

Minor. Mental defect - FC.

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FEEBLE MINDEDNESS

The first inmate admitted to the institution, 43 years ago, was No. 1. The last admission was No. 6091. Feeble-mindedness has been a direct cost on the State of approximately nine million dollars. The first hundred admissions, who are still in the institution, have cost the public in round numbers to date, eight hundred thousand dollars.

Cost of Certain Families

There are three families in the institution with six children each; two with five children and twelve with four. These seventeen families are costing the State approximately twenty thousand dollars a year. These children are all under twenty-one years of age, and are likely to remain wards of the State for many years.

Cost of Supporting One Individual

An inmate died at the institution in April 1922 who had been a bed patient for 35 years. This patient was devoid of intelligence

and was absolutely helpless. She had to be fed and waited on like a week-old infant. Considering the large amount of attention required by this patient, she cost the State during her lifetime not less than fifteen thousand dollars.

Aside from the cost of feeble-mindedness to the State, we must not forget that there are hundreds of these little children being sent to the institution every year who must be thrown into the discard from the very beginning. There is no hope for their future. They have no future, merely existence, and it is the duty of every citizen of the State today to do all in his power to check the alarming increase in this class of state wards.