cases, enabled the much reduced medical staff to cope with nearly all the cases requiring treatment, and only four patients were awaiting it at 31st December.



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I M P O R T A N T.

Although the work of the Institute will be continued for as long as possible, the War Executive Committee recognize that circumstances may arise in which the Clinic (at least) will have to close for a time.

Should this happen, the General Secretary will continue to deal with the Institute's affairs - from the above address if she remains in London, or from her own address if she moves elsewhere: of this all concerned would be advised in due course.

The Committee, however, have arranged a number of forwarding addresses in different areas, as communications might be affected before new plans were completed.

We are indebted to the Members and friends of the Institute listed below for the co-operation they have generously promised in this respect. In an emergency letters could be addressed to the General Secretary, c/o any one of them. We would stress, however, that IT WILL ONLY BE NECESSARY TO USE THESE ADDRESSES IF THERE IS SOME GOOD REASON (SUCH AS AN AUTHORITATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT) TO BELIEVE THAT COMMUNICATIONS WITH LONDON ARE UNCERTAIN.

Miss Pamela Beachcroft,  
Silver Birches,  
Chalfont St. Giles,  
Bucks.

The Rev. John Jenkins,  
Llwyngwern,  
Upper Tumble,  
Llanelly, S. Wales.

Mrs. G. Fortescue,  
Boconnoc,  
Lostwithiel,  
Cornwall.

Mrs. F.H. Torbock,  
Crossrigg Hall,  
Cliburn,  
Penrith, Cumberland.

Cmmdr. C.C. Peaty, R.N.,  
The Rest,  
Banchory,  
Kincardineshire, N.B.

We in turn shall be grateful if you will keep us notified of any change of address.

July 1940.

IRENE M. JAMES,  
General Secretary.



SOURCES:

Cases were drawn from the following sources:-

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Courts... ..	92	106	112
Medical Practitioners and Clinics ... ..	34	24	26
Philanthropic Societies.. ... ..	13	9	7
Relatives and Friends ... ..	16	11	6
Social Workers, Employers, Defence &c ... ..	7	6	7
Patients referring themselves ... ..	5	2	1
Add old cases re-opened but classified in former years ... ..	-	8	6
	<u>167</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>165</u>

DIAGNOSIS:

The diagnostic groups are as follows:-

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Mentally defective... ..	4	0	5
Borderline Mentally Defective ... ..	12	10	22
Psychotic ... ..	7	2	2
Borderline Psychotic. ... ..	14	4	9
Psychoneurotic... ..	48	54	29
Character cases (including psycho- pathic personalities and sex perverts apart from neurosis) ... ..	58	56	58
Cases of organic origin... ..	1	9	7
Normal... ..	6	7	11
Alcoholic... ..	2	0	2
Failed to complete investigation. ... ..	15	16	6
Pending diagnosis at 31st December, 1939.	-	-	8
Add old cases re-opened but classified in former years ... ..	-	8	6
	<u>167</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>165</u>

The greater incidence of cases in which defective intelligence was the main factor, and a decrease in psychoneurotic cases seem mainly due to chance. Many of the low intelligence cases were children.

TYPES OF OFFENCE:

	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Violence. ... ..	0	1	0
Attempted Suicide ... ..	1	2	1
Sex cases ... ..	45	46	54
Wandering ... ..	0	1	2
Theft... ..	79	76	61
Shop-lifting. ... ..	3	2	0
Embezzlement, False Pretences, Forgery... ..	14	5	11
Persistent Cruelty... ..	-	2	0
Beyond Control... ..	-	12	12
Others... ..	25	11	18
Add old cases re-opened but classified in former years ... ..	-	8	6
	<u>167</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>165</u>

The number of shop-lifters referred has been mysteriously low for several years, and in 1939 there were none.



The sex cases have increased slightly and are, on the whole, more suitable for psychiatric treatment than those referred in former years.

<u>SEX &amp; AGE:</u>	<u>1937</u>			<u>1938</u>			<u>1939</u>		
<u>Age.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 17	35	8	43	39	10	49	44	10	54
Over 17	103	21	124	85	24	109	85	20	105
Old cases re-opened:	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	6
	<u>138</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>165</u>

A satisfactory feature is the increase in juvenile cases.

#### TREATMENT:

Treatment has been carried out on the same lines as in former years. Technique is improving and greater use has been made of environmental measures, especially when supervised by the psychiatrist with the aid of the psychiatric social worker, to whose services the Institute is much indebted.

#### CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL:

It is indeed unfortunate that this Bill has been shelved owing to the exigencies of war, and it should be an aim of the Institute to press for its resuscitation when the time comes.

To ensure that the medical and sociological clauses of the Bill should be as adequate and well defined as possible, several members of the Medical Staff worked very hard for this and other interested bodies. Close co-operation was maintained with the British Medical Association, the Medical Section of the British Psychological Society, the British Social Hygiene Council, the Central Association for Mental Welfare, the Child Guidance Council, the Howard League for Penal Reform, the National Council for Mental Hygiene, various clinics and several other bodies.

Our grateful thanks are due to the following Members of Parliament who helped to place our views before the standing Committee A of the House of Commons when the Bill was in the committee stage: Mr. George Benson, Lt.-Colonel Ralph S. Clarke, Lt.-Colonel Sir Francis E. Fremantle, O.B.E. M.D., Sir Ernest Graham-Little and Mr. R. H. Turton.

Many consultations were held with other organisations to discuss the various problems which would arise when the Bill became law; especially those concerning the training and selection of the workers required to carry out the medical clauses of the Bill. The much greater collaboration and understanding established between the Judiciary and the organisations mentioned are results which we feel will endure whatever happens, and which will ultimately

an aim of the Institute to press for its resuscitation when the time comes.

To ensure that the medical and sociological clauses of the Bill should be as adequate and well defined as possible



facilitate the resuscitation of the Criminal Justice Bill. It is no exaggeration to say that at last the services provided by the Institute and kindred bodies are in real demand by the Courts, while a spirit of mutual confidence prevails which was sorely lacking even five years ago. We believe that the Institute may claim no little credit for the creation of this atmosphere.

#### PROVINCIAL FACILITIES:

Since the war arrangements have been made whereby cases can be referred to many more centres in the provinces than formerly, a measure especially necessary in view of the large movements of population during the war. Cases can now be examined on behalf of the Institute in the following places:-

Birmingham	Nottingham
Bishops Stortford	Liverpool
Brighton & Hove	Oxford
Bristol	Reading
Chichester	Southampton
Croydon	St. Albans
Dawlish	Wolverhampton

#### THE WAR (Interim Report to 30th May, 1940):

Only a skeleton staff was available when the Council decided to re-open the Clinic in October in response to many requests for aid, but subsequent additions have made it possible to deal adequately with the cases referred. At first the services of the Clinic were confined to Diagnosis and Advice, and Aid and Disposal, but later treatment also was carried out, and this has been increasingly demanded ever since. In spite of wide publicity - including a broadcast announcement of the re-opening - at first the Clinic functioned mainly (though considerably) as an advice bureau. By the end of January 1940, however, the number of cases referred had risen to the pre-war level, and the work is likely to increase still further.

Evacuee & Refugee Children. In addition to its other activities the Institute is interesting itself in the problems of evacuee and refugee children. Special arrangements have been made to see cases on behalf of the Movement for the Care of Children from Germany, and the Germany Emergency Committee of the Society of Friends. Many of the children examined are to be regarded as pre-delinquent and the Clinic's work with them as preventive.

There can be no doubt that special problems will arise during this as they did in the last war, and we feel that the Institute has a part to play in their solution.

In conclusion, we must record our appreciation of the generosity and loyalty of our Medical Staff - never more clearly demonstrated than in this year of crisis and difficulty.

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